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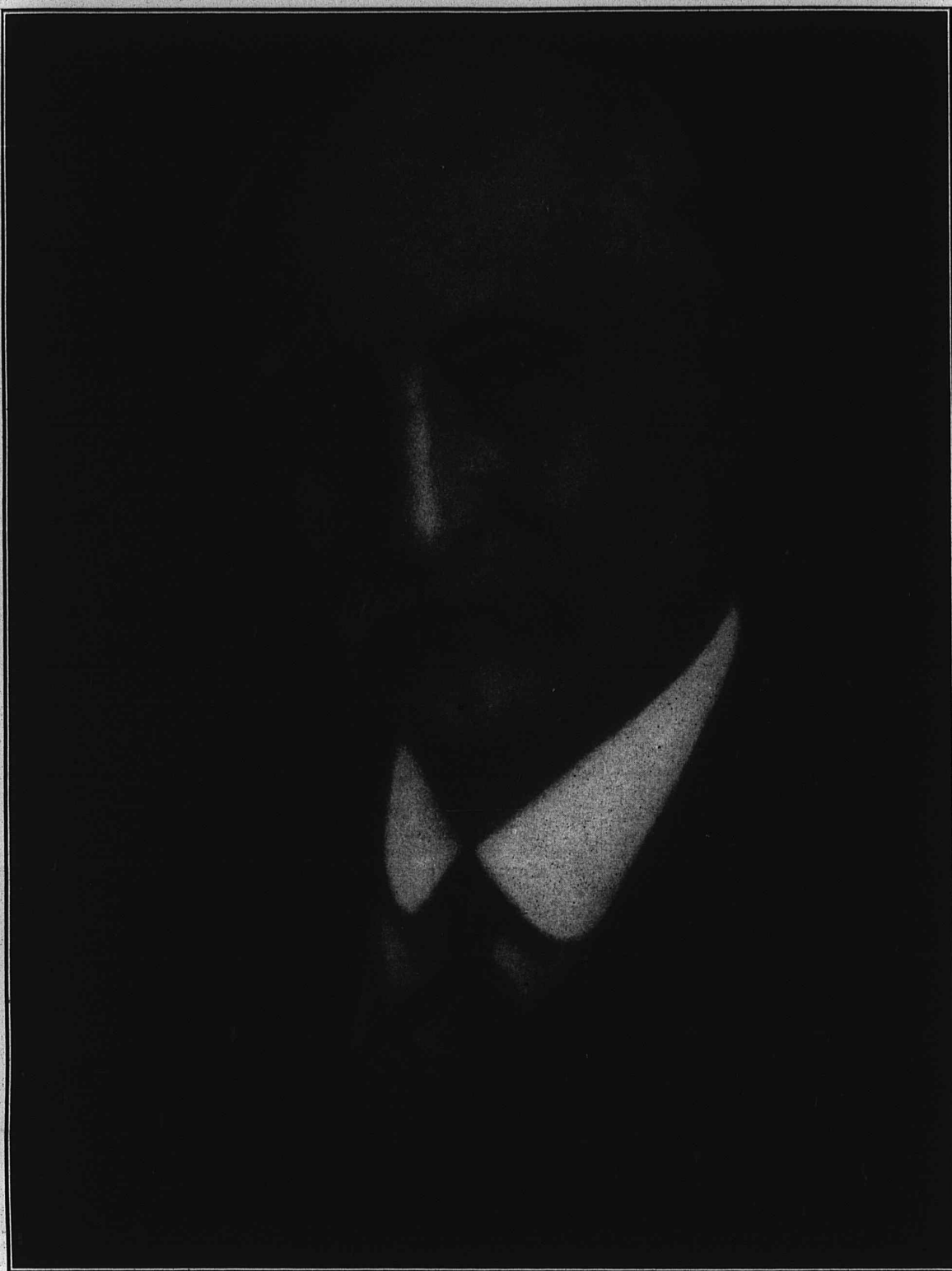
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A MEMORIAL TO JOHN TROMBLE



JOHN TROMBLE WHO WAS PRESIDENT OF THE FARMERS UNION OF KANSAS FOR 5 YEARS

TRIBUTES BY HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS

JOHN TROMBLE

"I have never had a death outside my immediate family that has effected me with the sorrow that has come upon the death of John Tromble. And I considered him one of my best friends. There has never been a man in Farmers Union work, and I speak from my experience nationally, that has done more for the organization and for the farmer than John Tromble. The Farmers Union has sustained its greatest loss in his death, I believe. John Tromble lived, not for himself, but for the farmer and his work in their behalf was one of the most unselfish that I have ever seen. He was the hardest worker I have ever known and was 'on the square' at all times. That there are so few of his type will but make our loss the keener."—Chas. S. Barrett, National President.

JOHN TROMBLE IN MEMORIUM

Death, the climax of life, has come to my friend. The great adventure which comes to all life and activity has been reached. The mantle of a great soul has fallen. The Divinity which shapes the destinies of men has decreed that earthly existence should not be continuous that man, after a reasonable expanse of life, should lay his burdens down and be gathered to his fathers. "Uncle John" as he was lovingly called by thousands of members of the organization which he served, has lain aside the worries and cares incident to the position which he occupied and his great spirit has gone home to its Maker.

Christianity triumphs in the death of unbelievers. When the valley of the shadow approaches, the Christian's faith reaches out into space to grasp hold of the gentle Nazarene who has promised a haven of refuge for the weary in heart. How beautiful the thought that to men who have lived unselfishly, who have given of themselves unsparingly, who have labored unceasingly for the good of his fellowman have at the end of the journey the Christian's hope of eternal reward.

Uncle John lived such a life as to entitle him to this hope. To me has been given the privilege of intimate association with all the men who have been placed in positions of leadership in the great Farmers Union movement since the inception of the organization. With no intention of disparage to other noble men who have labored for the cause, I am perfectly safe in saying that none have excelled in stature our departed friend.

Uncle John played the game four square. He was above being tempted to do things in dark and dubious ways. To him life was a great game to be played fair. He was fair to the farmers whom he served and fair to the public. Conscientious in his duties as a public servant and private citizen.

The Farmers Union suffers a severe loss. His place will be hard to fill, in fact it never will be filled. Each man does his own life work. Personally, my loss is great. I have lost a friend. Acquaintances are numerous but friends are few.

To his wife, the companion of years, his going will be the most grievous. May she and the children and relatives find consolation beyond the power of words to express in the hope of immortality which is theirs.

Words fail to adequately convey my sad thoughts upon this occasion. Tributes sound weak and barren. Words without end which might be used can be summed up in this brief statement, Uncle John Tromble lived and died a MAN.

A. C. DAVIS, National Secretary.

JOHN TROMBLE HAS PASSED ON

When the word was flashed to me that John Tromble, President of the Kansas Farmers Union and national leader, had passed on, I felt as I would if I'd seen a towering pine upon a hill-top struck by lightning, going down with a mighty crash and leaving a lonesome place against the sky.

John Tromble was one of the great farmers' leaders of this country, in my opinion. I am tempted to say that he was the greatest in the Middle West. He was one of the comparatively few who had vision—one of those whom, like the immortal Lincoln, it seems that a kindly Providence raises up in times of stress and storm to meet emergencies and lead the people out of the wilderness.

Yet, I will always wonder if he was not lonesome, at times—lonesome because others failed to grasp his outlook on life—failed to see the vision that he saw. He was big physically, but no more so than he was big mentally and morally, and such men are bound to be lonesome at times.

Whenever I think of him I think of "Charlie" Watts, manager of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commissions at Omaha, first, and Chicago later. Both had the same kindly hearts, the same forward-looking spirits, the same high ideals. And both shared the same simplicity of character that is always the characteristic of the truly great.

