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## KANSAS BOARD OF AGRICULTURE IN ANNUAL MEETING

In Resolution Calls on Congress to Coordinate all Factors and Seek to Bring about Long Time Permanent Agricultural Plan

### SOIL CONSERVATION

Wide Variety of Subjects Included in Resolutions, which are Printed Here; Mohler again Secretary; Election Results

Climaxing several days of "Farmers' Week" in Topeka, in connection with the annual meeting of the the resolutions committee on Friday afternoon in a meeting held in the G. A. R. Hall in Memorial Building. The resolutions called on Congress to coordinate all contributing factors in a permanent agricultural program, level, based upon the wholesale comand appealed to Kansas farmers to modity index, be maintained.

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Farm Credit Directors establish and develop a type of farming that will conserve the soil and stabilize production as much as pos-

Election of officers also occupied part of the final session. R. C. Beezley of Crawford county was elected president, succeeding C. W. Taylor of Abilene. Mr. Beezley had been vice president and he, in turn, was succeeded by S. A. Fields of McPherson. Guy D. Josserand of Copeland was reelected treasurer. The board reelected J. C. Mohler for a two-year term as secretary. Mr. Mohler, by the way, has given many years of faithful service in this capacity.

Resolutions covered a wide variety of subjects. They are printed in full

Organization Relationship We acknowledge with appreciation the cordial relations of farm organizations of Kansas, the untiring efforts of our representation in congress in behalf of Kansas agriculture and pledge our continued cooperation in furthering our best agricultural

RESOLUTIONS

Our Country and Its Agriculture democratic form of government. We believe in our institutions. We be- ploited at the benefit of another, lieve in our laws and their proper observance. We have every confidence in the courts of this land in their interpretation of its constitution under which America was founded and has grown great. The objectives of tion in congress to wage an aggresthe A. A. A. to maintain agriculture sive fight to bring about the defeat timate that these 1900 Corporations on an economic parity with other industries enjoying effective tariff protection, were fair and good. Since its methods have been declared unconstitutional by the nation's highest tribunal, we express full confidence and impose an adequate share of exin our ability to devise efficient plans pense for construction and maintenfor fostering and safeguarding the ance of highways and secure for the great industry most fundamental to public the fullest measure of service the life of our country-agriculture.

We realize that short-time expedients may lead to long-time disaster and in the light of experience we urge that corrective measures are imperative. We, therefore, demand that congress immediately take such action as will serve to co-ordinate all contributing factors in a permanent program whereby economic equality and social justice shall be secured not alone for agriculture, but for the nation as well.

Soil Conservation We favor the formulation of a long-time program for the conservation of the nation's most valuable asset-the soil. We realize that more information must be available before such an ambitious enterprise can be intelligently undertaken. Therefore, we recommend a soil, land erosion, land cover and economic survey, and with regard, first, to wind-eroded areas and that the findings of this survey be used as a basis for termining: 1. The land that should be returned to federal ownership that should be returned to grass under private ownership. 3. The type of farming that should be practiced on and soil moisture and stabilize production.

State Administration We wish to reiterate our expressions of a year ago for the effective and untiring service of the state administration in coping with drouth a pound. and the depression and particularly in commending Governor Landon for his prompt and energetic efforts in meeting emergencies confronting the livestock and agricultural industries for sponsoring timely and construc-Kansas and her people, and last, but by no means least, for the wise fiscal policy that has kept the ship of state or an even keel and litical subdivision on a "pay as you

Accident Prevention We heartily endorse the activities Kansas Safety Council in their forts toward highway accident preregulations, and strongly indorse the vent soil blowing. campaign initiated by the State Board of Agriculture for the preven-

tion of farm accidents. We wholeheartedly commend all ef-forts looking toward world peace and approve this country's attitude of neutrality respecting wars in foreign lands. We believe in the event of the United States enters war that the instrial and financial resources of of the press.

