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FARMERS UNION AND STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

The annual meeting of the state board of agriculture held last week in Topeka brought out several thoughts. The state board of agriculture is closely identified with the progress Kansas agriculture has made in the last sixty-five years—this happens to have been the sixty-fifth annual meeting.

The state board is not hooked up politically in any way. It goes right on with its job of improving Kansas agriculture and agricultural conditions, no matter what political party may be in power. It is not surprising that in its first resolution, the state board of agriculture mentioned the fine cooperation of the Kansas farm organizations. The influence of the farm organizations is reflected in the activities and in the progress of the state board.

But there is one thing which your editor, who attended the sessions of the state board of agriculture this year, wants to point out. Speaking as editor of the Kansas Union Farmer, we want to urge more Kansas County Farmers Union organizations to send delegates to the annual meetings than were represented this year. The Kansas Farmers Union had some mighty good representatives at the meeting, but there were not enough. Other farm organizations had many more than did the Union.

The Kansas board of agriculture will continue to be a most important factor in Kansas agriculture. It offers an avenue through which the Kansas Farmers Union can bring many of its policies into action. The Kansas law governing the situation specifies that County Farmers Unions are eligible to send delegates to the annual meeting, provided there is a "paid-up membership" of 250 in the Farmers Union of the county seeking representation.

The same law and specifications apply to the other general farm organizations.

There are several Kansas counties with a paid-up Farmers Union membership of 250 or more, which were not represented at this year's meeting of the state board of agriculture.

We talked this situation over with some of the people who show know, and we find that it is considered sufficient if a county Union has 250 members—and not necessarily full dues paying members. That would mean that Mrs. John Doe would be counted in on the required membership just as would her husband, John Doe himself. John Doe is the only "dues-paying" member in the family, but according to the constitution and by-laws of the Kansas Farmers Union, John's wife is also a member. Of course, she is a "paid-up" member, though not a dues-paying member except inasmuch as she helps her husband pay the dues.

This point does not seem to be fully established, but it is not at all likely that any one would ever question it. Even on that basis, the Farmers

Union would likely have as many farm families per county representative as any other farm organization.

County Farmers Union officials are urged to get in touch with J. C. Mohler, secretary of the state Board of Agriculture, Topeka, Kansas, as soon as possible and get all the information possible on how to have representation. Certain things, such as the appointment of a crop reporter, are necessary. Mr. Mohler is a busy man, but he is always glad to have Kansas farmers write to him for information.

Let's build up the Farmers Union representation on the state Board of Agriculture.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JOHN VESECKY

BUILDING MEMBERSHIP IN SOUTHEAST KANSAS

My first meeting of last week was on January 6 at South Mound. I rode with Ernest Dean, of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, and Wm. Acuff, Manager of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. branch house at Parsons.

South Mound Coming Back

There used to be a live local at South Mound but gradually it died out until they have been inactive for a long time. There were about 30 present at the meeting and all seemed interested in the Farmers Union program and Farmers Union work. At the close of the meeting, the chairman asked those who were willing to meet a week from the date of that meeting, which would be January 13, to hold up their hands; and 10 of those present held up their hands expressing their willingness to meet and reorganize the local. So it seems the reorganization of the South Mound local is decided.

I hope that the folks at South Mound get their local reorganized and keep on working among the farmers in that locality until they secure the application of every farmer who is eligible to Farmers Union membership. I am sure they have good material there and, with a little work, the South Mound local will again be on the Farmers Union map.

Good Interest at Labette

On January 7 we drove to Labette. After a short literary program, Ernest Dean spoke about the work and the history of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association. Wm. Acuff gave a short talk on the service rendered the farmers in Parsons territory by the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company at Parsons. Afterwards, I spoke for about an hour.

There were 60 or 70 people present at the meeting and all seemed to be very much interested in increasing the membership of the Farmers Union in that locality. As they do not have a Farmers Union elevator in Labette, we stressed the importance

of farmers handling their own products further than just the production of the product. There is quite an active interest in that locality in the organization of a Farmers Union Business Association, so I am hoping that it will not be long before we will have a Farmers Union elevator at Labette, Kansas, and a membership about twice as large as what they have at the present time.

The ladies of the Labette Local served a fine lunch after the speaking. Mr. Marnell, the assistant manager of the Parsons elevator, entertained the audience by fancy buck and wing dancing which would have done credit to some of the vaudeville kings of the stage.

Parsons Doubles Membership

Wednesday, January 8, the Parsons Local had their meeting, with about 65 present. Mr. Dean and Mr. Acuff spoke first, and then the audience listened to President Roosevelt's Jackson Day address, coming in over the radio. After the President's address, I made my talk to a very attentive and interested crowd. From reports I have received since the meeting the Parsons Local has already this year doubled its membership, which is doing very well considering conditions. I am hoping that they keep this up for two or three months and really show what can be done when there is a real honest-to-goodness effort put behind an organization campaign.

Sherwin Junction Looks Good

On January 9, we all drove to Sherwin Junction. There were about 75 present at this meeting. The president of the local not being present, Mr. Fitzgerald, manager of the elevator, presided at the meeting. Mr. Dean and Mr. Acuff and myself spoke in the usual order and, after the meeting, lunch was served. From indications, I am certain that the people around Sherwin Junction are going to increase their membership greatly during the coming year. I am really hoping to have, by next convention time, at least 50 members in the Local at that place. They have plenty of local talent to put on a good membership campaign and to have interesting, instructive meetings; so I do not believe I am expecting too much from this Local in the way of a membership increase.

Dennis To Wake Up

The last meeting of the week, January 10, was at the Dennis Local near Parsons. This Local, like so many Farmers Union Locals, has been asleep so long it finally died; or has been in a state commonly known as sleeping sickness for the last five years. Mr. Hill, the president of the local elevator association, presided at the meeting and I feel sure that they will reorganize and build up a stronger Local than they ever had before. After the meeting a lunch of doughnuts and coffee was served, with everyone participating and everybody seeming to enjoy the meeting.

Encouraging Interest

I was very much encouraged by the interest shown by the folks attending this series of meetings. I feel sure that southeast Kansas will again come to the front as Farmers Union territory. Present times and present day problems call for united effort in an organization built by the farmers themselves; a strictly class organization with a program well balanced, consisting of education, cooperation and legislation. No one can do better, if he has an honest desire to help better the conditions of our farmers, than to sign an application card and join the Kansas Farmers Union, in this way helping himself and his fellow farmers to put over a program which is designed especially for his benefit and which has the promise of solving the problems which face the farmers at the present time.

Supreme Court Decision

I shall not go into any discussion of the Supreme Court decision declaring the AAA unconstitutional, nor of the legislation which is being built by the farm leaders and the administration advisors in Washington. Didn't Go To Washington I received a wire from Secretary Wallace, calling me to Washington for January 10 and 11. The wire came in too late, so it would have been impossible for me to attend the meeting. Besides, I had meetings scheduled for the entire week which I felt were more important to the Farmers Union and to the farmers than my presence would have been in Washington. Later, I received a wire from President Everson asking me to meet with him and other Farmers Union folks in Washington on the 13th. I was compelled, also, to wire President Everson that I could not be there because of previous engagements and meetings which I had arranged to attend.