Such as they are never appreciated in life. They are too big for us of smaller faith to grasp. Sometimes, years after they have passed on, we begin to realize the work they did. It is seldom that the pioneer, who blazes the trail in the wilderness, is honored. But generations afterwards the foot-steps of men wear a beaten path along the way they prepared.

John Tromble went down in the harness. He died fighting the good fight and keeping the faith. He passed out trying to do his utmost for his fellowmen, who did not appreciate his efforts and his sacrifices in their behalf. But he sought no reward such as mere praise. Public acclaim from the house-tops was not his aim. He did not do his deeds in the market-place, to be seen of men, but in the silence of daily toil and in the secret confidences of the heart, where the desire to serve is greater than the desire to make selfish gain.

In this his immortality is secure, for his works will follow him long after any wealth or material gains that he might have piled up would vanish. It is the lives of such men as John Tromble and "Charlie" Watts that must inspire the members of the Farmers Union to carry on, if the farmers of this nation are ever to save themselves, as they must do if they are ever to be saved. From their failing hands we receive the torch, and if we do not keep it burning, then it is not their lives that have been a failure, but ours.

So he died in the faith—that was fine! It is more than the most of us do. But say, can you add to that line That he lived for it, too?

It is easy to die—men have died For a wish of a whim, For passion, or folly, or pride— Was it hard for him?

But to live, ah, yes to live out Every day all the truth that he dreamt, While some friends viewed his conduct with doubt,

And the world with contempt. Was it, thus that he plodded ahead, Never turning aside?

Then let's talk of the life that he led— Never mind how he died.

John Tromble lived out his faith, and that faith was in the plain people of these United States. He never turned aside from the path where duty led, even when sometimes his friends tried to persuade him to turn aside from that path. He was true to himself, true to the principles of the Farmers Union, true to the only things that entitle a man to eternal life.

One of the great leaders of the farmers' cause has passed out. We shall not see his like soon again. But we can at least draw inspiration from the life that he led, which is the thing he would most desire, if he could send us a message from the Life Beyond.

MILO RENO.

JOHN TROMBLE

John Tromble now rests. For years neither his body nor his spirit flagged or faltered in the service to which he had dedicated himself. His last coherent thought was of the work that yet remains to be done to secure justice and equality for agriculture. His last conscious utterance was "It is good to know that all the boys are carrying on." The undaunted soul that never knew fear in this life went unafraid to its appointed place happy in the thought and belief that the relinquished tasks would be completed by those who still have strength and time.

All over Kansas men and women have been asking, "Who will take Tromble's place?" No one man could or should take up all the work of our fallen leader. Every man and every woman in the Kansas Farmers Union should here highly resolve to do some part of work and carry some part of the burdens that were too exacting and too heavy even for his stalwart strength and brave heart. The noblest memorial that can be reared to the memory of John Tromble and the one most pleasing to him is the continued usefulness and prosperity of the organization to which he gave his life.

In a day of selfish and sordid aspirations and

ambitions Tromble asked nothing but an opportunity to serve. In all his long association with the Farmers Union he never sought an office or an appointment and never declined a duty or evaded an obligation. Growing constantly in the knowledge and confidence of men of all classes and stations in Kansas and in the republic he steadfastly refused to consider any of the opportunities for political preferment. He believed that the presidency of the Kansas Union was the most useful office in Kansas and that it offered better opportunities to serve the common good than any place within the power of the commonwealth to give. So he smiled and waved aside all the many offers of support for public honors that came to him in the days of his increasing usefulness and influence.

There are those who will speak of the untimely death of our president. To the man whose life is an unblemished record of service and good works and who can face the mysteries of the world to come without fear of the future or regret for the past death is never untimely. He was well prepared to live on for more years of selfless devotion to his loved ones and the beloved cause and that very preparation for fuller and richer and riper years of service here on earth was his best provision for that which lies beyond the grave. The men who are best qualified to live are best prepared to die.

John Tromble lived only to serve. His work must be done by others. If it is his to know what goes on in the world he has left he would have us all continue with his unfinished tasks. If we fail "to carry on" we shall betray the sacred trust that is ours.

—W. C. LANSDON.

JOHN TROMBLE HAS PASSED ON

In his passing away his family has been deprived of a true and faithful husband, his neighbors a real neighbor, the cause he loved a true friend and untiring, forceful worker, the state and nation a valued citizen. His greatest earthly reward was that he knew that he was rich beyond most men in what he valued most, and that was his numerous friends. When I would be with him in his last sickness he used to say to me, "Brasted, it is a wonderful comfort to a man to know he has so many friends." How richly he deserved the well-earned title, "The Best Loved Man in Kansas." He was kind, patient, faithful and true in all things. He gave his life for the cause he loved. We who are left to carry on can pay in part by being faithful and true to our work whether we be of the rank and file or among those that have been or will be chosen as leaders. I shall always remember him as a neighbor, friend and pal. Because of our close association I was afforded the opportunity to know him more intimately than most could for which I am truly grateful. Five years we occupied adjoining office rooms, the door between always standing ajar. I knew him as a true, consistent, active Christian, not loud and profuse in claiming it in words but eloquent in the living of it not only one day of the week but every day of the week, month and year, and how truthfully we can say of him,

In thy life's bright years and thy manhood's prime Thy life is writ in the everlasting, living tower of time

In this my zero hour of grief, I am consoled by an abiding faith that we will not be strangers in the great beyond.

And now, before we ring the curtain down, allow me to say, He shared the love, the respect, the power Of untold numbers of friends to his dying hour. And when the early flowers shall bloom And birds shall sweetly sing about his tomb, We of sorrowing hearts he leaves behind Will also come and with loving hands a garland bind

To the memory dear with a tender care For the honored dust that is sleeping there.

C. E. BRASTED.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR CHIEF FROM THE AUDITING ASSOCIATION

On the crest of the hill we laid him to rest, 'midst the scenes of his work, 'mongst the ones he loved best.

By his works we have known him, Guide, Philosopher, Friend, What a wonderful life, what a glorious end.

T. B. D.



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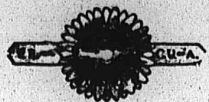
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A WORD OF GREETING

It is with rather mixed feelings that I assume with this issue the job of assistant editor—a genuine regret at leaving the work in which I have been engaged for the past fifteen years, some misgivings in the face of the probable demands and problems of this (to me) new task, pleasant anticipations of fine fellowships in our common cause.

Great changes and improvements have been made in the appearance and content of The Kansas Union Farmer in the past few years, very largely through the effective work of W. C. Lansdon, the retiring editor. I am heir to these improvements, and gladly acknowledge the debt we owe him.

The relation of the Secretary's office to the paper has also changed greatly during the tenure of Mr. Brasted. Capable and timely aid in producing a valuable paper has become a part of the regular office routine. This arrangement I also inherit.

It will be my purpose, under the guidance of Pres. Tromble, to support and promote through these columns as fully as possible the program and purposes of the Kansas Farmers Union. To discuss the problems incident to putting that program into effect. To promote a better acquaintance and an increased spirit of good will among our membership. And to attempt to deepen the conviction within the organization that the Co-operative movement is serious and vital, not casual and unimportant.

Although I do not bring to this task the wisdom or the ripe experience of the retiring editor, I shall do my very best. And I hope to merit and to have the hearty support and the good will of all the great family of folks who make up the Kansas Farmers Union. For we all believe in co-operation.