#### VEESECKY'S MEETINGS

Following is the schedule of meetings to be addressed by John Vesecky, president of the Kansas Farmers Inion, during the week of January

Hill City, Monday, January 20, Penokee, Tuescday, January 21, Studley, Wednesday, January 22, :30 p. m. Hoxie, Wednesday, January 22, 7:30 p. m. Almena, Thursday, January 23, :30 p. m. Norton, Thursday, January 23

:30 p. m. Lenora, Friday, January 24, 1:30 Norton (school auditorium) Satur day, January 25, 7:30 p. m.

the nation should be conscripted as well as its citizens.

Parity for Agriculture We demand that agriculture shall Kansas State Board of Agriculture, be protected in domestic markets as the delegates adopted the report of fully and effectively as are other American industries and that there be established and maintained a fair exchange value for its products.

Monetary Stabilization

We reaffirm our belief that the purchasing power of the dollar should be stabilized and that a steady price We favor an amendment to the

Farm Credit Law so that a majority tutions shall be selected by farmer also one representative from each borrowers, as soon as the borrowers acquire the majority of stock.

Foreign Markets We reiterate our former indorse-

ment of developing such foreign outlets as there may be for our products, through reciprocal trade agreements and other practical means. Transportation Rates

We urge that transportation rates be worked out separately for water, truck and rail on their individual nerits for rendering service. Whereas, there is now pending before this session of congress, a bill Act to Regulate Commerce, being HR 3263, referred to as the Pettengill

Bill, and Whereas, the adoption of the pro-

Therefore, be it resolved that the Kansas State Board of Agriculture is unalterably opposed to the pending legislation, HR 3263 the Pettengil Bill, and urges the Kansas delegaof this bill.

Regulation of Trucks We reaffirm our stand of a year ago favoring only such regulation of trucks as will properly safeguard life tions have anything coming? at the lowest possible cost.

Water Conservation We again urge upon the state of adopting and vigorously supporting a state-wide water conservation and utilization program, comprehensive in scope to include water storage, sewage disposal, flood protection and control, pullution of stream from oil and salt water, and power with particular reference to rural electri-

Extension of Low Interest Rates We favor the extension of the three and one-half percent interest rate as provided in the present Wheeler amendment to the Farm Credit Act

South American Cattle Quarantine We oppose the lifting of the foot acted from the producers and conand mouth quarantine now in force respecting admittance of cattle to this country from Argentina.

Dairy Products We indorse the efforts of the federal and state administrations and cooperating agencies to improve the permanent land cover. 2. The lands quality of dairy products comparable with the highest possible standards.

Oleomargarine To foster and protect the dairy inall other lands to conserve the soils dustry and to stimulate the consumption of its products, which are so indispensable in the human diet, we demand that domestic oleomargarine be taxed five cents a pound, and that oleomargarine containing any foreign oils or fats be taxed ten cents

> Noxious Weeds A recent farm-to-farm survey in

Kansas shows that every county in the state has bindweed and that thousands of farms are infested with for his cooperation with the govern- this pest. It is recognized as a serment in all phases of relief activities; ious menace to our agriculture and supply their needs and consume the we urge all land-owners to prevent products which they produce. tive legislative enactments of bene- its spread and growth on their properties and also strongly urge a law noxious.

Emergency Wind Erosion Program Owing to widespread damage and loss from wind erosion and threatened recurrence of dust storms in exof the National Safety Council and tensive areas, we request federal aid to control the money stream and price be made available for the early application, this winter and spring, of which simply enables these monopolvention and the observation of traffic the most practicable methods to pre- istic corporations to confiscate the

Emergency Freight Rates We urge the continuation of spec ial freight rates on feed and grain in the drouth stricken areas.

Appreciation We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to those who have arranged and participated in this convention, sixty-fifth annual particularly for the fine cooperation

## **EVERSON CALLING** UNION COMMITTEE INTO WASHINGTON

National Farmers Union President Asks Executive Committee to Meet, and Calls for Representative from Each State

#### INVITED BY WALLACE

Everson Points Out Fallacy of Paying Processing Taxes back to Packers and Processors; Plenty to Do in Washington

Following is a message from the president of the National Farmers Union, E. H. Everson, mailed to the editor of the Kansas Union Farmer late last week:

Supreme Court Knocks Out AAA Word comes from Washington that the Supreme Court has knocked out this money Congress has appropriatthe entire AAA program. Yesterday I received the following telegram from Secretary Henry A. Wallace: "Will you come to Washington to attend National Conference of Farm Leaders here to consult with me on agricultural program in the light of the Supreme Court decision?"