The legislative program in Washington is in the hands of a committee of 13, among whom is National Secretary Kennedy of the Farmers Union. From reading the reports of the committee, I feel certain that they are capable of formulating real progressive farm legislation.

Apparently the only work the rest of the farm leaders present in Washington have to do is to stand by and watch what happens. Anticipating just such a line up, I felt I could not

afford to spend the money to go to Washington, and, besides disappointing my Farmers Union folks who were expecting me to attend their meetings just to be one of the on-lookers in Washington.

Membership Most Important Now

Whenever the time comes, as it will after this bill is formulated, that the Kansas Farmers Union can render real service to the Kansas farmers by sending a representative to Washington, we will certainly do so, and use every possible means to put over real progressive farm legislation. In the meantime the most important thing before us is to build a stronger, more informed membership in Kansas, so as to increase our power and influence, both in our state and in the nation.

In closing, I wish to thank Ernie Dean of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association; Bill Acuff and Fred Seager of the Parsons branch of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co.; James O'Hara and J. W. Marnell of the Farmers Union Business Assn.; at Parsons, and George Reinhardt, the genial, roving, Local president, for their assistance.

With a large membership right at the starting of the year, the Farmers Union will be more effective than ever before.

JUST "ANOTHER PLAN"

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sors, handlers, millers, packers, elevators, and all such agencies, requiring all purchasers of farm commodities to pay the determined cost of parity prices obtained in any particular locality, possibly fixing a minimum amount of purchase to which this should apply. This regulation could apply to purchases made from the farmers, producers or cooperatives operating under cooperative laws. Such required prices would be based upon the percentage of consumption in the United States. Commodities produced in excess of this determined percentage, would have to be withheld from domestic markets, and would be produced at the producer's own risk, and on a world market basis. Such excess production could be made subject to disposition through established agencies, operating through established cooperatives.

County control committees, and possibly township control committees would be necessary to assist in operating the program, and to safeguard local farmers in matters of differential, production history and control, and kindred matters.

The personnel of such committees would consist of farmers selected from among those in the community. Representation should be encouraged from all farm organizations in each community, with no preference given to any one farm organization.

In each state, a state control committee would be elected annually by the county committees. Members would serve at a determined rate of pay. Local and county committee members could be paid on a per diem basis, out of funds collected from farmers, based on value and volume of marketed products. Collection of such funds should be on a flexible basis to allow for equalization as between large and small producing counties or communities, with the schedule fixed by the state control committee, subject to the approval of the secretary of agriculture.

A small percentage of the income from each sale of farm products, based on a possible minimum fixed to which, a possible minimum fixed to which, and diverted into a crop insurance fund. This fund would be controlled and administered by the state control committee, under the supervision of the secretary of agriculture; and would provide for crop, seed, labor and investment insurance applicable in instances of unavoidable crop failures. Dispensation of insurance funds to affected farmers would be determined by the state control committee, on the basis of appeals made through the county control committee, on the basis of appeals made through the county control committees, and subject to final approval of the secretary of agriculture.

This insurance fund could also be used, in part, to promote foreign markets. It might be necessary for Congress to appropriate an original or emergency fund to allow for claims that might be made before the fund here suggested would become adequate. Such an appropriation could be paid back in due course of time.

Importations of such farm commodities, or their competing substitutes, as are produced in America in sufficient quantities to meet American competitive demands should be forbidden.

By all means, don't refuse to take part in the membership campaign. When your Local needs men for teams of workers, forget excuses. Every member can spare a day or a few days out of the year for his own class organization. Such days will count for more this month than in any other month this year.

The success of the 1936 Membership Campaign depends on the wholehearted cooperation of every one who believes in cooperation and organization.

The Cloak Room

W. P. Lambertson

January 11, 1936

The objective Nye has in questioning Morgan is to prove that it was a rich man's war and a poor man's fight.

There are actually 180 different agencies in the Government that gather statistics. Only the Angels know how many publicity bureaus.

Rep. Woodrum, Democrat, of Virginia, says he favors an act that will make the postmasters the patronage of the minority party. He contends this will keep them in second place. The valleys of Alaska raise the largest beets and the longest rhubarb, yet the ground never thaws more than four feet down through their summer.

Large oil paintings of James Garfield, Joe Cannon, and Martin Madden are the sole decoration in the private room for the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee. These grim monitors of economy are looking down on today.

According to Washington tradition, the White House had to receive the Supreme Court. The President didn't really want them and the court did not want to go. It was another 6-3 decision. The President had the six with him this time. An even break for the week.

Under the recent Taylor grazing act, effecting our public lands in the West, the term "companionate-pasture" is used, meaning the use of a certain range collectively. Cong. Taylor disclaims that Judge Ben Lindsey had anything to do with it, although they are both from Colorado. We started the Bonus bill yesterday, which will ride to success. I am not so elated about this bill when I think of all the rest of the people in the country to whom we owe obligations. It will be a banker's interest-bearing bill to be paid by them. We are not driving any money-changers out of the temple here.

Knoxville, Tenn., sent about all her men as soldiers to the Revolutionary War. When they were over the mountains to the East, an Indian up-rising threatened the folks at home. Volunteers were asked to go back but none responded, and then was instituted the only draft in our history to send soldiers home.

DOINGS OF CONGRESS

By William Lemke

Congress is now in session. Just what the people will get out of this session is a doubtful question. There are real issues before us and they must be met squarely. There is no time for anyone to dodge or get scared of his shadow. He who hesitates is lost. The people demand positive action. There are some politicians foolish enough to believe that we are going back to the Hoover age. To those we say forget it. They are affected with sleeping sickness. We are not going backwards, but going forward. The people of this nation are no longer concerned with Democrats or Republicans. They are Non-Partisans. They are primarily concerned with the citizens of the United States—men and women who will do something for this nation regardless of party affiliation.

More lip service will not be enough to save anyone in the coming election. Words and action must square one with the other. For any politician to claim his enemies are beating false witness will not save the man if he himself bears false witness. The people are aroused as they never have been before and misrepresentation in the coming campaign will be a fatal failure. The public will judge every candidate by his record. They will measure words with facts. Yes, there must be a "yes and nay vote" on all principal legislation, not only in speech but in fact and that vote must appear in the Congressional Record. That and that alone will be taken by the elector as the test of sincerity and honesty of purpose.

The important issues before this Congress are first, the Frazier-Lemke Refinance Bill. This Bill will save at least two million farm homes and will do more to bring about prosperity than all the pending legislation put together. We now have 209 signatures on a petition to bring this Bill out on the floor for disposition of its merits. We lack only 9 more signatures from getting that yes and nay vote the President said in his message to Congress was open to the public. Now let's see how the Congress for five years and there never was a day that it would not have passed the Lower House by an overwhelming vote upon roll call.

Next in importance is the soldiers compensation. The soldiers have now been waiting for about twenty years. It is time we met our just obligation to the defenders of this nation. I hope the President will sign this bill without hesitation. It looks as if the money with which to pay the soldiers will be raised by issuing further tax exempt bonds in place of money. In other words we will pay the soldiers two billion dollars and then pay another two or three billion dollars in interest to bankers on these bonds. I do not blame the soldiers. They are entitled to their pay, but Congress should have had the courage to pay them in cash without bonds.