C. E. HUFF.

The above was written while our beloved president was with us, and while we hoped and prayed he would be spared to his family and friends, and to the cause he deeply loved. It was not to be so. His work is done, his great heart stilled. There is a new mound on the hill, heavy hearts in the home, a great sense of loss upon us all with passing years we shall discern still more clearly how well he did the work which the Union had committed to him. Forgetful of himself, there is no doubt but that his burdens were too heavy—"The zeal of thy house hath consumed me" is true of his life. But what a challenge he has put upon us! How ashamed we must become of our carelessness and our indifference, and how we must resolve to build together to its full possibilities the Union for which he gave himself. President Barrett said "I have been thinking these last few days that I want to be a better man to do better work." This finds echo in all our hearts. But it must not be the sentiment of the moment, merely. Our emotions must not be dissipated, but crystallized into definite action. We have been too weak-kneed in our devotion. We have let our locals go down in many places where we could have maintained them. We have withdrawn patronage and support from business institutions often for reasons too trivial for men to offer. From bottom to top we must strengthen and build our work. "There is no other memorial which you men of Kansas can erect to the memory of John Tromble," said W. C. Lansdon, "which will compare with that of building the Kansas Farmers Union into the thing he had planned." Let us rise up and build!

JOHN TROMBLE, THE MAN

It has been my great privilege to have been closely associated with John Tromble in a business way in the affairs of the Farmers Union for the last ten years, and all of that time we have been bound together by the closest ties of personal friendship.

I have seen him in many public gatherings; have been with him in many, many conferences with groups of men, holding all shades of opinion; and always I have seen him a leader, kindly, courteous, considerate of others, but dominating and compelling by the force of his great personality, his thorough knowledge of the subject at hand, his keen analysis and always impartial, fair-minded way of weighing the right and wrong of every proposition.

I have glimpsed his intimate and innermost thoughts of life, his standards of conduct as a citizen and a member of society, his obligations to

his neighbors, his state and country, his personal standard of morals, his thoughts of religion, and after all these years of close companionship I know him as a man of rugged strength and character, of strong determination and purpose, hating dishonesty in any form, dispising hypocrisy, but quick to condone mistakes and faults, holding no ill-will to those who opposed him.

He was impatient of the diversity of creeds, but recognized the power for good and the necessity of the church, and was deeply religious.

It was my privilege to be with him a little while every day during his last illness, and I know the gallant fight he made, and his great fortitude when the shadows began to fall. His last words to me were: "You don't know how I appreciate and what a comfort it is to me that I know that you men are carrying on and will."

He left us all a great heritage, and the greatest tribute to his memory will be for us to "carry on," and bring to a realization the things he strove so hard for and gave his life for.

I recently found the following couplet on the walls of the state office at Salina, and I like to think it was his motto in life.

"It matters not what you may say
Of all our efforts both great and small.
The thing worth while is just to smile
And love humanity, faults and all."
He lived and died a gallant christian gentleman.
E. E. Woodman.

"UNCLE JOHN"

The passing of some men from this life remind us again of the futility of death to destroy. Death may claim the body but it cannot claim the man himself, his influence, his achievement, his soul, or whatever we may wish to call it. The passing of "Uncle John" from this life emphasizes the fact that death cannot destroy.

We in the offices and plant at Kansas City shall miss "Uncle John"—miss him sadly. It was his custom to come into the office, usually unexpected, and make the rounds with a hearty hand-clasp, a kind word, and pleasant smile for everyone. We learned to love him. We shall miss that greeting.

But Mr. Tromble gave us something else. Something we cannot lose. He gave us inspiration, and ideals. He lived by the Golden Rule and inspired those with whom he came in contact to do likewise. His ideals were equity and justice and he devoted his life to campaigning for his ideals.

We have been left a heritage that we treasure highly. A heritage that is worthy of only our most devoted service and most earnest effort to carry on.

Guy Webster, Publicity Mgr.,
Farmers Union Coop. Creamery.

"UNCLE JOHN" TROMBLE

One of the greatest privileges of my life has been to know intimately our late and beloved friend and brother, "Uncle John" Tromble. To know him was to love him. He was a great teacher at whose feet we loved to sit for counsel and advice.

In his passing, he leaves a name and record that will stand before us as a living monument in memory of one whose purpose in life was to mete out fairness and justice to all mankind.

It is to be regretted that he could not have remained longer to enjoy his home, family and host of friends and viewed from the gallery, as it were, more of the accomplishments for which he fought, labored and sacrificed to the end that humanity might be elevated to a higher plane of living.

His frequent visits to the office and factory, the often unexpected, were always welcome and that radiant smile and hearty handclasp extended one and all upon his arrival will be sadly missed.

While he is gone from our midst in body, his spirit and personality will be with us always and issue a challenge to carry out his ideals and the work to which his life was fully devoted.

A. W. Seamans, Manager,
Farmers Union Coop. Creamery.

EDITORIAL FROM FARM CLUB NEWS

John Tromble, the veteran President of the Kansas Farmers' Union, died in a hospital in Kansas City on April 25. The news of his death will be received with sorrow by the thousands of Farm Club members to whom he has endeared himself. "Uncle John" Tromble, as he was familiarly known by thousands of Missouri and Kansas farmers, has known the prairies of western Kansas since the days when the prairie schooner and sod houses were common. The writer, had the pleasure of attending, in company with "Uncle John," the showing of the great moving picture of western frontier life, "The Covered Wagon." The orchestra was playing "Westward Ho" when a scene flashed on the screen showing several hundred covered wagons on their journey across the plains of Kansas—"Uncle John" who was usually quiet and composed slid out on the edge of his seat, slapped me on the knee and said in a very audible tone, "I've seen that—it looks just like it did when we 'west West'." It was several minutes before he settled back in his seat—he was living over again the scenes, the hopes, the trials, the tragedies and the triumphs of a western frontiersman—in the days in Kansas when a man, to stick, had to be a man. I shall never forget his excitement, the pleasure with which he watched the picture nor the things he told me after we had returned to the hotel about pioneer boy-life on a western farm.

John Tromble was a pioneer in another sense. He not only helped in wresting the land of our western empire from the coyote, the buffalo and the Indians but he has been an outstanding pioneer in the fight for a "square deal for agriculture." For a quarter of a century, before some of us had learned the three R's, he was organizing Kansas farmers—he pointed the way. They had confidence in him, in his sincerity, his integrity, and his judgment. They rallied to his support. Under his leadership Kansas farmers have built up one of the most powerful organizations in the country. He was a "dirty" farmer yet his voice was frequently heard, and always with profound respect, at both ends of Pennsylvania avenue.

John Tromble was a man, tried and true. The writer feels a deep personal loss in his passing. We have worked together; we have fought to-

gether. Not always were we fighting behind the same breastworks. We frequently differed in our views but our differences were always sincere—and when the issue was settled we were both with the majority, regardless of whose side won the argument, for we were fighting for the same end.

John Tromble is dead—the last sad rites are being said in Salina, Kansas, this afternoon as this is being written—but the fighting spirit of John Tromble is not dead, it is imbedded in the hearts of thousands of farmers who were inspired by his sincerity, courage and fearlessness.

As he embarked more than half a century ago with the "covered wagon train" to cross the great plains of our then unexplored west, so he has now embarked on the "long, long trail" which leads to the "bourne from which no traveler returns." He was not a welcome visitor to the red faced inhabitants of the western prairies, when the "covered wagon train" halted and he drove his "stake"—but those who dwell in the city "not made with hands" will welcome his "home."

Howard A. Cowden.

"OUR BOSS"

It has been said of many men, that their office help know them in a different way than the people with whom they come in contact in the outside world. There was but one side to John Tromble's life, he was the same in the office and gave us the same courteous, kindly consideration that he gave every one he met.

We are proud to be able to say that in all the years that we have worked for him he has never spoken one harsh word and was always appreciative of our efforts to do our best.

