

## Kansas Joins NFU in Annual Budget Drive

Will Share Proceeds of Box Suppers to Help Build Strong Movement

The Kansas Farmers Union in 1945 joins with the National Farmers Union in the annual Budget Fund campaign.

Box supper programs, inaugurated in 1941 in Kansas to raise additional finances for the state organization, proved so successful that the national began a similar program in 1942. Since then, both the national and the state have conducted programs, Kansas retaining her proceeds to help build the state. This year, however, with KFU definitely headed up the organizational ladder both financially and in terms of membership and strength, it has been agreed to merge the Kansas and national programs and share the proceeds.

Approximately \$400 was raised in the Kansas program the first year. Last year the sum exceeded \$1,000. KFU has always recognized that the national should receive support from strong state unions, for the state unions must have a national affiliation which gives them strength in national affairs. However, it has been agreed during the past few years that strengthening of KFU was of primary importance and that Kansas funds should all be devoted to that job.

### Dates Set

KFU has, during the past year, "turned the corner" financially, and while it is in need of all funds possible to continue to build a stronger movement, it has been decided that we should now assist in building and supporting the NFU expansion effort.

The bitter fight being waged by special interest groups to protect their vested interests against co-operatives and people's interests has required the national to expand its staff and services, both at headquarters and in Washington, and KFU will help to support this work.

The national has set Box Supper nights for any time between Feb. 15 and March 15—either a regular meeting night or a special night. Every local in the nation is urged to hold a box supper, or some other form of entertainment, to raise funds for carrying on the total Farmers Union movement.

Locals should deduct their expenses, and forward the proceeds of their entertainments either to Kansas Farmers Union, Salina, or to the National Farmers Union, 351 E. 46th Ave., Denver, Colo. Regardless of the office to which the funds are sent, they will be shared by the state and national.

### KFU Praised

In a letter to President E. K. Dean of KFU, National President James G. Patton says:

"Dear Ernie:

"There is nothing more gratifying to me in the record of the past three years than the wonderful progress you have made in Kansas.

"I fully intended to be at your convention this year, but my illness prevented that. I shall certainly be with you next year. I want you and the members of the Kansas Farmers Union to know, however, that I think your accomplishments are outstanding.

"You are definitely rebuilding, and while I am tremendously pleased that you are going to join in the National

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## Merry Christmas!

This is a difficult year to say: "Merry Christmas."

There are so many who cannot avoid thinking of a husband, brother, son, grandson or other relatives on the battlefields that a tone of sadness, longing and uneasiness for their well-being cannot be avoided on the coming Christmas day.

But to every one of our readers, the people who staff the Kansas Farmers Union and Kansas Union Farmer wish the merriest possible Christmas, and beyond that, pray that your Christmas in 1945 and for many, many years to come will be jubilant ones—jubilant because we then live in a world that has found the ways of peace through the basic tenet of the Farmers Union application of the Golden Rule.

We strive for a lasting peace. We fight for a world in which people—human beings—shall come before property rights and the right to exploit other human beings.

We expend our energies to see that the sacrifices which are being made this Christmas day on the battlefield shall be translated into human advancement—and that Christmas for centuries to come shall not be marred by misuse of scientific knowledge for destruction instead of creation of the foundation for a better life.

## Paul G. Erickson Will Direct KFU Membership Drive

Paul G. Erickson, former secretary-treasurer of the Farmers Union in South Dakota, where membership was doubled last year, has joined Kansas Farmers Union to conduct an all-out membership campaign.



Paul, now a member of the national organization staff, has been assigned and will be employed by KFU for several months during his service here. He starts work Monday, Dec. 18.

"I have been extremely interested in the growth of KFU during the past two or three years," Erickson said, "and I am certain that farm people in your state will give it increasing support just as rapidly as they know Farmers Union objectives. It is really a privilege to me to be permitted to have a part in the expansion of Kansas Farmers Union. I am sure that, with the co-operation of local officers, we can repeat what happened in South Dakota last year and at least double KFU membership."

President E. K. Dean, in announcing Erickson's employment, revealed his plans to enroll 10,000 members in 1945.

"This is one of the jobs that needs to be done—and consequently can be done," Dean said.

## NFU Asks Continued 90% Support of Eggs

Point one of a five-point program on eggs adopted by the Farmers Union Eastern Division asks that support prices at 90 per cent of parity be continued throughout the war and for two years afterward, as provided in the Steagall amendment.

This contrasts with the program of the National Poultry Defense Committee, an organization of the poultry processing trade, to lower the supports to 80 or even 75 per cent.

This group, according to the Dec. 1 issue of The Poultryman, would "ask Congress to reduce the support price level on eggs to no more than 75 to 80 per cent of parity . . ."

This dealer-processing group also suggests that its members "work with the OPA to eliminate ceiling prices on all eggs as soon as egg prices go below the ceiling prices to consumers."

"The formula seems to be," observed Ed Yeomans, executive secretary of the Farmers Union Eastern Division, "first you force down the farmer's price by scaring him with overproduction. Then you force up the consumer's price by scaring him with scarcity."

### Co-op Builder



H. E. (Harry) Witham Building Co-ops Since 1911

## NFU Protests Firing Littell

WASHINGTON—Loss of Assistant Attorney General Norman Littell "is a severe blow to a public service that had need of all those who have shown themselves vigilant to guard the interests of the people," President James G. Patton of the National Farmers Union said in a statement issued here today. His statement follows:

"It is with the deepest regret that I have learned of the loss of Norman Littell to the public service. His service to his country has been great. During the war years the pressures exerted upon public officials has been very great, as they are during any war, and it has been exceedingly difficult for these officials to protect adequately the public interest.

"During this difficult period few officials in government have equalled Norman Littell in devotion to the public interest, in alertness to protect it, and in courage in presenting the facts.

"In particular, I wish to recall the outstanding service that Mr. Littell rendered in the course of the struggle over surplus property disposal legislation."

## H. E. Witham With Co-ops 1/3 Century

FUJA Manager Left Farm In 1911 to Manage the Cawker City Elevator

With the close of 1944 Harry Witham will have completed a third of a century of service for Farmers Co-operatives.

Early in 1911 Harry, a young Mitchell County farmer, began his career as co-operative manager when he accepted the position of manager in the Farmers Union Elevator in Cawker City, Mitchell County, Kans. From there a few years later he went to Beloit, Kans., as general manager of the Mitchell County Farmers Union Co-operative Association, of which the Cawker City Elevator is a unit.

### Joins FUJA

In 1921 Harry became associated with the Farmers Union Jobbing Ass'n. as a member of the grain department staff, and in 1927, at the request of the board of directors of the FUJA, he undertook the seemingly hopeless job of rehabilitating and rebuilding the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, as its general manager.

When Harry took up his duties as manager of the FUJA in 1921 its financial structure, if it had such a thing as a financial structure, was in a deplorable condition. The liabilities exceeded the assets by something like \$33,000. The morale of the office personnel was very low and the business in general was on the downgrade.

Because Harry was and still is a farmer, and because he had worked up from the bottom, through all the stages, farmer, local elevator manager, county unit manager, an employee and finally the general manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Ass'n., and especially because he liked folks and believed in them, he was able to build up the morale of his office force, and secure the hearty co-operation of local co-operative managers, directors and farmer members.