Next comes the old age pension bill. The liberals are supporting the McGroarty Bill. Whatever form or shape this bill may be finally passed in, it will be a great improvement over the subterfuge bill passed at the last session of Congress called Social Security, but which should in reality have been called Social Security Act.

Then there is the Cost of Production Bill which would give the farmers the cost of production on that part of their products consumed in this nation. No honest person wants to consume the things the farmers

BUT THE TELEPHONE ROAD WAS OPEN

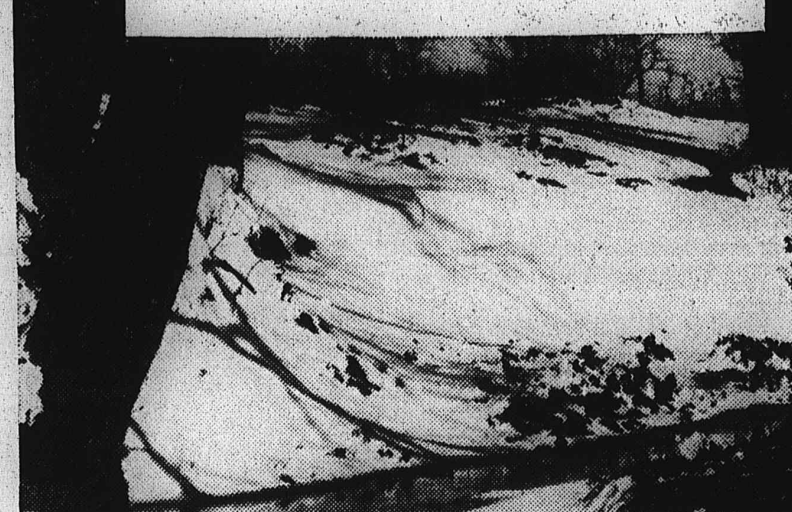
"We live on a cross-road and in bad weather we are sometimes shut in for a week. During one of these storms, my sister was very sick. If it weren't for the telephone, she probably wouldn't be alive today."

"One day it snowed until traveling became very difficult. A neighbor of ours started for the city. Some time later, his anxious wife was notified by telephone that he had not reached town but had found comfortable shelter on the way."

The telephone is your road to others when illness or quarantine keeps you at home. It is the open road to help in time of emergency when you need some one in a hurry. And a willing hand in helping to locate the best market, the highest price, a harvest crew, advice from the county agent, or to bring the friendly voice of a neighbor.



BELL TELEPHONE SYSTEM



Junior and Juvenile Department

Juniors from 16 to 21

Juvenile's from 16 to 6

Floyd H. Lynn, Kansas Junior Leader

A Word About the Junior Program

The Kansas Farmers Union officials are asking the kind indulgence of the members in the matter of the Junior program. The Kansas Farmers Union is desirous of putting on the best Junior program possible this year. A good start was made last year, and the organization, through the delegates at the state convention, instructed the leaders, in no uncertain terms, to go ahead and push the program this year.

However, the definite program has not been finally decided upon. We want the Kansas program to line up with the program of the National Farmers Union and with the Junior programs of the other Farmers Union state organizations. We have not, to date, received the outline from the National Farmers Union Junior leader.

Neither has the Kansas Farmers Union definitely determined the amount of money that can be budgeted for the Junior work in this state. Last year, the state Union spent more money on the Junior program than it could afford speaking from a strict budget viewpoint. However, in spending that money and in dipping into our scanty reserves to do so, we made an investment, which surely will return many fold all that was invested.

But the state organization has gone about as far as it can go, with safety, in the matter of spending money on this program, until we are assured of

sufficient funds in the treasury to handle most of the expense.

This does not mean that there is any likelihood of not being able to put on a good Junior program this year. It does mean, however, that we hesitate to announce just when our intensive program will begin, and just what all it will entail, until we have a clearer vision of just what we will have to go on. We have the word of some of the outstanding statewide Farmers Union cooperative marketing, purchasing and business activities that they stand ready to help. Still no definite figures have as yet been announced. As the membership campaign, now in progress, moves forward, we will be in a good position to make more definite announcements.

We feel that in a few days we will be able to make the definite announcements to which the membership is entitled.

In the meantime, the entire Farmers Union stands indebted to those members who have taken the lead in their respective communities as Junior Leaders, and to those who are offering encouragement to the development of the Junior work in the Locals and in the county Unions. The Kansas Union is rich in such helpful membership. We are sure that just as soon as Junior lessons and projects are outlined and announced, the Kansas Farmers Union will make astonishing progress in the Junior work.

CATTLE ONCE PULLED

PLOW BY THEIR TAILS The plow, simplest and most basic farm implement, reached present excellence only after centuries of painful progress.

Research by the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering shows that the first plows, fashioned from crooked tree branches, were pulled by one or more men, another forcing the crude implement into the soil. The barbarous custom of fastening draft cattle to plows by their tails was practiced as late as 1681.

When an attempt was made to introduce cast-iron plows in the United States, farmers declared they poisoned the soil and prevented crops growing. Sir Robert Peel in 1860 gave his farmers "two iron plows of the best construction." On his next visit they were again using wooden plows, believing that iron plows made the weeds grow.

FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION—For Union Gold, Union Pride and Union Standard Flour.

Who will be the first in your Local to report a new member, or an old member brought back into the Union?

FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION—For Prime Corrugated Sheets.

Farmers are the only ones who will ever build up the Farmers Union. If you lag behind, you hurt your own cause.

Neighborhood Notes

SHERWIN LOCAL FOLKS HAD A GOOD MEETING

A hearty response to President Vesceky's address: Bill Acuff and Ernest Dean were other speakers; good interest shown.

Yes, you have guessed it. Our State President, John Vesceky, has been here. Thursday evening, January 9th, Sherwin Local No. 1856 near Sherwin Junction, held an open house and we had a turn-out of 75 farmers; we also had visitors from Labette, Parsons and Columbus.

We had some mighty good talks by representatives of cooperatives. Mr. Bill Acuff, the manager of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. at Parsons, was the first speaker of the evening, and did a very thorough job of relating the history of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission company from the beginning up to the present time, which was very interesting and showed that they were progressive and an institution farmer-owned and controlled that the farmers should be proud of; and from the remarks the writer has received in the last two days from the farmers of this community I think Bill will enjoy the fruits of his labors.

The second speaker of the evening, who is somewhat better known in this community, having formerly been connected with the Farmers National Grain Corporation at Kansas City, and in the last two years has formed a large circle of friends in this community. Commencing January 1st as traveling representative of our own Jobbing Assn., we were happy to introduce E. K. Dean of Wichita, whose talk was confined to the advantages of cooperative buying, and cooperative selling; and we wish to compliment the manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Assn. on his choice of Mr. Dean as representative of our Jobbing Association, and we feel that the results will be most gratifying.

The final and principal speaker of the evening was the president of the Kansas Farmers Union, Mr. John Vesceky of Timken (office Salina). Mr. Vesceky's message covered a great number of years of farm organization and gave the results attained, which was very interesting history, especially in the cooperative marketing and purchasing field. He stressed the importance of organization of farmers to blaze new roads in what they raise for market. We heartily recommend that farmers read Mr. Vesceky's message in the January 3rd issue of the Kansas Union Farmer.