We will miss the sincere hand-clasp that we learned to look for when he returned from long journeys, we will miss his hearty laughter as he related his experiences to us, we will miss his fatherly counsel.

We are grateful that we were privileged to know him as we did and his memory will ever remain with us, for to us he is just on one more long journey.

PAULINE COWGER
LORETTA RITTGERS.

IS LIFE WORTH LIVING?

If you ask me, Is life worth living, I answer, if you live as our good Brother John Tromble lived. He lived a life worth living, always leading forward to a better life, which has echoed and will continue to echo into thousands of families all over the country.

Yes, good Brother John Tromble knew there would be trials, hardships, sickness, duties and death ahead. But he never faltered. If he had any fear no one knew it but himself. He knew the right and lived a life to be rewarded. Not just a life worth living for himself alone, but for a life that we all would want to follow and live. Yes, he lived a good life and gave the whole of it, not for the farmers' cause alone but for all mankind.

God is not dead. Neither is our Brother John Tromble. I thank God it's true.

—O. F. Dornblaser.

P. S.: O. Men, O. Women. Let us all live lives worth living. Lives that will be all the more worth living because like our dear brother's life, that shall never end. Yes, live on and on to the end where there is no ending.

A life all the more worth living because it opens into a life that lives forever.

May I not continue to hope that we will do our best to live such lives so that our children will live lives worth living.

Amen.

Truly yours,
UNCLE DORM.

JOHN TROMBLE PRESIDENT OF JOBBING ASSOCIATION

Mr. John Tromble has been president of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association for the past six years, during which time I have spent many hours with him in private conference, working over business and personal problems.

I, like many others, soon learned to love and respect the man whose high ideals, bigness of heart and unselfish appreciation of his fellow man, became so dominant in the directing of all Farmers Union activities. His constant application of principles that are true and right and just, made him a leader of men. His counsel was sought and his sound judgment prevailed in the deliberations of those with whom he worked. It is a privilege to pay tribute to such a man.

While the passing of Uncle John Tromble is our great loss, we know that it is his gain. His spirit and influence will live and continue to dominate all Farmers Union activities and those who knew his constant stand for right will be bigger, better and just a little more serious for having worked with him.

L. E. DeVoss, Manager,
Farmers Union Jobbing Assn.

Sidney, Nebr., April 27, 1927.

Mr. C. E. Brasted,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Brasted:—

Your message conveying the sad intelligence of the death of our esteemed friend and distinguished citizen, Hon. John Tromble, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, received.

When words fail to adequately express my sorrow, I am reminded how crushing must be the grief of those who have been more intimately co-workers with him. The better he was known the more he was appreciated.

In his passing the Kansas Farmers Union has lost an honest, fearless leader; an earnest advocate of organization and co-operation as a solution of the farmers' economic problems, and, The National Farmers Union has lost one of its most valued counselors. All liberty loving and law abiding citizens who were fortunate enough to know him have lost a true friend, and the nation has lost a distinguished citizen.

While we mourn the loss of his fellowship; respect and revere his memory, it is ours to take up and carry to a successful conclusion, the work he so thoroughly dedicated himself to.

In Memory of Hon. John Tromble.

Fraternally,
C. J. OSBORN.

DEATH COMES TO JOHN TROMBLE FARMERS U. HEAD

END CAME LATE MONDAY AT KANSAS CITY

A Tireless Worker in The Cause, He Had Much to His Credit—Friends Here Believe Collapse Due to Overwork

John Tromble, 65, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, died late Monday at St. Joseph's hospital, in Kansas City. He had been there since March. That month he collapsed in the lobby of the Glenmon hotel, that city, and was taken to the hospital.

For a long time he hovered between life and death. At times he would show improvement, later to sink again. A few days before his death it was known he could not recover. C. E. Brasted, secretary of the Farmers Union, left Sunday for Kansas City to be present at the end.

Tireless Worker for Farmers
His death will come as a distinct loss to farm organizations of this state for he was a tireless fighter. Since his official connection with the Farmers Union, he had devoted his best efforts to the cause. He believed in co-operation with other farm organizations. As a result of his leadership there was little if any friction, but marked progress. One of his outstanding acts was his endorsement, in 1924, of the method adopted in 1924 by eight middle western states in striving co-operatively to gain a reduction in freight rates on grain and other farm products.

Mentioned for Office
John Tromble was a democrat, he served in the lower branch of the legislature from Mitchell county in the sessions of 1913 and 1915, was frequently mentioned as a nominee for governor, and refused at least one lucrative federal appointment. But in spite of his own political leanings, he kept the farmers union free of politics.

Worked Too Hard
That "Uncle John" as he was familiarly called by his associates in the Farmers Union, had been working too hard the past few years for his age, and that this work had its effect on his health, is the opinion of these close friends. His duties were too numerous and his work too heavy, they believe. The following positions held by him at the time of his death, will give an inkling of this responsibility. Mr. Tromble was chairman of the board of directors of the Farmers Union State Bank, Kansas City, Kan.; president of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas City, Mo., and Salina, Kan.; president of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission, Kansas City, Mo., which is the second largest in the city, and which also has a branch office at Wichita; president of the Farmers Union Co-operative Creamery, Kansas City, Mo.; a director of the Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing Association; a director of the National Farmers Union; president of the National Live Stock Board; a member of the board of the Corn Belt committee; a counselor and adviser to the Farmers Union Auditing Association and the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance companies and a member of the Trans-Missouri Kansas Shippers advisory board, all in addition to his work as president of the Farmers Union organization itself.

His Heart With the Farm
A farmer himself, and therefore centering his interests upon problems of the farmer, he had been the leader in the organization for much farm legislation in Kansas and the past year spent a great deal of time at Washington, D. C., using his efforts in favor of the passage of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, which was vetoed by the president. It is during the past few years, as well, that the Farmers Union association has organized banks at various places in the state under the leadership of Mr. Tromble. These banks now number eight, the last one opened at Beloit but last week. The other banks are located at Phillipsburg, Agra, Kirwin, Lyndon, Lawrence, WaKeeney and Ulysses.

Mr. Tromble was born in Cass county, Nebr., August 26, 1861. He came to Kansas in 1903 settling near Beloit, in Mitchell county where he still owns land. He was elected vice president of the Kansas Farmers Union in 1918 and was elected president of that organization in 1922, which office he has held continuously since. He served as business manager of the Mitchell County Farmers Union when it was first organized. He was county commissioner for a time from his district in Mitchell county and in 1915 was elected to represent his district in the state legislature, and it was during this period of his career that he received the name of "Honest John" from his associates. In 1926 he was mentioned prominently by Kansas democrats as gubernatorial timber but he always met such suggestion with the reply, "I can do so much more good where I am."

Influence More Than State-Wide
Mr. Tromble's influence extended much further than the confines of this state, for on account of wide experience and influence in farm matters, his opinion has been sought by those in other states. With him at the time of his death were his wife and his daughter, Mrs. O. E. Dodd, both of Salina and his son, Frank Tromble, of Cass county, Nebr., also C. E. Brasted, secretary of the Farmers Union, Salina. His family returned to Salina by motor car, while his body, which arrived here over the Union Pacific was accompanied by C. E. Brasted. Mr. Tromble's death will make a

great gap in the Farmers Union organization, the directors feel. At his death the presidency of the organization fell to C. E. Huff, of Oronoque, who has served as vice-president for the past two years. Mr. Huff will serve until October, the time of the annual business meeting of the Farmers Union.

In addition to his family five brothers survive, Lee Tromble, Edmond, Kansas; Loe Tromble, living in Wyoming; Abe Tromble, living in Nebraska and Dan Tromble, Lincoln, Kansas, also Zelde a 12 year old niece of Mrs. Tromble's who has made her home with them for the past eight years.—Salina Journal.