### Achievement

The result of his efforts and the loyal co-operation, from the farms of Kansas, through local co-operatives on to the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, is one of the largest and soundest regional co-operatives in the United States, with net assets of over \$1,000,000 and operating entirely on its own capital. To have had a part in the building of an institution, such as the Farmers Union Jobbing Ass'n. is today, is an honor to all of us; but to have had such a prominent part in the growth and the success of the Farmers Union Jobbing Ass'n. and of the co-operative movement in the United States as Harry Witham has had for a third of a century is an achievement of which we all should be proud and which will be an inspiration to all farm boys who decide to dedicate their lives to service in the co-operative movement.

His achievement can be an inspiration to all young people—and all other people—in the Farmers Union Movement.



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**KFU 100 (U.S. 13)**

US 13 which is designated by our number of KFU 100, is perhaps the most widely grown hybrid in the United States. It is grown extensively in Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, and West Virginia. The main reasons for its popularity are: Stiff stocks, and strong root system, large thick ears, and good yields under a wide range of conditions. This corn is early to medium season in maturity and especially adapted to north eastern, east central, and north central Kansas. It is one ear variety, with occasionally two ears. It is a heavy producer on all kinds of soil but is especially adapted to rich soil.

**KFU 200 (U.S. 35)**

This corn is very similar to KFU 100 (US 13), but is slightly earlier in maturity, maturing in approximately 115 days. The steady increase in popularity of this hybrid speaks well of its performance. Livestock farmers like the deep, soft kernels of this hybrid for feeding their livestock. Cash grain farmers like it for its high shelling percentage and heavy yields. Has stiff stocks and strong roots. It is a splendid producer on either up land or rich bottom land. One ear variety with occasionally two ears.

**KFU 300 (ILLINOIS 201)**

This corn runs about 120 days maturity and is especially adapted to soils of high fertility. On soils of this type KFU 300 (Ill. 201) grows sturdy stocks of good height with ears at a convenient level for harvesting. It is good feeding corn. It is a medium rough eared hybrid. Kernels contain medium soft starch, making it a desirable type of corn for feeding and marketing. A good husking corn by hand or machine. Reports we have received from all growers this year indicate this is a splendid ensilage corn.

**KFU 400 (K. 2234)**

This corn is the new white hybrid developed by the Kansas State Agricultural College from Pride of Salina. It has many of the characteristics of Pride of Salina corn. Its outstanding characteristics are: high yields; stiff stocks and strong root system; drought resistance, kernel type and color desired for industrial uses, large ears, strong vigorous plants, resistance (not immunity) to grasshoppers, chinch bugs, corn ear worm and smut, strong shanks for mechanical pickers. This crop is about the same as Pride of Salina in flintiness and ease of hand harvesting. KFU 100, is perhaps the most widely used corn in this state.

**KFU 500 (ILLINOIS 200)**

This corn is similar to KFU 100, 200, and 300. High yield, resistance to lodging, ease of hand husking, dark green foliage, and ability to yield well under rather adverse conditions are the more outstanding characteristics of KFU 500. This very popular hybrid is slightly later in maturity than KFU 100, 200 and 300 and is recommended for use in all sections in the eastern half of the state. This corn is a good producer on either up ground or rich bottom land. It is also a good ensilage corn.

**KFU 600 (IOWA 939)**

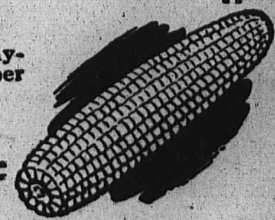
This corn is the earliest maturity of the KFU hybrids. It has proven itself to be a very popular variety with all types of farmers in the northern part of Kansas. Year after year it has proven itself to be an outstanding all around hybrid in wet or dry years, on light or rich soil. While it makes a good showing in any year its advantages seem to be more outstanding in years of droughts and unfavorable crop conditions. It matures in from 90 to 95 days, making a splendid corn for early maturity and replanting purposes.

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Large Round .....	5.75
Medium Round .....	5.75

KFU 400 (K 2234) our white hybrid will be one dollar (\$1.00) per bushel higher on all grades.



**Farmers Union Central Co-operative Exchange**



## Water Development Projects Suggested By Reclamation in Kansas



This reproduction shows the various water and irrigation projects in Kansas which the Bureau of Reclamation has promised to build in the state. The ten projects are expected to put 200,000 additional acres of Kansas land under irrigation. All the projects were accepted in the Army-Reclamation Bureau compromise plan for the development of the Missouri Valley, which was adopted by Congress after President Roosevelt advised the Senate the compromise plan was a satisfactory basis for later establishment of a Missouri Valley Authority. The lined areas indicate reservoir sites. The dotted areas below indicate land which can be irrigated from the reservoirs.

## Kansas Locals Must Act on By-Laws Before January 1

### All KFU Locals Urged to Vote Before Jan. 1

Under date of November 13, each Local Secretary received the letter reproduced from the State Office with copy of revised Constitution and By-Laws as they were adopted by the delegates to this year's state convention. So far there has been only five locals report the results of their ballot to the state office. Each member should make it his duty to see that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws are taken up in their local meeting and that the local take action on same. As stated in the letter, it is necessary that the Local forward the results of their vote to the state office by January 1. We urge every local to take action at their next Local meeting on the proposed amendments to the By-Laws and record their vote with the state office immediately.

### Referendum Vote

**TOTAL FOR**  
Adoption of the Revised Constitution and By-Laws for the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, Kansas Division. ....

**TOTAL AGAINST**  
Adoption of the Revised Constitution and By-Laws for the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, Kansas Division. ....

**TOTAL VOTES CAST** .....

**LOCAL NAME AND NUMBER** .....

**ADDRESS** .....

**SECRETARY** .....

**PRESIDENT** .....

### DEAR LOCAL SECRETARY:

"The delegates to this year's convention of the Kansas Farmers Union held in Topeka, October 26 and 27, adopted a complete revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, Kansas Division.

"In accordance with the By-Laws we are herewith submitting for referendum ballot, a copy of the revised Constitution and By-Laws as adopted by the delegates in convention. The revised Constitution and By-Laws should be taken up at your next Local meeting for discussion and action. It would be well to devote your entire program to the discussion of the revised Constitution and By-Laws as it will require considerable amount of time for your members to give them proper consideration. The revised form of the Constitution

### Kansas Extension Service Conduct Outsmells REA Insurance "Scandal"

A United States Senate Committee, in a report on REA recently, was scandalized by the fact that some people with Rural Electrification projects incorporated insurance and supply companies.

Their report said:

"One of the most disrupting episodes (in REA) was the incorporation of insurance companies and agencies to sell supplies and insurance to the REA co-operatives and their families, and others. The incorporators seem to have included some superintendents of local co-operatives."

The Kansas Farmers Union agrees that the matter is scandalous—but what do we have in our own back yard?

Extension Service employees, on the government pay roll, give some of their time to helping peddle insurance for the Farm Bureau Federation—a private company—in competition with other insurance firms.