We hope to have Mr. Vesceky back with us some time in the near future and we are still shaking hands with ourselves over our selection for State President at Iola, and urge other locals to get in touch with Mr. Vesceky for a speaking date.

After the meeting adjourned refreshments were served and every one had a general good time visiting. Sherwin Local 1856 meets again January 23rd, for regular business. Visiting members are invited.

CHAS. FITZGERALD,
Chairman Pro Tem.

RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY Mitchell County

Since God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from our midst the wife of our brother, Charles Hartman, and whereas her death has caused great sorrow in his family as well as to the members of the Farmers Union, the Quarterly Meeting of Mitchell County resolved to extend heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family and relatives. Mrs. Hartman has departed from our midst for a little while. The following coronation was lovingly spoken in honor of her beautiful life and loving deeds: "Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Her foot prints point onward and upward. She rests from her labors and her works do follow her. Death is only an old door. Set in a garden wall. On gentle hinges it gives at dusk When the thrushes call. Along the lintel are green leaves Beyond the light lies still. Very willing and weary feet Go over that sill. There is nothing to trouble any heart, Nothing to hurt, at all; Death is only a quiet gate In an old garden wall.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and a copy to the Kansas Union Farmer paper, and that one be spread upon the minutes of the Quarterly Meeting.

Signed,
Mrs. G. W. Geiser,
Mr. Lee Vetter,
Mr. G. W. Geiser.

NOTICE TO ELLSWORTH COUNTY LOCALS

Ellsworth County Farmers Union No. 41, at its regular meeting January 11, voted to offer each member of all locals in Ellsworth County a premium of fifty cents for each new member secured by them during 1936.

Application cards are to be given to the county secretary, signed by applicant; also, sponsor is to sign his name on the back of each card as such, and the Local secretary is to certify on the back of each card that the applicant has joined his Local and has paid his dues for 1936.

We will furnish you with application cards for the asking.

Chester A. Chapman,
Secretary.

FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION—For Coal.

MITCHELL COUNTY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of Mitchell County Farmers Union was held at Beloit, January 8. There was a bountiful dinner served at the noon hour which was enjoyed by all.

The meeting was called to order by the president, John Schulte. We had our regular business session. All but four of the locals were represented. Mr. Lynn, our speaker, was unable to be present so John Schulte, Ernest Deschner, Joe Schulte, and Henry Seidel each gave a very interesting talk.

Mrs. George Geiser gave a memorial service for the following deceased members: Paul Deirs, Chas. Cambridge, F. A. Kiser, Norval Lomax, Ed Schelinger, John Rhodes, Alex Stander, T. A. Broadbent and Mrs. Hartman.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. Resolved, that we, the members of the Mitchell County Farmers Union, very interested and anxious that they were progressive and an institution farmer-owned and controlled that the farmers should be proud of; and from the remarks the writer has received in the last two days from the farmers of this community I think Bill will enjoy the fruits of his labors.

2. Resolved that all Farmers Union directors and employees patronize the place of business of the Farmers Union.

3. Resolved that we the members of the Mitchell County Farmers Union are opposed to the state organization and the Jobbing Association going into the oil business as we already have a cooperative company.

4. Resolved that we boost the Junior work in every way possible.

5. Resolved that we endorse the National Program of the Farmers Union.

6. Resolved that the expenses for 1936 be cut or the membership be greatly increased.

7. Resolved that we heartily support the Frazier-Lemke Bill.

8. Resolved that we drive back the threat of peasantry by breaking the chain of economic tyranny and striving to be a militant organization which will bring justice and prosperity.

9. Resolved that we support the Thomas-Massingale cost of production bill.

10. In as much as some oil stations are handling beer, we are opposed to it being handled at any of our places of business in Mitchell county.

11. Resolved that we heartily thank the officers and committees that have served the past year.

The following officers were elected:

President—John Schulte, Beloit.
Vice-Pres.—Chas. Seidel, Salina.
Sec.—Treas.—Mrs. Louise Neff, Glen Elder.

Conductor—Chas. Latham, Beloit.
Doorkeeper—Mr. Paulsen, Beloit.

We wish to express our thanks to the ladies of Beloit for the splendid dinner and hospitality extended.

Our next quarterly meeting will be held at Glen Elder.

Mrs. Louis Neff,
Sec. & Treas.

FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION—For Tank Heaters and Stock Tanks.

STAFFORD COUNTY CAMPAIGN IS OFF TO A GOOD START

Senator John Frost of Marshall county, vice president of the state Farmers Union, was main speaker of the evening at the regular meeting of the Stafford County Union, held with Livingston Local Tuesday night this week.

The membership campaign within the county was opened with Tuesday night's meeting and Senator Frost, who will remain in the county until Saturday pointed out the need for a strong organization among farmers in combating those forces which oppose all their efforts at prosperity. Senator Frost cited examples of damage done by huge moneyed interests, explained how "trust busting" began with Theodore Roosevelt, and showed the vital need for legislation to protect the interests of agriculture, small business men, and the laboring class of the agricultural areas.

"I believe there is an urgent necessity for you farm people, you small business men, and the working persons to hang together, and to help one another all the time," he explained. Senator Frost has been one of the most active members of the state senate in working for the interests of the farm groups. He is a farmer himself, operating his farm at Blue Rapids.

The newly elected county officers were installed Tuesday by B. E. Winchester and Mr. Cotton. The new officers, who took charge of the meeting immediately after installation are Ray Harter, president; Irtis Ward, vice president; Edward Slade, secretary-treasurer; Blaine O'Connor, lecturer; Clelland Cole, county reporter.

President Harter outlined some of the pressing needs of the agricultural groups, and explained some of the aims he holds for his county organization. He said that first of all, the farmer is entitled to, and must try strenuously for an equal place in business with other industries. He explained that success in the Union work can only be brought about when members will buy and sell cooperatively, and gave as his opinion that the key to the situation lies entirely in this matter of cooperating in marketing and in buying. He indicated a need for legislation, and for organization to secure such needed legislation. Mr. Harter also said that the farm organization, in order to be most effective, must be a militant, aggressive group.

Reports on recent elections and plans for membership drives were given for all seven locals of the county. The county union voted to appropriate \$65 to the State Union for expenses in organization work, and suggested that each local of the county give an additional \$5.00 to bring the total amount to \$100.

Plans were completed for the start

of the membership drive, with Senator Frost remaining in the county until Saturday to help with this canvass. Illness prevented the presentation of Livingston's program as planned. Norman Suter singing as the only number given.

Next county meeting will be held with Eureka, and refreshments are to be hot dogs and coffee.

BREMEN LOCAL 2122

The Bremen Local 2122 held its regular meeting in connection with a wineo roast Friday night, January 3, 1936. There were nine members and their families present. On account of cold weather we did not have as good a turnout as usual. It was a good meeting just the same. The Referendum Ballot carried.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Louis Leseberg; vice president, F. T. Stohs; secretary-treasurer, F. C. Pralle; conductor, Rudolf Stohs; executive committee, H. D. Gleue, H. Thiele, and H. Duever; Lecturer, Fred Keller.

After the meeting the evening was spent playing pinocle and visiting. At a late hour the ladies served lunch, consisting of winesies and coffee. After lunch was served everybody departed for home feeling that they sure would have missed something if they had stayed at home. Don't forget our next meeting on Friday night, February 7, 1936.