PROMINENT MEN PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO JOHN TROMBLE

University Methodist Church Filled For Last Rites Thursday Afternoon—Many From Distance

The University Methodist church was crowded last Thursday afternoon with friends and close associates of John Tromble, for whom funeral rites were held at 2:30 in charge of Rev. C. E. Huff, Oronoque, Kan., vice president of the Farmers Union in this state and a close friend of Mr. Tromble.

Among the crowd were men of national reputation in the Farmers Union work, as well as in other lines that had brought them in contact with the man that had become nationally known in his work. Rev. Huff was assisted with the service by Rev. George Balcourt, pastor of the University Methodist church, while music was furnished by a quartet. Floral offerings were among the most numerous ever seen at a funeral in Salina and represent tokens from friends from many different states. Pall bearers were close friends and associates in the Farmers Union work in this particular field. They were E. E. Woodman, Kansas City; C. E. Brasted, Charles Simpson, T. B. Dunn, M. L. Amos, of Salina and H. E. Witham, of Kansas City. Honorary pall bearers were Charles Barrett, Atlanta, Ga., national president of the Farmers Union; A. C. Davis, Springfield, Mo., national secretary; Milo Reno, Des Moines, State President Iowa Farmers Union; W. C. Lansdon, Washington, D. C., U. S. Board of Tax Appeals; John Simpson, Oklahoma City, State President Oklahoma Farmers Union, and L. E. Cottrell, Des Moines, member of the National Board of the Farmers Union.

Interment was made in Gypsum Hill cemetery. Charles Barrett, national president of the Farmers Union, who has just gone to Washington, D. C., on urgent business, left there early this week upon receipt of the message of Mr. Tromble's death in order to attend the funeral.

"I have never had a death outside my immediate family that has affected me with the sorrow that has come upon the death of John Tromble," Mr. Barrett said. "And I considered him one of my best friends. There has never been a man in Farmers Union work, and I speak from my experience nationally, that has done more for the organization and for the farmer than Mr. Tromble. The Farmers Union has sustained its greatest loss in his death, I believe. Mr. Tromble, lived, not for himself, but for the farmer and his work in their behalf was one of the most unselfish that I have ever seen. He was the hardest worker I have ever seen and was 'on the square' at all times. That there are so few of his type will but make our loss the keener."

A tribute was also paid to the man, whom all of his associates admired and loved, by A. C. Davis, Springfield, Mo., national secretary of the Farmers Union, who was also here for the funeral service.

"To me," Mr. Davis said, "has been given the privilege of intimate association with all the men who have been placed in positions of leadership in the great Farmers Union movement since the inception of the organization. With no intention to disparage other men who have labored for the cause, I am perfectly safe in saying that none has excelled in stature our departed friend. 'Uncle John' played the game four square. He was above being tempted to do things in dark and dubious ways. To him life was a great game to be played fair. He was fair to the farmers whom he served and fair to the public and conscientious in his duties as a public servant and as a private citizen."

"The Farmers Union suffers a severe loss. His place will be hard to fill, in fact it never will be filled. My personal loss is great for I have lost a friend and while acquaintances are numerous, friends are too few. My words fail to convey my sad thoughts upon this occasion. Tributes sound weak and barren and words without end might be used to sum up this brief statement, 'Uncle John' Tromble lived and died a man."

Among the messages of regret received by the family was one from Senator Arthur Capper, who is now away from Washington on work that would not permit his coming home at this time. James G. Strong, representative of the Fifth district, arrived in time also to attend the funeral services.

Other friends and associates of Mr. Tromble, here for the funeral were A. E. Cottrell, Des Moines; F. E. Wheatcraft, Chicago, Ill.; A. W. Seamans, Kansas City; Ralph Chapman, Paoli; John Veasey, Kansas City; E. C. Trull, Kansas City; O. J. Gould, State Dairy Commissioner, Topeka, Kan.; F. A. Dawley, Manhattan, Kan.; C. J. Cox, Ashland, Kan.; E. R. Downie, Wichita; L. J. Alkire, Wichita, Kan.; A. J. Kaiser, Paola, Kan.; C. H. Hyde, Alva, Okla.; C. S. Nealey, Kansas City; E. A. Kizer, Des Moines; E. E. Woodman, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Witham, L. E. Le Voss, Kansas City; D. G. Francis, Hartford; U. S. Alexander, state treasurer. (Continued on page 3)

MOVES HERE IN JUNE

C. E. Huff, who is now president of the Farmers Union, being raised to that position upon the death of the late John Tromble remained in Salina until Friday, when he returned to his home at Oronoque. He will make plans to move his family here as soon as possible, he says. There are six members of the Huff family, Mr. and Mrs. Huff and four children. His visit to Salina on this occasion has evinced in his mind in a impressive way, he says, the kindness and sympathy of Salina people and he is looking forward with pleasure to a residence in this city.

Among the late arrivals for the service were Congressman James Strong of Blue Rapids, who motored here Thursday morning; E. L. Bullard, Kansas City; J. B. Shields, Lost Springs; O. K. Marley, of the Farmers Union bank, Kansas City; R. D. Samuelson, one of the state directors and F. E. Nelson of Olsburg; J. C. Felts, state director, Lebanon; H. B. Whitaker, state director, Emporia; M. V. Gates, state director, Logan; Walter Kinsley, Logan; C. S. Neeley, Kansas City; Leonard Morris, Herington; C. E. Clark, McPherson; Jas. Nogaard and Jas. Larson of Superior, Neb.; Paul Mencke of McPherson. The majority of these visitors returned home Thursday.

W. C. Lansdon, former vice president of the state organization, now with the board of appeals at Washington, D. C., remained in Salina until Friday, leaving that afternoon for Topeka. Mr. Lansdon and family now make their home at Washington, but he comes back here frequently about a third of his time being spent away from Washington and a trip to Kansas is often made on these occasions. Mr. Lansdon visited Mr. Tromble at the time of his recent illness in Kansas City but was called from there to Washington. He left there Tuesday for Salina for the funeral service.—Salina Journal.

THE BEST LOVED MAN IN KANSAS

"John Tromble, who always has something to say; John Tromble, the best man in Kansas today; John Tromble, who writes with a sharp pointed pen; John Tromble, a natural born leader of men; Uncle John to us boys who love him so well; Fighting John to grafters who hate him like hell; Over all our great leaders, he towers as chief; Demanding that farmers shall have some relief."

Judged by his great love for humanity, and by his rigid principles of justice for all men, John Tromble is the greatest man Kansas has ever produced. Sincere and earnest in his convictions, and fearless in his stand for equal rights for Agriculture with other great industries, he held not only the love of his associates, but the respect and esteem of those who were opposed to his beliefs. The cause of Agriculture has suffered a great loss, but his work will go on. The spirit of John Tromble will ever be near those who have associated with him in the past, encouraging them to carry on the work for which he gave up his life. When the history of successful Co-operative Marketing has been written, John Tromble's name will be found very near to the top of the list of those who have made possible this success. A. M. Kinney.

EXPRESSION OF SORROW

I can't express our sorrow in losing our President, Mr. John Tromble. I feel more determined than ever to build up the Union. As I feel its the best monument we can build for him. Respectfully, Jake Slingsby.

Lynchburg, Va., April 27, 1927.
Mr. C. E. Brasted, Secretary,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Brother Brasted:—
On my return to the office this morning I find your telegram announcing the death of Hon. John Tromble, which of course comes as a surprise and a great shock as he seemed to be in the best of health when I met him at St. Paul, Minn., on the 12th of March. One of our great leaders is gone, one who has devoted time, means, and in fact all, to the Farmers Union. His place will be hard to fill, both in the National and Kansas State Union.