A year ago the Kansas Union Farmer and the National Union Farmer reprinted an article (see cut) from the Topeka Daily Capital, revealing that a whole group of county agents took publicly time to go to a district conference on peddling Farm Bureau insurance. (This is clearly a violation of U. S. Department of Agriculture regulations. Dean Umberger advised, when this clipping was first printed, that the agents paid their own expenses; but he did not explain who paid for their time, or why they were violating the USDA regulation.)

The fact that county agents are continuing to supervise FB insurance business all over the state helping the agents, locating new ones and spurring sales along, is widely known in both farm and insurance circles.

**Forty county agricultural agents and farm bureau presidents from the eastern Kansas district attended a Farm Bureau insurance company meeting in the Hotel Kansan yesterday. V. Vaniman, organizations director of the American Farm Bureau Federation, was the principal speaker.**

**Purpose of the meeting was the introduction to farmers the new general liability coverage, covering every type of farm accidents. Dr. O. O. Wolf, Ottawa, president of the Farm Bureau, and Walter E. Acker, Manhattan, director, also spoke to the meeting.**

**L. H. Spears, president of the Shawnee County Farm Bureau and county insurance representative, was general supervisor of the meeting.**

(From a recent issue of the Topeka, Kan., Capital)

Even newspapers, apparently accustomed to thinking that Farm Bureau and Extension are one and the same, find it impossible to distinguish between the employees of the farm organization and of the Extension Service.

At the right we reproduce a clipping from the Concordia Blade-Empire, which states that "W. E. Acker is a district man for the Farm Bureau—not the Extension Service. But the public in Kansas is so used to violations of USDA regulations by the Extension employees even the Concordia editor is unable to distinguish between an Extension district man and a Farm Bureau district man!"

Both build Farm Bureau.

Both peddle FB insurance, the extensionists in complete disregard for proprieties, regulations or the so-called "educational" standards they are supposed to uphold!

and By-Laws have been submitted as a whole and will have to be voted on by your Local, either for or against the entire revised set.

"In recording the vote of your Local, PLEASE SHOW THE ENTIRE NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR AND AGAINST ADOPTION. The purpose of a referendum is to give each member of the Farmers Union a chance to vote. This makes it

necessary that you show the total number voting against the adoption.

"The vote of your Local must be mailed in time to reach the state office not later than JANUARY 1, 1945. Therefore, it is very important that your Local give proper consideration to the revised Constitution and By-Laws as soon as possible, forwarding your vote to the state office. In column 1 is a form for your use

in recording the vote of your Local and reporting same to the state office.

GEORGE REINHART  
(Signed) State Secretary."

**Turkey Creek Meeting**  
The Wabaunsee County Farmers Union held a meeting at the Turkey Creek schoolhouse on Wednesday, Dec. 13, beginning at 8 o'clock.—Mrs. George Seele, County Secretary.

### Plan Dinner At Ellsworth

Juniors and Reserves of Ellsworth are working with their leader Hubertine Mog, for a pot-luck supper and special program Dec. 15. Barring snow, rain or hail we'll be looking for a big report of that big night next issue.

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## Clay County Supports KFU

P. J. Nash, Ellsworth F. U. Manager and F.U.J.A. Director, was featured speaker at the Clay county annual meeting December 1. In the election held, Harold Swanberg and Ervin Oelschlager were re-elected president and secretary respectively.

George W. Young, who for the past year has been chairman of the county education committee, was elected vice-president. Fred Meek, Phillip Young and Fred Schoneweis were named as mem-

bers of the executive committee. Harold Swanberg was elected as delegate to the Kansas State Board of Agriculture convention.

The meeting voted a \$100 contribution to the State F. U. educational fund with an expression of appreciation for the educational assistance given the county in '44.

Mr. Nash's talk in part was a report on the National F. U. Convention which he attended as a delegate. Other program numbers included group singing led by Meryl Volen, piano solo by Vera Mae Carlson, and a vocal duet by Phyllis and Ione Wieberg.

## Resolution Of Sympathy

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst Herman Nueburger, brother of Mr. Wenzel Nueburger; therefore be it resolved that we, the members of Excelsior Local No. 606, extend our sincere sympathy to the entire family and be it

Resolved further, that one copy of this be sent to our brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wenzel Nueburger, and one copy spread on our next regular meeting report.—Wm. Honas, Secretary.

## Auction Helps At Johnstown

Johnstown Local No. 749 is still having good crowds at their regular meetings the second and fourth Monday nights. Good programs every time help do it!

A very interesting Fall Festival was held in November. All members brought something that had been raised, to be auctioned, which made a lot of fun, also helping the treasury. Afterwards pie and coffee were served.

Monday night, Dec. 11, will be the election of officers and members are urged to be present.

## The Danger

● There is danger to a co-operative in growing big and old. But the danger is not in size or age. It is in forgetfulness by its owner-members, its management and its directors. It is in failing to remember the problems and to keep alive the purposes that brought the organization together in the first place.—Marvin S. Allyn, comptroller, Washington Co-operative Egg and Poultry Association, Seattle, Wash.

# What Helps Agriculture Helps All of Us!



John Holmes, President  
Swift & Company

This page is printed here as a service to all farmers and ranchers of America. Together with you producers, we have a big job to do in the business of feeding this nation of ours well.

A short time ago I was talking about improved methods with a farmer. He said, "The way I look at it is this—what helps agriculture helps all of us."

That is it in a nutshell. What helps agriculture does help all of us—producer, meat packer and processor, retailer and consumer. So the purpose of this page is to tell in a few words and many pictures about all manner of things that do help agriculture. We hope that by searching out news items, telling of new trends, big or little, reviewing findings of agricultural experiment stations, by recounting the experiences of successful individuals, and in many other ways, we can render a worthwhile service to all who produce our nation's food.

The Editor will be F. M. Simpson, who is already well known to many of you as Manager of our Agri-

cultural Research Department. He will welcome your suggestions and original ideas. Mr. Simpson is the Editor—but it is your page. Please help us make it a useful one.

A Merry Christmas to you all!

*John Holmes*  
President, Swift & Company



## Nutrition Is Our Business—and Yours!



"Right eating adds life to your years, and years to your life."

These six Americans are united in the job of seeing that 132,000,000 fellow Americans get enough of the right kinds of food to eat. The rancher, farmer, meat packer, retailer, housewife and scientist, each has a part in the preparation and distribution of meats and other foods.

Feeders of livestock know that diet has a lot to do with the health of their animals. It is the

same with human beings. There is a great deal of research being conducted at the present time in our universities to find out more about the relationship between diet and human health, and Swift & Company gives many grants to aid this kind of research.

Not so many years ago a lot of people said meat was hard to digest; that children should never be given pork, etc. Nutritionists have proved that pork is one of the most digestible of all meats, rich in Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>. These and many other basic truths about meats and other foods have been established by the work of nutritionists. You can readily see why such discoveries help the sale of meat and of livestock. That's why we say—"Nutrition is our business—and yours."

### Martha Logan's BEEF POT ROAST

Beef chuck, rump or round, provides the roast, accompanied by browned onions and carrots. Roll the beef well

in flour, then brown in hot fat in a heavy kettle. Heat water, cover tightly and cook slowly for two hours. Add peeled potatoes, onions and carrots, and cook for one hour.