F. C. Pralle, Secy.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

Whereas, Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom and knowledge, has called from this life of toil, the soul of Mrs. Barbara Seus, beloved mother of our charter members, Joseph Seus, Mrs. Anna Heckle, wife of Brother J. A. Heckle, grandmother, and beloved foster mother of Bros. Fred, Lawrence, and Vincent Jacobs, be it therefore,

Resolved that the Farmers Union Odin Local No. 233 express our deepest sympathy in this hour of bereavement, offering up our prayers, and good works for the soul of the departed, and be it further

Resolved that a copy of the Resolutions be sent to the bereaved, a copy be sent to the Kansas Farmers Union, and a copy be put on the permanent record of the Local.

Wm. B. Zecha,
A. A. Beran,
Committee.

In connection with the above resolution, Alois Birzer, secretary of Odin Local says: "When we buried this lady, I believe we buried the oldest, and one of the very first, settlers in this congregation. She was almost 86 years old, and she was one who donated the land our Church is built on. Mr. and Mrs. John Seus moved to Hillsboro, Oregon, in 1911, with part of their family. There the husband, John Seus, died; but she was not satisfied to remain there, and had to come to die. Her son, Joseph, is one of our charter members and acted as our secretary until he moved away. He is still a Union member."

FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION—For Feed Ingredients.

EUREKA NEWS

The Eureka Farmers Union Local No. 2199 in Stafford county, met for its regular meeting Friday evening, January 10, with Clarence Fritze-meier in charge. An executive committee was appointed consisting of: Harden Newell, Clair Newell, and Hart Dunham. A committee consisting of Mrs. W. M. Snell, Mrs. George Irvine and Brent Newell was appointed to get up a play to be taken to the different locals of Stafford county in exchange for one.

The program was as follows: Song by Maridene Newell, "Animal Crackers in My Soup."

Monologue—Mrs. Elbert Weir, "Aunt Jerusha's Visit to the City."

Two songs by Clinton Newell and Calvin Rosacker.

Dialogue: "A Capable Servant," by Roy Gere, George McVey and John Rosacker.

After the program all were invited to the basement for a social hour and refreshments. On account of the muddy roads a number failed to answer to roll call.

Efforts are being made for a membership drive to start as soon as roads are better. The Eureka district was divided into four groups and two men will canvass each group for new and renewing members. Every home is to be visited and an invitation extended to every one who would like to join our Union.

Mrs. J. C. Rosacker, Reporter.

"MANY PAID THEIR DUES"

We had a very interesting meeting of Pleasant View Local in Washington county on December 31, and elected the same officers back again for the ensuing year. We had a good program and a short debate, then the ladies served oyster soup to seventy hungry members and their families. We had two or three visitors.

A goodly number paid their dues, and I think all will soon.

G. H. Barbour, Secy.

PAGE CITY MEETING

The Farmers Union folks near Page City, Kansas, are to have the annual meeting of the stockholders in their cooperative business association on Saturday, January 18, announces Emil Gustafson, manager.

The state secretary of the Kansas Farmers Union, Floyd Lynn, will be present to discuss Farmers Union matters.

LIEBENTHAL MEETING

The Liebenenthal Live Stock Shipping Association and Local No. 648 will hold a meeting, and will elect officers to serve in 1936, at the Liebenenthal school house Thursday evening, January 16.

Adam Herrman, Chairman

FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION—For Cottonseed and Linseed Products.

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY

The Pottawatomie County Farmers Union No. 48 met at Moodyville school house Monday, Dec. 30, at 8 p. m. to elect officers and transact other business of the organization. The following officers were unanimously elected: W. H. Pierson, president; Geo. Stowell, vice president; C. H. Floresch, secretary; O. A. Tennant, D. B. Walker, John Samuelson, executive committee.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Inasmuch as 33 state legislatures have memorialized Congress to pass the Frazier-Lemke farm refinancing bill, and whereas 19 states have a 100 per cent sign up on the petition to bring it out on the floor for a vote, we are suggesting that all Farm Bureau members contact their state and national presidents and find out if they are supporting this bill. If not, why not?

We also wish to urge all farmers to write their Senators and Congressmen for a copy of the "Hearings" on this bill and see just who are supporting it.

Resolved that we go on record for the Patman plan for paying the bonus and are opposed to the Vinson and Byness compromise plan as these are too expensive and do not provide for the sorely needed inflation or reflation of our currency.

We also wish to extend our thanks to the National Union for Social Justice for their faithful support of these bills in the last Congress.

W. H. Pierson, Pres.,
C. H. Floresch, Secy.

GOOD RESULTS AT TRIUMPH

Triumph Local No. 1027 in Nemaha county has voted to send the minutes of the meetings to the Kansas Union Farmer, so a report of the meeting can be published.

The Local met with C. H. Wempe in the chair, according to the minutes.

ent. A number of visitors and a goodly number of ladies and children honored us with their presence. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, and two new applications for membership from J. N. Bieri of Onida and Tony Hang of Seneca, were favorably acted upon.

Triumph Local voted to pay \$7.50 toward the purchase price of a piano for Triumph School District No. 16. Brother Ed. J. Becker suggested that the monthly meeting program be continued, and a motion to that effect, made by V. E. Koehler, carried.

After the business meeting was adjourned, Henry Ronnebaum, captain of the losing team in a membership contest, entertained the crowd with a well arranged and pleasing program. The losing side also served lots of eats and plenty of coffee, and everybody was happy.

J. M. Koehler, captain of the winning team, wrote and dedicated a fitting and clever poem to the losing team. It is printed at the end of this report.

We've had several membership drives this last year, with excellent results. Our membership was more than doubled. We are in another drive now, and more new members already are coming in. The losing team has to set up the eats to the Local.

We are attempting to organize a Cooperative Oil Company now and hope it will be a go in the near future.

—A. J. Boeding, Sec.

PALENSKE TO SPEAK AT NEMAHA MEETING

The Nemaha County Farmers Union will hold its quarterly meeting in Seneca on Thursday, January 23. This will be an all day meeting. We expect to get our business out of the way in the forenoon.

Immediately after lunch, Ross Palenske, member of the state Farmers Union board of directors from this district, will give us a talk. We are sure you will all want to hear Mr. Palenske.

Arrangements are being made for officers of the Farmers Union from nearby counties to be present to make plans and to discuss Junior work and membership drives.

F. B. Roots, County President.

And here is that poem entitled, "To the Losing Team"

The contest is over; the battle we won,
A battle quite serious, yet taken in fun.
Oh, it's mighty hard our joy to hide
For the treat is on the losing side.

Now, Hank, Old Captain, good and true,
Cheer up your men who look so blue.
No, we don't intend to be so mean
For we love and respect the losing team.

The treat is here—now it all depends,
If they fill us up we'll be their friends
If we eat too much and they get sore
We'll sit right down and eat some more.

Now putting all these jokes aside,
We hope we haven't hurt your pride;
You know, now and then a little fun
Is mighty good for everyone.

Don't these new members that we see
Look mighty good to you and me?
And though it may be quite a stunt
We'll put Ole Triumph to the front.

Now, after all is said and done,
Our battle for members has just begun.
So together we stand, divided we fall,
Was Lincoln's motto for one and all.

—J. M. Koehler.