As a personal favor, Brother Brasted, I want you to express to the family of Brother Tromble my deepest sympathy as I have lost a co-worker and a good personal friend.

With kindest regards, I am
Fraternally yours,
GEO. H. BOWLES, Sec'y.

LETTER OF SYMPATHY

Parsons, Kansas, May 1, 1927.

My Dear Mrs. Tromble:—
Please accept these few lines as a message of sympathy in this trying time of your sorrow and bereavement. Words are inadequate to express the deep sincere sorrow we all feel at the loss of dear Uncle John, at a time when we needed him so bad, and he was sacrificing so much for us all. While his noble presence will be with us no more in the flesh, that splendid courage and sense of right and justice which he has instilled into the true Union people will live and grow and bear its fruits a hundred fold for the very works sake, but few such leaders as he.

I regret very much not being able to see him while sick or attend his funeral, but we are so far away and so busy carrying out part of his great plan of Co-operation.

Let us not mourn for him as lost. No, he is just gone on to his reward. Just over the great divide waiting and watching for others to follow. "Greater love hath no man than he give his life for his fellow men."

Uncle John has followed closely in the foot steps of the man of Galilee. Walking, talking, working, ever, to try to help and benefit others, even though he neglect himself and his

own personal affairs. He will live in the hearts of some of us boys as long as life its self remain. "Oh, for a touch of that kindly hand, for a sound of that voice forever stilled."

May God bless and comfort you in this and the lonely days and years to follow and may his noble example of loyalty and faithful service be an inspiration to every true Kansan forever.

Sincerely, your friend

O. M. Lippert.

PROMINENT MEN PAY LAST RIBUTE TO JOHN TROMBLE

(Continued from page 2)

er of the Farmers Union, Winfield; A. M. Kinney, president of the Farmers Union Managerial association; Huron; Peter Mumm, C. J. Diedrick, John Huber, Selden; George Dean, William Troutman, Beloit; W. E. Spencer, St. John; C. C. Kilian, Green; Anton Peterson, Greenleaf; John Chittenden, of Hays, Ben Nove, Wakarusa; H. A. Waters, president of the Marshall County Farmers Union; and John Frost, Blue Rapids. —The Salina Journal.

MOTHER'S DAY

Prayer of the Mother After the Children Have Gone to Bed
Frank Crane

They are asleep, O God, and I am tired, and I want the hush of a half-hour with thee.

God, I could not bear to be a mother another day if I thought I should be called to account for all my mistakes. I would never seek Thee unless I thought Thou wert as forgiving and love-blind as I; but because my own children never come to me without my own heart leaping to meet them so I learn to be very bold toward my Father which is in Heaven.

I am all faults. My very love trips

up my wisdom, and my care breeds worry, and my sense of expediency makes me disloyal to the truth. One has to be very great and good to be a mother. No one short of God Himself could be equal to it.

But I love them, God; and in love I climb beside Thy seat.

Teach me Thine own wondrous skill and indirection, so that I also may learn to wait, and to suffer and, by long wisdom to circumvent.

I know it is of no avail to tell them anything. I know their little eyes are sharp, and see my soul, and that they copy me. Therefore, make me good, good in my deepest purpose, good in my very desires.

Make me all I want them to be, strong and true and great-hearted. Save me from the irritation of little things. Give me the long vision, the sense of perspective, so that I may judge between essentials and non-essentials.

Let me be a real mother to my children, mending their souls and fancies and helping weave their dreams, as well as attending to their bodies.

Help me to learn wisdom the secret of trust in Thee from their trust in me.

And keep them from harm, and let them grow up sound and unspoiled.

And make them always love me. Amen.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

We wish to thank the many kind friends and neighbors for sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our father and husband. Especially do we thank the Bert Breon Motor Co., for services, the friends who sent telegrams and letters and the many newspapers for their articles. Also for the beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. John Tromble and family.

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JOHN TROMBLE, FARM HEAD DIES

President of Kansas Union Credited With Much Relief Legislation
John Tromble, 66 years old, president of the Kansas Farmers' Union since 1921, died in the St. Joseph hospital late yesterday, a victim of heart disease.

Mr. Tromble was taken to the hospital March 26 when he became ill at a downtown hotel. His home was in Salina, Kan.

With him at the time of his death was his wife, who was summoned from Salina a week ago when his condition became grave.

Mr. Tromble, a farmer all his life and a tireless worker on behalf of the farmer, assumed the presidency of the Kansas Farmers Union in 1921, when Maurice McAuliffe resigned.

The following year he was elected to head the organization and had been re-elected every year since.

His early work with the organization was in Mitchell county, Kansas, where he was manager of the County Farmers' union at the time the state organization was being formed in Kansas. Recognition of his work in Mitchell county, led to his being elected lecturer for the state organization and he became vice president in 1919.

Served in Legislature
Mr. Tromble served one term as a state senator in the legislature at Topeka.

In the summer of 1923, friends felt that as one of the Middle West's leaders in the farmers' co-operative marketing movement he was entitled to still higher political honors. A Tromble boom was launched for his nomination as the Democratic candidate for United States senator to oppose Senator Arthur Capper.

Then in 1926 legislative and farm leaders announced themselves in favor of running Mr. Tromble as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor at the time Gov. Jonathan M. Davis was considered a potential candidate for the presidency of the United States.

No such boom was launched, however, and Mr. Tromble supported Governor Davis in his campaign for re-election.

Native of Nebraska
Mr. Tromble had been associated with farm life since birth, his home being on a farm in Cass county, Neb. He moved in 1901 from Nebraska to a farm six miles east and nine miles south of Beloit, Kan. It was while living on this farm he became interested actively in the problems of the farmer.

Much of the state legislation that has been put through by the Kansas Farmers' union was credited to the efforts of Mr. Tromble. Much of his time the last year was spent in sponsoring the McNary-Haugen farm relief measure, which he spent several months in Washington during the last congress.—K. C. Journal.

DEATH OF JOHN TROMBLE

John Tromble, 66 years old, of Salina, Kan., president of the Kansas Farmers' Union, died late Monday of heart disease in the St. Joseph hospital, Kansas City. Mr. Tromble collapsed in March in the lobby of the Glennon hotel, Twelfth street and Baltimore avenue, and was taken to the hospital.

Mr. Tromble was the militant leader of a militant farm organization. As executive of the Farmers' Union a group of farmers banded together on the self-help principle, he naturally was vitally interested in co-operative marketing. Not only did he foster such farmer owned enterprises but co-operated with other groups in advancing larger phases of the movement, such as the wheat pool. The success of the union's co-operative creamery in Kansas City, Kas., the Union's Jobbing Association and wheat and livestock selling agencies on the Kansas City and St. Joseph markets, is testimony of his vision in advancing the co-operative principle beyond the country shipping point.

Also Mr. Tromble believed that the farmer should speak strongly when he believed his rights in danger. In two events of recent times Mr. Tromble was one of the leaders in the battle for enactment of the McNary-Haugen bill and the campaign for lower freight rates on farm products. He spent considerable time in the last three years in Washington representing his organization.—Kansas City Weekly Star.

JOHN TROMBLE

John Tromble's death is a severe loss to the farmers of Kansas in their present efforts to organize more efficiently for the welfare of agriculture, both in co-operative marketing and in representing the farming interest before the country and Congress. The Farmers Union, of which he was president in Kansas, has not always co-operated with other farm organizations, which have acted often independently of each other, but under his direction there has been greater unity among Kansas farm organizations generally. In the contest at Washington over measures to advance the interests of American agriculture the two outstanding figures in this stage have been John Tromble of the Farmers Union and Ralph Snyder of the Federation of Farm Bureaus. They and their organizations were in complete accord throughout the struggle for the McNary-Haugen plan. The work done by John Tromble in unifying and mobilizing farm organizations in this movement, attracted national attention. Had he lived he would in all likelihood have succeeded to the presidency of the National Farmers Union.