Does lots of wool on the face and legs of a sheep and a wrinkled skin help to make a more valuable fleece? No, says the U. S. D. A. Sheep with wool over their eyes produce fleeces of lighter weight and less value than open-faced sheep.

## Ex-Farm Boy Knocks 'Em Dead

BUY MORE WAR BONDS—HOLD WHAT YOU HAVE!



Maybe you've heard the epic story of "Zeke" Givan. "Zeke" was a farm boy from Dearborn County, Indiana—until he enlisted in the Marines. His first big show was at Kwajalein. The Japs started to rush him, and "Zeke" started to shoot. When the shooting stopped, those present were "Zeke," one red-hot Browning Automatic Rifle, and 35 dead Japs. "Zeke" says modestly, "I did nothing except my duty." Later he was wounded at Saipan. We'll say that like many thousands of other farm boys, in and out of the Service, he is doing his duty extra special well.

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## PROFITABLE CATTLE FEEDING

Under present conditions the Illinois Agricultural College recommends feeding medium feeders or better to a good finish but not to choice. Their suggestions:

1. Keep cattle largely on pasture and roughage until they have most of their growth.
2. Feed common two-year-old feeders minimum amount of corn to medium finish, producing commercial or B-grade beef.
3. Feed medium two-year-old feeders minimum of corn to a medium finish, producing commercial or B beef; or short-feed them a full feed of corn to a good finish, producing good or A-grade beef.
4. Short-feed good and choice two-year-old feeders a full feed of corn plus suitable supplement to produce good or A-grade beef.
5. For details, write College of Agriculture, Urbana, Ill., for Bulletin No. 501.

## SOFT CORN FATTENS LIVESTOCK

by I. B. JOHNSON, Director  
Agricultural Experiment Station,  
South Dakota State College



I. B. Johnson

If you are caught with "soft" corn, due to a sudden freeze before your corn matures—remember you still have feed. It makes a good fattening feed for steers, calves, feeder pigs, and lambs.

These were the conclusions of the South Dakota Experiment Station, based upon the first year's feeding trials, wherein cattle, hogs and lambs fed soft corn were compared with others fed sound corn of No. 3 market grade. The soft corn was bought at 50 cents a hundredweight—the No. 3 corn at 75 cents a bushel.

No preparation was given to this soft corn. It was stored in uncovered piles on the ground, and fed field run—soft, moldy, rotten, husk-covered ears just as they came.

Yearling steers were fed for 150 days, calves 195 days, pigs from 87 to 118 days, lambs 90 days.

In ALL cases the return was greater from the lots receiving the soft corn, due to the price at which the corn was purchased.

The gains of both cattle and pigs on soft corn, compared to those on hard corn, were reduced after the beginning of warmer weather in April. It is advisable to feed your soft corn early.

In figures, the soft corn had the following approximate values when compared with the price of No. 3 ear corn in the rations fed:

- 84% when fed to yearling steers
- 80% when fed to steer calves
- 76% when fed to feeder pigs
- 71% when fed to feeder lambs

If you want additional information, write the Animal Husbandry Department, South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota.

(The views expressed in this article are those of the author.)



# KFU Calls on All Locals to Appoint Action Officials

## New By-Laws Provide Posts For Several

The amended Constitution and By-laws adopted by the delegates at this year's state convention provide for the following action officials in each local and county Union:

(1) Education Director (Junior Leader); (2) Program Director; (3) Co-operative Secretary; (4) Legislative Secretary; (5) Membership Secretary and (6) Business Agent.

The duties of these action officials are outlined in the By-Laws as follows:

**EDUCATION DIRECTOR (Junior Leader):** The primary responsibility of the Education Director is to interest the youth of the Farmers Union in a program of study which will teach them to know and face problems of agriculture and to recognize their inter-relation to the problems of the rest of the world. The Education Director shall also assist with group discussion work and general membership education in the Local.

**PROGRAM DIRECTOR:** The Program Director shall work with the other officers of the Local in the preparation of a year's plan of programs. Programs shall be planned to make meetings interesting to the membership and to others who may attend.

**CO-OPERATIVE SECRETARY:** It is the duty of the Co-operative Secretary to keep the co-operative work of the Farmers Union before the Local. It is the responsibility of this person to report on the development of co-operatives in the community, state and nation. It shall be his duty to secure information and make recommendations to members relative to co-operative services needed by members and not supplied by local co-operatives.

**LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY:** It is the primary duty of the Legislative Secretary to report to the Local on the progress of current legislation pertinent to rural people.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** The Membership Secretary shall direct membership drives, and assist the Secretary-Treasurer in the collection of dues.

**BUSINESS AGENT:** It shall be the duty of the Business Agent to supervise all co-operative business programs instituted by and handled thru the Local.

### Gets Results

The annual meetings of the Farmers Union local and County Unions are being held this month thru the state of Kansas. Each local and county union is urged to appoint the action officials as outlined by the By-laws and to make plans for regular reports from such officials. The Farmers Union can and must become a much stronger voice in the affairs of agriculture if the interests of the family type farmers are to be protected. It has been proven beyond any question of a doubt that where such action officials are appointed in Farmers Union locals and actually perform the duties outlined for them, such a local becomes a more active part of the total Farmers Union organization.

The Farmers Union can only be as influential as the local units making up the organization. Farmers Union locals must see that such action officials are appointed by the executive committee for the local this year. Each local secretary will receive,

## Farm Youth—Are We Ready for the Future?

From the Ohio Co-operator

Everyone looks forward hopefully and longingly to the day when we will again have peace. Or maybe we should say to the day when hostilities cease on the war front. But we wonder sometimes if our hoping and longing aren't born of desperation that comes from war weariness. Do we actually have constructive plans to initiate at the cessation of war, or are we just tired of tearing off stamps for gas, giving tokens for groceries, and reading the casualty lists?

How many of you farm young people have considered your responsibility to the future? Or are you willing to say, "The adults have made a mess of it; what can we do?" And just drift into the days ahead unprepared? But you have no right to allow yourselves to be engulfed by a problem-laden future. Agriculture has ever been the basic industry of America's life and industry. You are a part of that basic industry; there's a definite responsibility attached to that heritage.

As potential leaders of the field in which you live and work, you need to be fast preparing for actual leadership in farm organizations, in community activities and in public relationship contacts with other groups and classes of people.

Our only hope for permanent peace will be not only the new agricultural scheme of the 1960's and 1970's, but our total social and economic scheme that is in the making now. We can't wait until the 1960's or 1970's. Our responsibility as young farm people who have had a chance to study a better social and economic way of life is to weave our thinking and planning into the agricultural pattern as we become its leaders. Let's not allow ourselves to pass up any opportunities to

assume responsibilities in planning for the world of tomorrow.

This we could do selfishly just because we'll have to live in tomorrow's world, but we ought to do it for a bigger reason. There are over two billion persons in the world. Each one of them is entitled to equal opportunities with us. But millions of them in other parts of the world have never known the joy of living as we in America know it. Yes, there are millions even in America that do not experience the joys of life that you and I do. Many of these millions in liberated countries after the war will look to the America of plenty for food and clothing. They'll even look to us for a plan of living and working together that will make possible for all enough of the necessities of life and peace in which to enjoy them.