STONE LOCAL 792

Stone Local 792 in Rocks county met at the Chas. Pywell home Thursday afternoon, Jan. 9, to elect officers for the ensuing year. Meeting was called to order by the president, and all joined in the singing of a number of songs. An interesting talk was given by Eliza Mendenhall on the good of the order.

Next was the election of officers. It was moved and carried that all of the old officers retain their old offices.

There were 16 members present and they all paid up for the year. Eureka Local sends an invitation to the Stone Local to bring pies and hear a state speaker, Jan. 22, at the Eureka school house.

Meeting adjourned to meet in two weeks, Jan. 23, in the afternoon at the L. O. Marcotte home. Let us see more of the old members present and join us again this year, also any new members are welcome.

Corresponding Secretary.

CENTER HILL LOCAL NEWS

The Center Hill Local 1147 had its regular meeting at the Center Hill school house, Tuesday evening, January 7. On account of bad weather, there were just a few present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Harry Toburen. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved.

The program committee reported that these following families are to put on the February program: Emil Swanson's, Henry Bulk's, P. O. Hawkinson's, and Ed Potts.

The secretary read three new amendments for the constitution which were voted on and approved. There being no other business the meeting was adjourned. Lunch was served, consisting of cake and coffee.

The remainder of the evening was spent with music and group singing.

Verneal Anderson,
Anna Mae Toburen,
Reporters.



PARTNERS...FOR FIFTY YEARS

"Give me your hand. The cold, unfriendly years
Have been more friendly and less cold, because of you.
When strength was spent and hopes were choked in fears,
Your same calm smile, still glinted through your tears;
And, after that, the fight I thought was through
We fought again, and WON... because of you."

★ FIFTY YEARS AGO Sears, Roebuck and Co. entered into a partnership with the American Farmer. After half a century of getting acquainted, both parties to the arrangement seem pretty well satisfied... Sears still call the farmer "our best customer", and the farmer still calls Sears "our favorite place to trade."

The farmer likes the idea of shopping sitting down... of these little nightly rocking-chair journeys through Searsland. He likes to have the markets of the world bound into a book and laid in his lap. He likes the money-back guarantee that never argues or side-steps, but ungrudgingly and gladly makes good down to the last penny. And, best of all, he likes the steady Sears HIGH QUALITY at the steady Sears LOW PRICE because he knows it SAVES HIM MONEY.

No association ever endures that isn't founded on understanding; and certainly, after all these years, Sears-Roebuck and the farmer understand each other.

We have seen him grit his teeth and bore through, when any man with less hickory in his heart would have signed away the farm and let them have it. We have heard the air ring with the bite of his Sears saw and felt the ground tremble under trees felled with his Sears ax.

Sears can remember when farmers cut their wheat with a cradle, bound it with twists of its own straw

and threshed it with flesh and blood horsepower, hitched to a wooden sweep. Those were the days when his wife's hands were just as calloused as his own... when she lugged water up from the spring in cedar buckets, boiled the clothes in an iron kettle and scrubbed them on a washboard... with children clinging to her skirts.

Today his car eats no man's dust. No wave length is barred against him. Bankers ask, anxiously, about his health. Statesmen, like weather vanes, whirl to his slightest wish. And Sears-Roebuck, who fifty years ago staked all on the farmer, have no reason to regret the decision.

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Back in the old days, where the hill was steepest, they used to throw up what they called a "thank-you-marm"... a ridge of dirt to chock the wheels and give the team a chance to blow and get its strength back for the pull still ahead. In a way this Sears Golden Jubilee is like that... just a "thank-you-marm" in the middle of the hill.

For fifty years we, and those before us, have put all we had into this job... given our best to it. And we aren't fooling ourselves for a minute... with farm requirements getting more and more exacting every day, we know that the next fifty years may be even harder. But whatever the future holds, this company will try so to conduct itself that the greater Sears, Roebuck and Co. of tomorrow and your children's children may still be... PARTNERS.

SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.



FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK SALES

Below is published a representative list of the sales my Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company of Kansas City.

L. C. Gretten—Anderson Co Ks—8 yigs 871	11.35	Light Butchers 170 to 230 Averages	
Art Johnson—Gentry Co Mo—27 str 1230	9.75	Harry Mathews—Lafayette Co Mo—15 288	10.25
Pete Bocquin—Lyon Co Ks—22 str 1122	9.75	John H. Holtz—Miami Co Ks—21 206	10.25
L. C. Gretten—Anderson Co Ks—7 hirs 731	9.00	John Alexnader—Nemaha Co Ks—8 222	10.25
Pete Bocquin—Lyon Co Ks—19 str 1012	8.75	Steve N. Hod—on—Linn Co Ks—19 203	10.25
Peter Thowe—Wabaunsee Co Ks—21 str 1081	8.55	Edd L. Greer—Linn Co Ks—26 190	10.25
A. B. Drawbaugh—Carroll Co Mo—10 str-hfr 606	8.50	V. F. Garrio—Linn Co Ks—7 208	10.25
Owen Standiford—Coffey Co Ks—6 str 1103	8.25	Herbert Lawrence—Douglas Co Ks—5 218	10.25
Schoepflin and Butell—Osage Co Ks—25 str 1068	8.25	J. J. Hagan—Washington Co Ks—13 277	10.25
Paul Doh—Sedwick Co Ks—5 hirs 932	8.00	Lin V. Graham—Franklin Co Ks—12 173	10.25
Frank Renyer—Shawnee Co Ks—17 str-hfr 598	7.50	Ed Weyer—Nemaha Co Ks—6 226	10.25
E. W. Wren—Anderson Co Ks—6 str 1275	7.50	D. N. Bullinger—Greenwood Co Ks—7 175	10.25
Orlie Grimm—Grundy Co Mo—6 hirs 631	7.50	Walter Zimmerman—Osborne Co Ks—36 192	10.25
J. S. Wilson—Wabaunsee Co Ks—10 str-hfr 675	7.40	Ed Clopton—Allen Co Ks—13 190	10.00
O. E. Ingle—Osage Co Ks—24 str 915	7.25	Ed Clopton—Allen Co Ks—25 183	10.00
C. D. Chapman—Clyde Co Ks—8 str 888	7.00	J. W. Vermillion—Miami Co Ks—8 175	10.00
K. E. Cox—Wyandotte Co Ks—18 hirs 44	7.00	J. D. Watkins—Livingston Co Ks—28 208	9.70
John W. Nelson—Marion Co Ks—13 hirs 803	7.00	Leo Keating—Marshall Co Ks—61 223	9.70
H. E. Whitlock—Osage Co Ks—8 str 822	7.00	J. W. Falk—Wabaunsee Co Ks—13 205	9.70
W. E. Hutchins—Linn Co Ks—6 hirs 926	6.50	Henry Barnett—Lafayette Co Ks—17 192	9.70
Owen Standiford—Linn Co Ks—6 hirs 926	6.50	Guy C. Hartsock—Henry Co Mo—5 214	9.70
H. E. Turner—Johnson Co Ks—32 str 650	6.25	Henry Nachbar—Bates Co Mo—5 180	9.70
Cox and Kolster—Lafayette Co Mo—6 hirs 636	6.00	John Engelhart—Henry Co Mo—12 183	9.70
L. E. Drensen—Jefferson Co Ks—17 hirs 724	5.50	Frank V. Frost—Marshall Co Ks—7 181	9.70
H. E. Turner—Johnson Co Ks—11 hirs 820	5.25	H. D. Dyer—Lafayette Co Mo—21 196	9.70
H. E. Turner—Johnson Co Ks—12 hirs 752	5.25	Otis Haever—Osage Co Ks—8 177	9.70
Ed Mauch—Ness Co Ks—7 hirs 820	5.25	C. F. Epherson—Marshall Co Ks—15 179	9.70
W. E. Dennis—Lafayette Co Mo—14 cows 940	5.00	Albert C. Plentie—Nemaha Co Ks—41 227	9.70
L. E. Drensen—Jefferson Co Ks—21 cows 1024	5.00	John Knechans—Lafayette Co Mo—17 186	9.65
W. E. Dennis—Lafayette Co Mo—13 cows 907	4.60	Clifford Neal—Cass Co Mo—6 201	9.65
L. E. Drensen—Jefferson Co Ks—12 cows 1970	4.25	O. E. Mack—Grundy Co Mo—20 217	9.65
R. E. Lytle—Jackson Co Mo—17 cows 1021	4.00	Wm. Uhrmacher—Grundy Co Mo—12 175	9.65
J. E. Titchard—Ray Co Mo—15 cows 875	3.90	Carl A. Danner—Linn Co Ks—19 205	9.65