Under the liberal leadership of such men as Tromble and Snyder there has come about a greater unity among all Kansas farm organizations in state than in national matters, and especially on the question of state tax revision along more liberal and modern lines.

Kansas farmers will remember and honor the exceptional services of John Tromble. He was one of the

leaders with broad and enlightened views of the possibilities of organization of the farming industry who can least be spared. His place can easily be filled in the Farmers Union in Kansas, or the country.—Topeka Daily Capital.

Wakeney, Kans., April 27, 1927.
Mr. C. E. Brasted,
Salina, Kansas;
Dear friend:

I am very sorry to learn of Uncle John's death. Words cannot express my appreciation for having had the opportunity to work with him, in the small way that I have been privileged to, and the opportunity to have associated with him. I only hope that in death his influence will be broadened in gait and his influence will be greater than it has been in life.
—R. T. SCHOLFIELD.

The death of John Tromble is a distinct loss to Kansas and the middle western states. Every farm organization in the middle west has benefited from his experience and his efforts, and always he has been busy about the tasks and duties that might help to develop Kansas and her neighboring states.

His going by those who had business dealings with him will be felt keenly because of his fine spirit of fair play and honesty and the fact that he could see both sides of the question and in his attempt to solve any problem the fundamental rule by which he made his decision was on the basis of right.

His kindly nature, cheerful outlook on life and his friendly greeting will always be a pleasant memory with us. He was kind to the young man and desirous of trying to help him find himself and took pride in seeing the young man try to measure up to his esteem. We are saddened by his going but grateful for his acquaintance and friendship.—Saline County Independent.

JOHN TROMBLE IS DEAD

John Tromble, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, died at St. Joseph's hospital in Kansas City Monday night, following an illness of about four weeks. Heart failure was the immediate cause of death. Mr. Tromble was 66 years of age, having been born August 26, 1862, in Cass county, Nebraska. He moved to a farm near Beloit in 1902, and when the Farmers Union was organized in that county he became active in its behalf. He was later elected as president of the state union a position he has held for the past seven or eight years, and which he filled with eminent satisfaction. He was frequently mentioned as a candidate for governor or the democratic ticket, but steadily avoided politics and gave his entire attention to the affairs of the Union, which has prospered under his administration. Tromble was a man of fine ability and high character and became one of the widest known among the farm leaders of the state. He has visited Osborne in his official capacity, and on the occasion of the Farmers Union picnic here in the fall of 1922 he was the principal speaker. His home was in Salina.—Osborne County Farmer.

THE FARMER LOSES A FRIEND

In the death of John Tromble, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, the farmers lose a valuable friend. Not only the farmers, but the people of the agricultural central west mourn the passing of a man whose program was not one of placing a distinctive mark or a barrier between rural and urban life, but a policy of co-operation whereby all might share in a general prosperity.

Mr. Tromble was a farmer at heart and his position as head of a great farmers' organization enabled him to demonstrate more clearly the ability that was in him, and to make himself a figure of more than state-wide importance. Many of the measures he championed have been enacted, largely because of his own efforts. He was a stout and fair fighter for the principles study convinced him were sound. At times, as is the fate of leaders, he met defeat, but defeat has been temporary. He was an ardent champion of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, which was vetoed. But the fighters have not been beaten and the question will press with more force than ever when the next congress is convened. In the matter of freight rates he fought for reductions which, it is generally believed, this section of the country is entitled to receive.

He died in harness. Until sickness forced him to quit, he was strenuously working for those principles which are a part of the organization he headed. His place will be difficult to fill.—Salina Journal.

FUNERAL HELD THURSDAY

Funeral services for John Tromble, president of the Farmers' Union, who died at the St. Joseph hospital in Kansas City Monday, was held at the University Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 2:30 with Rev. C. E. Huff, pastor of the Christian church at Oronoque, Kan., in charge, assisted by Rev. George Bolcourt, pastor of University church. Mr. Huff is vice president of the Farmers' Union organization of the state and was a very close friend of Mr. Tromble. Mr. Tromble, a member of the church of Christ, had always retained his membership with the country church near Asherville, with which he became affiliated during his early residence in Mitchell county.

Mr. Tromble's body arrived in Salina Wednesday night at 10:40 over the Union Pacific from Kansas City and was taken to the family home where it will lie in state until the hour of the funeral Thursday afternoon. C. E. Brasted, secretary of the organization accompanied the body here, while members of Mr. Tromble's family drove home from Kansas City.

Among Mr. Tromble's brothers who attended the funeral were Abe and Dan Tromble, Lincoln, Kan., and Lee Tromble, of Edmond, Kan. His other brothers, Alfred, of Colridge, Neb., and Chester, whose home is in Wyoming, were unable to attend.

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY

Expressions of sympathy that have been received at the office since the passing of President John Tromble: Manhattan, Kan., April 26, 1927.
Mr. C. E. Brasted, Sec.
State Farmers Union,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Brasted:
I note, with much regret, the death of your President, John Tromble. I would convey to you, from the Farm Bureau folks of Kansas, our deepest sympathy in your loss.

I feel that your loss is likewise a loss to the farming interests of the state, and especially so in the strenuous battle we are experiencing now and likely to experience for some time to come in adjusting the economic status of American Agriculture as compared to other industries. Mr. Tromble was one of the most zealous and effective exponents of the farmers cause. The efforts he put forth and the responsibilities he assumed may have shortened his life. No doubt they did.

It should give consolation to his family and friends and business associates to realize that these sacrifices have borne fruit and that the State of Kansas is better for John Tromble having spent his life within its borders.

Every Farmers Union member in Kansas should feel inspired to do his bit to carry on the work which he must appear to you the untimely death of your President has left unfinished.

Sincerely yours,
Ralph Snyder, Pres.

Bison, Kan., April 25, 1927.

Mr. C. E. Brasted,
Dear Sir:—Your telegram dated April 26th received, announcing the sad news of the death of our beloved President of the Farmers Union of the State of Kansas, John Tromble, as Uncle John. This was the saddest news ever received by me in my life time, and the loss to us farmers can never be recovered. No man can appreciate the things that Uncle John has done for us. He was a man who had grown up in comfort and ease, but he had gone out to work for the interests of the farmers, coming in contact with all kinds of grief and oppositions for us. Going here and there at all times of the day and night, living an irregular life that would kill any man, and which has surely taken a good many years from his own life. If any person should doubt for a moment the praise due him they should just go out in their neighborhood and ask each and every man to just take his place for six months and see what the answer would be. The way seems very dark at present, but, Uncle John has given his best, and we must not let all his efforts be in vain, but must take up where he left off and continue his work. Please extend my sympathies to his family and relatives.

Arthur Glessner.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 27, 1927.
Mr. C. E. Brasted,
Secretary, Kansas Farmers Union,
Salina, Kansas.
Dear Brother Brasted:
I need not tell you that I was pained and shocked to get the news of the death of John Tromble. I was prepared in a way for it, however, because I have had information through National Secretary Davis and Milo Reno of Brother Tromble's serious condition. I cannot attend the funeral because I have been dated to speak this week.

It is a serious blow this to our Union folks in Kansas, and for that matter it is a blow to the entire movement, for John Tromble was one of those sturdy characters concerning whom no doubt ever existed as to where he stood.

A stout and fair fighter for the personal and official, the heartfelt sympathy of our folks up here in the northwest.

I have written an article for the paper, but I would like to have a brief obituary covering date and place of birth, when he became President of the Kansas organization, etc.