Mr. G. T. Bachelder, Adviser of the Wakeman and Townsend F.F.A. Chapters in Huron County (Ohio) wrote in the Ohio Rural Youth News, "To you American Farm Youth, the people of liberated war torn countries are looking for food. We must provide it to prevent starvation, or our position with these people will be little better than with our enemy."

After the war is over, we will have to furnish food for these liberated countries until they are able to produce for themselves—or do we want them to suffer and starve as they did after the last war when approximately 10,000,000 Europeans lost their lives through starvation?"

Opportunities to help construct a peaceful world are coming to the leaders of agriculture. We must keep the production of our farms from being controlled by monopolies with no human interest. We who are about to become the new agricultural leaders have that responsibility and opportunity.

## Kansas Joins NFU in Annual Budget Drive

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Budget Fund campaign, because it marks a milestone in our development of the movement, I want you to know that we have always considered Kansas as a part of the NFU expansion program. The work that has been done in rebuilding KFU, making it again an alert, strong factor both in state and national affairs, has had tremendous value to those of us who work at the national level. I think that your retention of funds in the past, to help get the Kansas job done, has been very wise. There is no greater proof of that than the fact that you are now sufficiently strong to continue your expansion work and join in the national budget work, sharing proceeds with us.

"I sincerely hope that the re-

sponse this year will be greater than ever before, so both Kansas Farmers Union and National Farmers Union can continue to grow in strength as representatives of family-type farmers.

"Fraternally,  
"JIM PATTON."

KFU is attempting to build the finances for an all-out membership drive. National Farmers Union is attempting to continue and build the splendid services it renders family farmers in national policy, and in the shaping of postwar peace plans.

### Plan Now!

NFU's influence is daily being felt, and helping to mold war and postwar policy.

We urge every local in Kansas to begin now to plan for a fund-raising program. They provide both splendid entertainment and support for a movement which has become nationally outstanding as a representative of people's interests.

Every Farmers Union member can become an individual worker for FU—both national and state—by helping to sponsor this program.

## Rush Ready For Members

The Rush County Farmers Union held their regular quarterly meeting at the court house, Wednesday evening, Nov. 15.

Many subjects of importance were discussed among which were the newly proposed by-laws, a membership drive and the enlargement of our county union. At the close of the discussions the secretary was instructed to solicit the assistance of a state organizer.

## Clay Center Elects Officers

Wheeler Local in Clay County held their annual business meeting Friday evening, Dec. 8. Jim Shields, local president, presided. Officers elected for the coming year are: Jim Shields, president; Fred Meek, vice-president; and Mrs. Lou Gepner, secretary-treasurer.

O. C. Servis, and Harold Golly of the Consumers Co-operative Association; George Mauch, manager of the Farmers Union Co-operative Association; and Harold Swanberg, county president, gave talks.

A large crowd was present and at the close of the meeting oysters were served.

## Study Insects

The Reserves of the Corn Valley Local, Stafford County, are beginning a study of "Everyday Insects" for their 1945 year. Mrs. Heyen, Leader, writes that the insect unit will be supplemented with a study of flowers. Additional plans for the Reserves include the giving of a play and a Christmas party.

## KFU Demands Farmers Get Radio Service

Patton Asks That WOI Be Given Back Time in Early Morning

WASHINGTON.—The Federal Communications Commission was urged by President James G. Patton of the National Farmers Union to reverse its two-year-old ruling denying early morning time to Station WOI, Iowa State College station at Ames, Iowa.

Patton said in a letter to Acting Chairman E. K. Jett that the issue in the case is whether non-commercial stations' needs are to be ignored in favor of those of stations operated for private profit. His letter was as follows:

"Farmers of the nation are waiting with interest the decision of the Federal Communications Commission in the case of Station WOI, the Iowa State College of Agriculture station at Ames, Iowa.

"The National Farmers Union earnestly urges that the commission reverse its decision of two years ago whereby morning time of this station was reduced to the benefit of Station KFI, the Mutual network station in Los Angeles. The latter station uses this time to play phonograph records, and the farmers of Iowa and nearby states thereby are deprived of an early morning agricultural market report that is of the greatest value to them.

"It should be pointed out that the basic act governing operations of the commission definitely states that no station's time shall be reduced without opportunity for full and adequate hearing. This opportunity has not been afforded WOI.

"It is our conviction, moreover, that the case should not be decided pending the arrival of the new chairman, Mr. Paul Porter, and should not be decided without further consideration of the issues involved. We believe that the principle concerned here goes far beyond the interests of agriculture. It is the issue of the public good, the issue whether commercial stations shall be given preferential treatment over non-commercial, whether educational, government and similar radio stations dedicated to the good of all the people, are to be ignored in order that the greed of private radio interests may be subserved."

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## AROUND THE TRIANGLE

By Esther E. Voorhies  
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### Juniors to Report

Three of our Juniors, Mary Pat Immenschuh, Regina Leuherr and Ralph Sjostrom, had the privilege of attending the National Convention in Denver. They were thrilled with the trip, and I wish to say to you Juniors who selected them for the high honor, the trio represented you very well.

At the convention there were sixteen 1944 and six 1943 Torchbearers from the states of Montana, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Colorado, Wisconsin, Oregon and Kansas. All the young people participated in the Junior Night program, took their turns as pages and ushers during the sessions, and were on hand to absorb more knowledge about the Farmers Union from the reports and addresses.

This is enough of the convention report for me. The Torchbearers take up from here. Regina's and Mary Pat's reports are in this issue. Ralph's will be in the next.

### Let There Be Light

We hear it said that the lights have gone out in Europe, in the world.

Such a thing has happened many times before.

It was dark in Bethelhem on a certain night;

Yet on that night a new star was shining;

Shepherds looked up and saw a glory in the sky—

Saw a glowing radiance around a Mother and her Child.

The lights had gone out then in Judea, in Rome;

Yet it was bright enough to guide three wise men on their way toward truth—

Bright enough to rouse the shepherds to the coming of a Prince of Peace—

Bright enough to fill the cattle shed where human hope was born.

There is light enough today to make a track for thought

For those who have a mind to hunt for living truth—

Enough to show the peoples of the earth the way to build a democratic world of justice and goodwill—

Enough to fill with understanding and with courage any room, hall, meeting house or open square

Where men and women plan good things together for the human race.

Relief for refugees, assistance to war victims, rights for minorities, Good health and decent housing for rich or poor,

Protection of the weak from exploitation by the strong,

And the putting down of every dictator no matter who or where—

There is light enough for all these things.

—Author Unknown.

### Christmas Thoughts

Special holidays in war carry with them an unshakable note of sadness. The empty chairs around the Christmas tree and festive dinner table aren't easily forgotten, and there must surely be renewed pangs of loneliness in spending a family gathering day on a wet, cold battle field, or in eating a Christmas dinner out of a mess kit on bivouac.

The glimmer of hope is that through all the suffering and disappointments, folks don't give up. As we now approach Christmas there are still evergreen trees, lighted windows and carols. There are still observances of the sacred, and the friendly sharing of gifts and greetings. Perhaps a guilty feeling creeps in now and then that we are taking the war too lightly, but no, we instead are maintaining old traditions of brotherly love and esteem, so necessary to a world of peace. May this Christmas reflect much of cheer and good will in our lives. Merry Christmas, everyone.