SHEEP

Emma Co-op Elev. Co—Lafayette Co Mo—16 98	10.50
T. E. Tucker—St. Clair Co Mo—11 94	10.50
Perry Gregory—Miami Co Ks—8 90	10.50
A. J. Elliott—Linn Co Ks—18 71	10.50
Terry J. Wuester—Nemaha Co Ks—6 86	10.50
Earl Hetner—Osage Co Ks—9 90	10.25
C. W. Read—Chase Co Ks—5 100	10.25
Chas. Barnes—Linn Co Ks—9 68	10.25
J. E. Brown—Lafayette Co Mo—5 122	10.00
Floyd Branson—Lafayette Co Mo—24 72	10.00
Tibert Temple—Lafayette Co Mo—11 82	6.50
E. S. Winegardner—Bates Co Mo—6 51	6.00

HOGS

Medium and Heavy Butchers 230 Lbs. Avgs. Up	
Ira Ash—Jackson Co Ks—91 246	10.25
Albert Balke—Lafayette Co Mo—6 235	10.25
M. W. Zecker—Wabaunsee Co Ks—7 264	10.25
Mammy Langston—Miami Co Ks—11 236	10.25
Clarence Ostelke—Nucola, Neb.—21 293	10.25
Louis Schutter—Wabaunsee Co Ks—6 288	10.00
John Eushboom—Coffey Co Ks—7 300	10.00
McCloud Bros—Johnson Co Mo—5 296	10.00
John Alpers—Lafayette Co Mo—7 300	9.75
Owen Staniford—Coffey County, Ks—22 248	9.70
Lawrence Thell—Pottawatomie Co Ks—53 270	9.70
Andrew Doll, Jr. Henry Co Mo—6 235	9.70
L. R. Wyatt—Chase Co Ks—7 5	9.70
May G. Case—Carroll Co Mo—5 238	9.70
F. U. S. A.—Marshall Co Ks—45 242	9.70
C. P. Kohlenberg—Miami Co Ks—44 264	9.70
Walter Morgan—Wabaunsee Co Ks—7 262	9.70
W. N. Oles—Chase Co Ks—10 235	9.70
J. L. Schiffman—Linn Co Ks—8 260	9.65
Farnest Stamm—Ashington Co Ks—7 231	9.25
Fred Pederson—Sullivan Co Mo—24 255	9.65
L. W. North—Clinton Co Mo—24 255	9.65
Fred Pederson—Sullivan Co Mo—5 256	9.65
C. F. Barkley—Douglas Co Ks—9 235	9.65
Albert Lundy—Johnson Co Mo—12 242	9.40
C. B. Bowman—Livingston Co Mo—14 250	9.30
Orlie A. Grim—Grundy Co Mo—5 236	9.25
Ed Valek—Republican Co Ks—26 233	9.25
Joe Boeckman—Marshall Co Ks—9 230	9.10

PEDIGREE AND REGIMENTATION

(Or Problems in Pedigrees)
To the Kansas Union Farmer:

As I study the present trend of agricultural affairs, things become heavy upon my chest, and a desire comes over me to make my personal criticism upon the parts of the present administration and its allies, all of whom are warring against regimentation and dictatorship.

I have never tried to "qualify" for any space in the Kansas Union Farmer, however I have paid dues to the Center Hill local 1147 for a good many years and have tried hard to make myself believe that I am a creditable member of the Farmers Union, and on the RIGHT track and not trying to hold down any straddle two or three tracks at one time.

I have felt about as perplexed at times on the question of "farm" organizations as was a person on his religious views who prayed: "Oh God, if there is a God; save my soul, if I have a soul, and my desire is to belong to a dirt farmers Union, 'if there is a dirt farmers Union."

Now, being very uncertain about my "fraternal" rating in these confusing times, I humbly wrote to our Union Editor, Mr. Lynn, and asked if an article by my lead pencil would receive any consideration in the columns of the Union paper, and in a very commendable reply from Mr. Lynn, he stated in part, that he would be glad to print my article provided however, that it comply with certain rules and regulations.

So here I am, trying my best to comply, and to not kick over the traces.

The Kansas Union Farmer is a sort of a "house" organ, and should carry occasional discussion on the subject of the course it, and the membership should pursue. The Kansas Union Farmer should be a "farm product, 100 per cent, and should not necessarily be moulded from the influences of the Federal salaried high powered speakers such as has been in evidence at our State F. U. conventions during the past several years of our diminishing membership.

Now, I do wish that in the Educational part of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, that the membership would STUDY; that is one requirement in Education.

Study what? Study the pedigrees. You have read in the Good Book about wolves in sheeps clothing, and the "perigree" if studied, exposes the condition.

To you farmers who are breeders of registered live stock; probably a registered dairy herd, and you know the pedigrees because you have studied them, and behold, a high powered stiesman (?) comes to your farm and wants to sell you some new stock, you know what to do, study the pedigree of what he has to offer, after doing this you will know if the proposition in question will im-

prove your herd or if it will utterly ruin it. The pedigree tells you if it is of same or different lineage; it may even be of a "foreign" breed of, (name it yourself).

Now, getting down to business, and plain talk, our Farmers Union in Kansas is being menaced with an attempted "cross" with other organizations, preferably called "farm" organizations, and promoted by paid salesmen of a questionable lineage, and right here is the important time to study the pedigree, and if we don't or won't study, then look out for regimentation, dictatorship, anti Frazier-Lemke refinace, anti-cost of production, and a sad collection of other things.

This "foreign" farm organization whose activities the writer fears, has a pedigree of its own which any sane thinking farmer can read and understand.

Its first ancestor (and the first is always important) was a business association in Birmingham, England, Co., N. Y. It was the actual organizer of this so-called farm organization known commonly as the Farm Bureau.

Another early ancestor on this pedigree reads: A Chicago business concern (of whom our Kansas Farmers Union constitution says we should not play with) gave \$1000 to each of these first one hundred "farm" organizations.