Yours very truly,
A. W. Rickel.

Omaha, Nebr., April 26, 1927.
Mrs. C. E. Brasted,
Salina, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Brasted:
I can't tell you how sorry I was when I received your telegram last night, telling of the death of John Tromble.

I had a long ride with him from St. Paul, Minn., to here, and I had heart talk about problems concerning the National Union and in this conversation I saw John Tromble in a light that I had never before and I thought that I knew him before that time.

We had dinner in Omaha and he took the train about three o'clock for his old home at Alvo. I will never forget this conversation.

Now, Mr. Brasted, we are going to ask you to perform a little service for us. Will you please order some flowers for the Farmers Union of Nebraska, I am hoping it will be possible for some of us, at least, to get down to the funeral, which I see by your telegram is Thursday afternoon at Salina. If there should be any change, will you please wire me?

Yours very truly,
H. G. Kenney, President.

Topeka, Kan., April 26, 1927.
Mr. C. E. Brasted,
Farmers' Union, Salina, Kan.

Dear Mr. Brasted:
In the absence of Senator Capper, who is in New York on a business trip, I acknowledge receipt of your telegram of April 25th, advising him of the death of John Tromble. I wired Senator Capper at once. I know he was grieved to receive the report of Mr. Tromble's death, for he had great admiration for Mr. Tromble and always considered him one of his

very best friends. It will be a matter of great regret to Senator Capper that he will be unable to attend the funeral.

All of us who knew Mr. Tromble are grieved by his passing and look upon his death as a distinct loss to agriculture. He was recognized everywhere as one of the nation's farm leaders. Very respectfully,
W. H. Sanders, Secretary.

Topeka, Kansas, April 26, 1927.
Mr. A. W. Seamans, Manager,
Farmers Union Co-operative Creamery,
Kansas City, Missouri.

I was shocked and grieved to hear of the death of our good friend, John Tromble. He had a splendid character and a good friend whom we greatly appreciated, not only because of his kindly nature and disposition but because of his sterling worth on behalf of agriculture. Personally, I was very fond indeed of Mr. Tromble and I shall miss him sadly.

I have asked Mr. Gould to attend the funeral Thursday afternoon at Salina, as our representative. I would like to go myself as a mark of respect and tribute but unfortunately I have another engagement which I really cannot break without a great deal of inconvenience to others.

I have written Mr. Tromble a little note of sympathy.
Sincerely,
J. C. MOHLER, Sec'y.
(Secretary of Kansas State Board of Agriculture)

Yankton, So. Dak., April 28, 1927.
The Kansas Farmers Union
Care C. E. Brasted, Secretary,
Salina, Kansas.

The South Dakota Farmers Union mourns the loss of one of the most aggressive and constructive leaders the Union has ever known. While Brother Tromble has fought a good fight and finished the course, his influence will remain and continue as the Union presses in toward the goal that is set before it. While our sympathies go to his bereaved state Union, we all wish to be counted among that great throng now standing with bowed heads in silence before the work of the grim reaper.

Not only will Brother Tromble be missed, but his absence from future councils and battles will be sensed as an inestimable loss.
J. W. Bachelder, State Pres.
E. H. Sauer, State Secretary.

Topeka, Kan., April 26, 1927.
Mr. C. E. Brasted,
Salina, Kansas.

My dear Mr. Brasted:
The morning papers given an account of the death of Mr. Tromble, which ends a period of anxiety which I have felt ever since he was stricken.

The co-operative work among farmers has lost a great leader, and the Farmers Union a splendid officer. I take it that you have been taking care of the details of the illness of Mr. Tromble, and that you may even have more to do and more problems to settle on account of his death, and I therefore hasten to advise you that I desire that you call upon me if at any time or in any way you think I can be of service to you or to the organization.

Very cordially and sincerely yours,
A. M. Harvey

Girard, Kan., April 27, 1927
Pauline Cowger, Secretary to
John Tromble, Salina, Kan.

Whereas it has pleased the Divine Ruler of the universe to remove from our midst, John Tromble, our worthy State President of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, and whereas our Union has lost a valued and true worker for the co-operative movement in Kansas. Therefore be it Resolved that we the Crawford County Union No. 25 regret the going of Brother Tromble and that we extend our sympathy to Mrs. Tromble and family. And that a copy of these resolutions be

sent to the bereaved family and a copy be printed in our State Paper.
Geo. H. Hamm, President.
Geo. Thompson, Secretary.

Columbia, Mo., April 26, 1927
The Kansas Farmers Union,
Salina, Kansas.

We deeply grieved to learn of Mr. Tromble's death and hereby tender my deepest sympathy to his family and to the splendid organization of which he was the official head, and which he served so faithfully. He was in truth one of agricultures grand old men and it was fitting that he should have died in the midst of the battle. How beautiful and splendid it would be if out of respect to his memory every member of the Farmers Union in Kansas would strive to obtain a new member during the next thirty days.

William Hirth,
Chairman Corn Belt Committee.

Bison, Kan., April 28, 1927
C. E. Brasted, Sec. Farmers Union,
Salina, Kansas.

We the members of County Union No. 37 Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, wish to express sympathy by resolution in the loss of our beloved President and Friend, Honorable John Tromble. Be it further resolved that we extend our sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.

Arthur Glessner, President,
Louis Chaumberg, Treasurer.

Bison, Kan., April 28, 1927.
C. E. Brasted,
Sec. Farmers Union, Salina, Kan.

We the members of Illinois local No. 794 Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, wish to express sympathy by resolution in the loss of our beloved president and friend, Honorable John Tromble. Be it further resolved that we extend our sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.

Arthur Glessner, President,
Eldridge I. Shank, Sec.

Columbia, Mo., April 28, 1927
C. E. Brasted,
Salina, Kansas.

We cannot fully express our sorrow caused by death of Mr. Tromble. I feel I have lost a true friend and that the Farmers of the United States have lost an outstanding sincere capable and effective leader. The cause

for which he gave his life will suffer because of the loss of his leadership, but it must be carried on.
Howard A. Cowden.

Speed, Kansas, April 28, 1927.
I was sorry to hear of Uncle John's death. I think we have lost one of our best men.

The wheat is all gone in this neighborhood but we have been having good rains the last two weeks which makes the ground in good shape for spring crops.
Yours truly,
E. E. WHITNEY,
Sec'y Bow Creek 548.

Denver, Colo., April 28, 1927
Farmers Union of Kansas,
Salina, Kansas.

The farmers Union of Colorado through me, desire to express our deepest sympathy in the loss to you and the farmers everywhere, occasioned by the death of John Tromble, a fearless leader has gone.
T. E. Howard, Sec-Treas.

Des Moines, Iowa, April 27, 1927
C. E. Brasted,
Care Farmers Union, Salina, Kan.

Farmers generally have indeed lost a friend in the death of Uncle John. Convey my sincere sympathy to the family and to all of those who loved him. Will be in Salina Thursday morning.
E. A. Kizer.

Great Bend, Kan., April 28, 1927
C. E. Brasted,
Care Farmers Union Ins. Co.,
Salina, Kansas.

It was with deepest regret that I learned of President Trombles death. The organization and I have suffered a great loss. Impossible to attend funeral.
Joe Brown.

Sioux City, Ia., April 26, 1927
C. E. Brasted,
Salina, Kansas.

Convey my profound sympathy. The organization and I have suffered a great loss. Impossible to attend funeral.
Albert Fickler.

EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION
We of the office force want to take this means to express our appreciation to the many who sent letters and telegrams expressing their sympathy and sorrow in connection with Mr. Tromble's passing. We assure you we do appreciate what you did and that your kindly acts were consoling and a real help.—The Office Force.

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