### Sketching Project Completed

Mary Pat Immenschuh, Torchbearer, completed the required six sketches for the Farm Family Living Project in time for display at the National Convention. How proud we all are of her work! Especially when there were so many complimentary things said about the sketches at the convention. Yes, we've known it all the time. The best of talent can be found among our Farmers Union Juniors.

### Carry the Torch

Speaking of Torchbearers, the other day Regina Leuherr, who is a student at Salina's Marymount College, asked us for reference material to write a term paper on the proposed Missouri Valley Authority. Do you see your opportunity, Juniors? Help yourself become better acquainted with programs being discussed and promoted by the Farmers Union by bringing these into your school work. And who knows but what you'll influence an interest among fellow students.

### Good News for Juniors

"Living by the Way," the new Junior recreation text, is off the press and has arrived at the State Office. Leaders and Juniors, order your copies now. This is the 1945 study topic for Juniors in all states. All will experience the enjoyment of re-creating through a special recreation study. Perhaps study isn't the word, our recreation classes will be workshops for the learning of new meanings in fun.

Can we set a goal this year—the completion of the recreation study by every Junior in Kansas? Readers, you give the answer.

### "The Time Has Come"

"The time has come," the walrus said, "to talk of many things . . . which is exactly what this fifth year of study for Junior Reserves does. If you enjoyed the mimeographed unit by this name, you have a pleasant surprise in store for you when you see the new printed copy. The cover is a cheery yellow, with silhouettes designed by Gedge Harmon. The book is illustrated throughout with silhouettes. Fred Grady is the author of the story and supplementary stories are by Gladys Talbott Edwards.

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ESTHER EKBLAD VOORHIES, DIRECTOR, Salina, Kansas

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## Mary Pat Tells Of Inspirations At Convention

Urges Other Young People to Strive for Farmers Union Torchbearer Award

By Mary Pat Immenschuh  
(Kansas Torchbearer)

Boys and girls, you don't know what you are missing if you don't work toward being a Torchbearer and receiving the award of a trip to the National Convention. To meet and to hear talks by people of national importance that I had admired so long through their untiring works and efforts in the Farmers Union was indeed inspirational. To plan, work, and play, with other young people who had earned the right to take part in the 1944 National Convention strengthened my belief that the organization will serve the people in the future as now, and that we Juniors will have a part.

Sunday evening was the scene of a Torchbearer banquet at the Brown Palace Hotel with our state educational director, Mrs. Voorhies, as hostess. Following a grand meal during which we sang numerous songs, everyone introduced themselves to the group telling name, state and particular interest in the Farmers Union. The names were common and unusual; states numbering nine, including Colorado, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Montana, Oregon, Wisconsin and good old Kansas; and interest centered around everything pertaining to the good and betterment of our organization.

### Pass on Light

An inspiring and beautiful moment of our program that evening was when each of us lighted our candle from one passed on to us from our nearest neighbor. Inspiring because that is the way our Farmers Union has been illuminated. By the light of one passed on to the next ready. Beautiful because it showed symbolically that it is possible for all to acquire the light although it does take a desire, time and unselfish effort to prove.

That evening was spent discussing our Junior projects and activities for the coming year. And it was very evident each of us have definite ideas we hoped to carry out and that others are faced with the same obstacles and hinderances, but since we are all cut from the same cloth and pattern, we have the withal to fight and build.

The array of convention speakers was indeed fitted to the occasion. Mr. Patton was there and ready to discuss the activities and goals of the Farmers Union. Msgr. Ligutti in addressing the assembled convention spoke encouragingly of the future and with his usual amount of humor. Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard stressed that one of the chief foundation stones of post-war agriculture lies in family type farming.

### Enjoyed Talks

Other enjoyable speakers whom we had read and heard about and finally had the opportunity to see and hear were Paul Sifton and Russel Smith, Benton Strong, Emil Loriks, Tom Cheek, Herbert Rolph, Aubrey Williams, and Mr. Rosenthal.

Women too are very important. Mrs. Edwards whom all Juniors hold as a personal friend seemed just that upon meeting her. Lulu Evanson, three Esthers—Esther Voorhies, Esther Sizer, Esther Harbo—Mrs. Bredehoff, Mrs. Stoltz, and Mrs. Wells, the

## St. Marys Plans Another Dance

The Kaw Valley, Sandy Hook, Pleasant View, and Turkey Creek locals are having a dance in St. Marys, Kansas, in the Armory building on New Year's night, January 1, 1945. The WIBW orchestra will play. Everyone is invited. —Irene Soelter, Reporter.

## Juniors' Awards At Bunker Hill

The November meeting of the Bunker Hill Farmers Union Local of Glen Elder met on the 21st of November with fifteen families present. With Lois Porter at the piano and Mrs. Rominger leading, we sang "America" and "On His Coat He Wears a Union Button."

Clyde Porter reported receiving a nice letter from National Farmers Union President Jim Patton, in reply to the letter of appreciation sent to him in October.

Reports and program of the legislative and co-operative committees were omitted, and the time devoted to consideration of the new constitution and by-laws. The president, Wm. Carpenter, read the proposed constitution and parts of it were discussed. After the reading was completed, a vote was taken. Twenty-two members voted in favor of it, none against, and a few did not cast a vote.

The president presented five Junior awards, 10 Junior Reserve awards and an award to the Junior Leader, Mrs. Thelma Rominger. The pins are beautiful, and their owners are proud to wear them.

The refreshment committee served coffee, cocoa and doughnuts. Next meeting will be December 19, when election of officers will be held.

charming and versatile director from New Mexico. These able leaders do much to give people, like myself, enthusiasm and encouragement to do all in our power to help expand our great organization.

Traveling these days requires a sense of humor—and that we Kansas Torchbearers are ready to vouch for. We can think of much pleasanter ways of traveling other than by sitting on our suitcases. One consolation, we had lots of company.

### See Mountains

A very enjoyable part of our Junior participation was the Torchbearer program and ceremony, and folk dance demonstration on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Sandwiched in between times we Juniors found time to visit; to make a short trip to the mountains; to have a few meals together, and to do many old favorite folk dances in the evenings.

My thanks are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Reiner of Colorado for a very enjoyable Sunday afternoon spent at Red Rocks Park; to the Farmers Union Elevator at St. Marys, and many friends for the encouraging hand extended during the past five years; to my mother who was the first to encourage and direct Junior activities at our Sandy Hook Local; to Mrs. Voorhies, our state director, who has always encouraged and helped me whenever I most needed it, and to Mr. and Mrs. Dean for a most enjoyable trip home by automobile, that was spiced by all our singing of old favorite tunes.

BUY U. S. WAR BONDS

## Torchbearer Learns Much At Convention

Regina Leuherr, Torchbearer, Reports on Trip to NFU Meeting

By REGINA LEUHERR,  
Torchbearer

To give a complete report on our four days in Denver would be quite impossible, but to recall some of the high lights will be interesting.

Ralph, Mary Pat, and I left Salina in a drizzling rain at 11:00 Saturday night. I had always heard about unhappy, crowded traveling conditions, but never really experienced it, which had disappointed me. My desire was to be fulfilled that night; all the coaches were full. And now I know what it's like to ride ten hours on a suitcase.