Study the pedigree, as to what Klan citizens is that is lobbying our State legislatures to feed this and only this especially privileged, organization its public money.

And the U. S. D. A. comes in for a mentioning too in this peculiar pedigree with its public money (?) and it you study this interesting pedigree closely you will find this: Government aid means Government control.

Pedigrees, like land abstracts, become lengthy and the public tries of studying them. Anyhow, turn back in the files of your K. C. Daily Drivers Telegram, until you get to October 4, 1933, and on right hand side of front page study a column of "pedigree" of this "foreign" farm organization. Study it. Are you willing to "cross" the Kansas Farmers Union with it? Sizing up this pedigree which has been exposed here only in a very small way, are you willing, Mr. Farmer and member of the Farmers Union to chance your much needed farm recovery to materialize from a program of their own choice?

If we don't want to get "crossed up" with regimentation and precise control of agriculture planned right into our farm communities by clever, Federal paid salesmen (?) then look out! watch our step, our comments, our conduct. We can get in quickly, but not so quickly getting out.

We farmers observe each fall how promising young plants which under favorable environments would have a promising future, but become victims of a frost and their future has a blight put upon it. So it is with many farmer friends of weak or im-

mature affiliations with a dirt farmers organization; frosty articles, and articles favorable to "the other fellow," are thoughtlessly or otherwise placed before them in print and their future activities in a farm organization receive an untimely blight. We farmers are for ourselves, and not for the man at the mogany desk suffering with blisters between his fingers due to over use of the long bladed scissors.

The triple A situation is so ably pictured on page 23 of the Saturday Evening Post for December 7, and in other publications which are open to speak their convictions, that the writer shall touch only lightly on it.

The late John A. Simpson told us what a small part the dirt farmer had in shaping the present farm program how it is a product of Washington, then sent out to the country schoolhouse for the farmer to sign on the dotted lines. Some sign willingly, some reluctantly, and others; thousands of them have made the financial sacrifice, rather than to sign up and commit themselves to Government dictation.

We attend the Government C. H. school house meetings and after all the high powered salesmanship has taken place, we pause to observe that the worst of our consumption did not come up for even a bare mentioning.

Improve consumption instead of taxing it. Improve our medium of exchange rather than diminishing it. And just how does the triple A work? Here is Kansas with a reduction program on wheat, corn, hogs, potatoes, etc.—all to promote higher prices through scarcity (?) and Alabama (just one state of the 48) planted a greatly reduced acreage of cotton (for Kansas to buy at a higher price) BUT as interesting as it is to Kansas, Alabama planted (1934) a million acres more corn, 8,000 acres more in wheat, 4,200 acres more in potatoes, and a half million more cattle than 1929 (Saturday Evening Post) and Kansas with her reduced acres have not only the above figures of one particular state to look at, but also other southern states, and last but not least the figures on agricultural imports as quoted in U. S. D. A. bulletins on Agricultural Economics.

How about some "Triple A facts," like the above appearing in our farm papers for a change?

Ask our selves this question, "Would we have gotten into this condition had our one and same program of the National Farmers Union of the last several years been given fair and proper consideration by our governing officials?"

Certainly not!

Then it is worth working for in an uncompromising and fair way.

Would we have had the "International Bankers' Farm Loan Set Up," if our National Farmers Union Program had been respected in Washington?

Certainly not! We farmers did not petition or "lobby" congress to put

monies and credit into control of private hands.

Then which do we have the most respect for in farm papers? Should our farm papers publish flattering articles about the "Federal" Loan set ups such as:

"A new kind of Triple A."
"Application for loans \$3,800,917."
"Advance on loan commitments \$1,750,687."

It appears to read as if the larger the figures, the more glorifying (?). Yes, but not for the farmer, nor the merchant, nor employment, nor the manufacturer; glorifying only to the man with the blistered fingers due to overtime on the long bladed scissors.

Take your pencil in hand, obtain the total loan and debt figure of your Loan Association territory, over and above what it was in '28, yes, it runs up into an unbelievable and staggering figure, multiply that by the average prevailing interest rate, and there Mr. Merchant, you see the figure of a vast sum of money—farmers "buying" power, BUT headed out of town and to stay, and until you farmers feel you must borrow it back and pay more interest.

Mr. Merchant and the unemployed, if this vast sum of interest money could have remained, not in the farmers pocket, but remained as a buying power instead of passing under your nose on the way to Wichita and the east, (where the "wise" men are) there would be a different hum in the air of the west. The farmer would again be "the barefoot boy" (shackles broken) with whistling tunes and turned up pantaloons.

The dormant smoke stacks would again curl out their symbol of progress. Now, if we, the Farmers Union as a program builder, want our "building rock" material to break in the right places, we must hit and continue to hit on the same places to get in the air of the west. The farmer little here on the processing tax, a little there for regimentation, pass over agricultural import figures, print some triple A stuff here, and print sound farm facts there, and comply with wishes of loan officials now.

Farmer friends and all our labor

allies—we must fight our own battle hands, and we must not loiter on the job and let the others get their battles fought first, and remember, the Tories are not all dead. (See Webster for definition on Tory.)

The present type of "catch up" legislation which the farmer is being fed is about as obsolete as Salem witchcraft.

The Triple A set up, is of a rainbow type with farmers constantly running their heads off trying to "catch up" with the "foot of the rainbow" and never getting there.

Where is the right track by which the farmer can, not only "catch up," but get around the trouble area, and save his NAME from disgrace to the coming generations?

Here it is, simple too, and that's one reason why it will work. JOIN THE FARMERS UNION. Be loyal to your vocation. Demand that we hit accurately on the "building rock," uncompromisingly 100 per cent. The National Farmers Union program and we can progress toward that nationally desired goal, a more abundant life.

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With the membership campaign going on, now is the time for all members in the state to be doing the same thing at the same time.

Don't delay. Talk the Farmers Union membership campaign over in your next meeting—or see that a meeting is called for that purpose.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the stockholders of

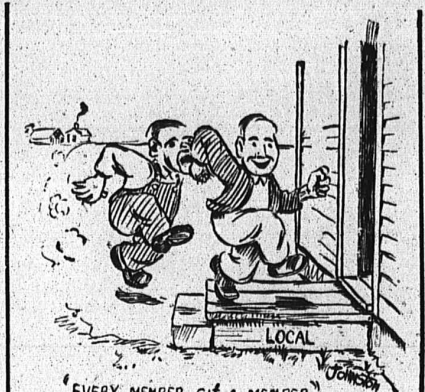
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will be held in Kansas City on

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1936

at the Aladdin Hotel

at 10 a. m.



HAVE YOU

discussed the 1936 membership campaign in your Local or County meeting?

HAVE YOU

made any definite plans for the campaign in your Local or County Union?

HAVE YOU

actually contacted any of your neighbors, urging them to become members of the organization which

DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON FARMERS FOR MEMBERSHIP—

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? ?

Get in line with progressive and cooperating farmers all over the state by helping to build your Local up to the membership strength it should have.

Try to double the membership in your Local. It may not be as hard to do as you think.

You believe in strength of cooperation; so cooperate with other members, form a team of membership workers, and go in pairs, bunches or droves, and round up your neighbors.

This can be a good Farmers Union Year in your Local.