Nevertheless we managed to rest ourselves for the Junior program on Monday evening. This was a program in which all the Torchbearers, other Juniors present, and the State Leaders participated under the direction of Mrs. Stoltz of Montana.

### Gives Creed

This evening session was begun with the Farmers Union Creed, which I gave. Then Mrs. Stoltz introduced the State Leaders who reported on a particularly interesting project she had carried out. They discussed county reserve camps, study clubs, fair booths, medical care for soldiers' wives—all interesting work. One of the Torchbearers told Paul Bunyan stories. A skit was presented by three others. A piano solo and vocal duet were also given. Mary Pat gave an account of the Farm Family Living Project. Mrs. Stoltz interviewed the rest of the Torchbearers concerning their work, plans for the future and Torchbearer projects. The Torchbearer Ceremony climaxed the evening. Mr. Patton with a few words of appreciation, encouragement and best wishes presented the gold Torch to each Torchbearer.

On Tuesday afternoon a trip to the National F. U. offices was planned. There we saw Mr. Patton's office, the educational division, and the other offices in the building. Again I was amazed, as I was when I first saw the Kansas State office, that so much work could be done by so few people in small quarters.

### Good Meeting

The convention as a whole was very interesting—really interesting reports, good discussions, well chosen speakers with definite views on vital questions were all important factors which made this convention a worthwhile one. Mr. Morris Rosenthal addressed the group on the "Farmer's Stake in Foreign Trade." Mr. Harvey Solberg related his experiences in and impressions of agricultural England, and also reviewed several economic set-ups. On Tuesday afternoon we saw and heard Honorable Claude Wickard deliver his radio address, "What's Ahead for the Family-Size Farm." That evening Msgr. Ligutti and Mr. Glenn Talbott were the speakers. Before we left on Wednesday we heard Mr. Jonathan Daniels discuss "The Valleys of America." He recalled for us the advantages of the TVA, and presented the reasons for a similar Missouri Valley Authority.

I have certainly appreciated and enjoyed my four days at the National Farmers Union Convention. I am very grateful to those who have given me the honor and opportunities.



## Day by Day with FUJA

By JOHN VESECKY

### Co-operative Directors Serve Patron's Interests And Not Money Interest

President C. E. Myers of the Southern States, Richmond, Service of Studley Va., wrote a very good article on the duties of a director, which was published in the November issue of the Co-operative Digest. Because we like the article and think it timely we are reprinting it in full below:

My Duties As I See Them  
By C. E. Myers

(President, Southern States Richmond Service, Studley, Va.)

A director in a co-operative business represents patrons, whereas a director in a private business represents dollars. There is a real difference. The fact that patrons own and legally control a co-operative has important implications which are quite foreign to the thinking of many capable businessmen and farmers not educated in co-operative principles.

The purpose of the co-operative is service at a reasonable and fair cost, whereas the purpose of private business is service at a profit on the dollars invested. The owner of stock in a co-operative gets only rent or interest on his property, while the owner of stock in prosperous private business gets a profit according to the number of dollars invested. In a successful co-operative the patron makes a saving according to his use of the co-operative service. It is possible that the largest user of a co-operative owns the minimum amount of stock.

#### Misnomers

To add to the difficulty in understanding the nature of the ownership of co-operatives through the use of the words "common" stock, "voting" stock and "preferred" stock. The first share of common or voting stock is in reality a certificate of membership. Any additional stock in a co-operative does not represent ownership or control, but simply the indebtedness of the co-operative to the so-called stockholder. "Common" stock in a co-operative is not equivalent to common stock in private business. It would be more meaningful if co-operatives would not use the term "common" stock at all, but use the term "first preferred" and "second preferred" if two types of stock are desired. The true relationship is: Control resides in membership (one member, one vote); membership results from patronage; and patrons, not stock-holders, own the co-operative.

Because a director represents patrons rather than stockholders, his obligation is to serve individual patrons rather than to make profits on the dollars represented by stock. This is the first lesson a good director in a co-operative must learn.

#### Duties

Having learned this first lesson, it is the director's business to make sure that the management and employed personnel of the co-operative know it, and let it dominate the business.

A patron of a co-operative should have learned the basic principles by which it works before he is elected as a director. In becoming a director, he has two major functions:

1. Checking on management to make sure that sound principles of co-operation are dominating all transactions efficiently in accord with established policies, and
2. Acting as representative of patrons in establishing policies and keeping them informed of the nature and progress of the business.

These duties might be reversed in a new co-operative, but in a going concern the elected director finds he has a job of directing and administering already in hand. For example, one of my first duties as a director was to vote for the discharge of a very popular but inefficient employee.

Again, sound co-operative principles call for competitive prices. Directors should satisfy themselves and assure patrons that this principle is in force and that all patrons pay the same price. The principle of equality and the "open formula" should be understood and carry full confidence with patrons.

#### Director Limitations

The director helps establish policies and makes plans according to the wishes of the patrons. He is definitely limited by management in his insistence that policies and plans be executed. The patrons demand a service, but the directors must secure capable management before it can be offered. Plans should be kept far ahead of present management performance.

A director also has a responsibility for prospective patrons. For example: A co-operative has a fine feed service but does nothing in the way of handling farm products co-operatively. Farmers generally, not patrons, desire to use the co-op feed but feel obliged to buy feed from the agent who takes their eggs. The director, knowing this, should insist on the co-operative handling eggs, thereby increasing service to present patrons and bringing in more patrons and a larger volume to reduce costs to all. New services demanded call for planning and execution which may appear exasperatingly slow. Freezer-lockers, produce markets, processing plants, petroleum service, etc., call for capable managers trained and educated in the nature of co-operative business. The director is not a manager; he simply acts as the agent of patrons in securing managers, and then in keeping well enough informed to make sure that the management is entirely trustworthy, capable, and efficient.

#### Director's Duties

To summarize, the duties of a director in a Co-operative are:

1. Learn the basic principles of co-operative business.
2. Keep informed about the business he directs.
3. Pass on the demands of patrons and prospective patrons to management.
4. Remember that he has authority only through his vote while the board is in session, or as the board has commissioned him to perform a specific task.
5. Make sure that the employed management is capable, efficient, and worthy of complete confidence. The board makes policies and approves plans, but the paid management executes them.
6. Call for meaningful reports. Complete, accurate, up-to-the-minute accounting is a must to maintain confidence and efficiency.

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### Officers' School Will Be Held At Seed Plant

In the November 9th issue of the Kansas Union Farmer we announced plans for a state-wide officers' training school and announced it would probably be held at St. Marys, Kansas. Since that time we have taken the proposal up with the St. Marys people and have received from the city officials and the chamber of commerce a hearty invitation to bring our officers' training school to St. Marys. Plans are under way by the St. Marys people for providing rooms and meals for those attending the officers' training school. We are making plans now to hold this school in connection with a ceremony for the purpose of dedicating the new seed plant which is being constructed at St. Marys.

It is impossible at the present time to set the exact date of the officers' training school, and the dedication ceremony as the weather makes it very uncertain just when the seed plant will be completed. The plans are now for a three-day school, which will end with the dedication ceremony in the evening of the last day of the school. It appears now that the seed plant will be completed sometime the latter part of January and the school and dedication ceremony will be held early in February.

We are making plans for Farmers Union people through the state of Kansas to attend the ceremony dedicating the seed-plant on the last day of the school. Each local and county union as well as co-operatives throughout the state, should begin now to make plans for someone from their organization to attend the dedication and all local and county unions should make a special effort to have representatives from their union in attendance at the three-day school. As announced before, the state Farmers Union will provide rooms and meals for three people from each local and county union. We request that the three people from each local be selected from the officers and action officials of the local. We will not adhere strictly to this rule, but we believe Farmers union locals will get more benefit out of the school by sending people from their local who are charged with the various responsibilities as outlined in the by-laws as the program in the school will be planned to provide information for the officers and action officials as to how their duties in the Farmers Union locals should be carried out.

Local secretaries will receive from the state office more detailed information regarding the school the latter part of this month so they will have it available for January meetings, to help the local in making plans for sending delegates to the school.

### Bunker Hill Elects Officers

The Farmers Union Juniors of the Bunker Hill Local met Tuesday evening, November 21, with 14 members and the Leader present.

We had finished our study of weeds, so Mrs. Rominger gave us our books about birds. The boys are to make as many different kinds of bird houses as they can, and the girls are to select projects.

Officers were elected for the next half year. The officers are: President, Gail Weidenhaft; vice president, Bobby Schellinger; secretary, Joan Porter; reporter, Frederick Weidenhaft.

We drew names for Christmas presents with a price limit of 25 to 35 cents each.

The president of the local gave us our pins, of which we are very proud.—Frederick Weidenhaft, Reporter.

### Stock Sales

KANSAS CITY, MO.

November 17th, 1944.

#### CATTLE

Pete Bocquin.....Lyon Co., Kan.	24 steers	1060	15.50
C. P. Breeden.....Trego Co., Kan.	13 steers	1207	15.00
Ernest A. Morse.....Lyon Co., Kan.	16 heifers	803	15.00
J. E. Jones.....Lyon Co., Kan.	28 steers	1125	14.50
H. W. Brandt.....Pettis Co., Mo.	24 heifers	785	14.50
W. H. Wamser.....Lyon Co., Kan.	16 heifers	858	14.25
John Smith.....Lyon Co., Kan.	20 heifers	821	14.15
Earl Bullock.....Pottawatomie Co., Kan.	24 heifers	864	14.00
Fred Bangs.....Madison Co., Kan.	15 heifers	836	13.25
Hoover Bros.....Clinton Co., Mo.	80 steers	1031	13.20
Frank Johnson.....Sullivan Co., Mo.	15 heifers	893	13.00
Chas. Schroeder.....Osage Co., Kan.	13 heifers	1076	13.10
L. E. Stead.....Lyon Co., Kan.	15 strs. & hfrs.	822	12.50
Wm. Heideman.....Wabunsee Co., Kan.	19 steers	642	12.25
Albert Miller.....Ford Co., Kan.	20 steers	852	12.00
Claude F. Radcliff.....Osage Co., Kan.	23 steers	635	11.75
T. E. French.....Jackson Co., Mo.	21 calves	407	11.50
W. E. Rice.....Clay Co., Mo.	19 calves	376	11.40
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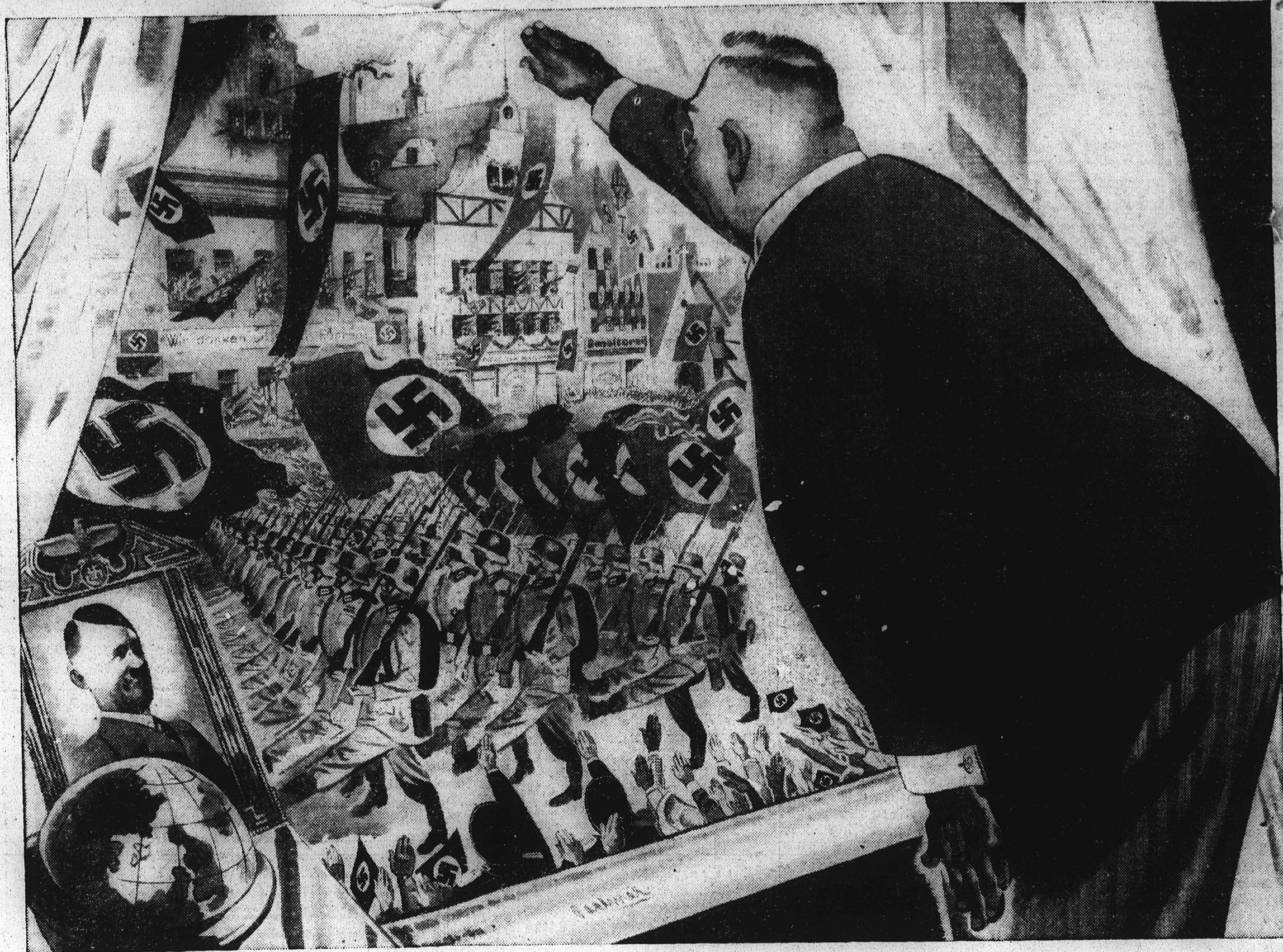
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