I have therefore called a meeting of the directors of farm credit insti- of our National Executive Committee, state to meet in Washington January 13th to rended such assistance as we can, in working out a New Agricultural Program.

Secretary Kennedy informs me all s in confusion, no one apparently knowing what to do. Farmers are wondering what will become of the processing taxes they have paid in, and if they will be turned over to these processors. No one can successfully deny the fact that these processing taxes have been collected by the processors, from the producers to amend the fourth section of the and consumers and for the Government to pay these funds back to the processors to me looks exactly like a case of legalized theft.

Let us just notice how these procesposed bill by congress would operate sing taxes have affected the big into the serious disadvantage of the dustries. A currnet issue of the Monagricultural interests of Kansas, and thly Survey of Business, published Whereas, the provisions of the bill by the American Federation of Laare so dangerous to the economic se- bor shows that 1900 corporations apcurity of our country and so vast a propriated for themselves more than grant of power to the railroads to say half of the entire profits made by the States, It shows that in 1934 the profits of these 1900 corporations in creased from 1 billion 314 million dol. lars to 1 billion 733 million dollars a net gain of 419 million dollars in 1934. Competent financial Bureaus eswould have net profits of 2 billion 340 million in 1935 or an increase during 1934 and 1935 of 78 per cent.

Does this look like these Corpora-Let us examine the report of on packer, Swift and Company, which shows a net profit for 1935 of more than eight million dollars after setting aside more than 6 million dollars for depreciation (wear and tear Kansas the wisdom of promptly of equipment) and this was a net increase of more than two million dollars over the previous year ,notwithstanding the tremendous falling off in the marketing of live stock. Do you think they have any thing coming? These profits are according to the report given out by Swift himself in his report to Stockholders and while the profits may be a great deal more than I have indicated, certainly they are not less. Surely we must do battle to see that these soulless corporations do not add these hundreds of millions of proceessing taxes to the excess profits they have already ex-

sumers of this country. This is the way these sales taxes work. Out of the dollar paid for 10 food products in the United States in 1934, the farmer, according to the Department of Agriculture, received cents; while distributors received 61. 5 cents for proceeessing and distribution. On the other hand, the Danish Statistical Year-Book for 1934 shows that out of the consumers dolllar in Denmark, the farmer received 63.4 cents, while the distributors and processors received 36.6 cents.

The real problem in America is the high cost of Distribution, and we will never solve this problem by permitting these monopolistic corporations to continue to increase these distribution costs through their control of the money stream which must at all times be equal to the price stream or else the people will not be able to

Organization and Cooperation is the only answer to this problem. providing for the control and eradi-cation of all weeds declared to be in Denmark, and as a result 97 percent of the farmers in Denmark own their own homes. They never could have accomplished this, howeve, Private bankers had been permitted homes and property of the people, leaving them homeless and destitute. And there are those who tell us their

is nothing Congress can do about it. The United States Chamber of Commerce during the last session of Congress had just four planks in their platform for recovery. Let me remind you of them again. First, for Congress to adjourn and go home. Second, no inflation. Third, stabilization members were just like me?

NEW FARMERS UNION ARTIST

Look on page 4 and notice the picture of the Farmers Union member getting another member and leading him (rather forcibly) to the meeting of the Lo-cal. Of course not all prospective members have whiskers, so the membership worker might have to vary his method of leading farmers to Local meetings.

But the little cartoon brings out the idea—and that's the main thing. The big idea is "Every member get a member.'

This cartoon was drawn by a member of Fairdale Local out at Brewster, Kansas. This member who is handy with the drawing pen is Glen V. Johnston. Mr. Johnston drew this picture especially for the Kansas Union Farm er to use in connection with putting the membership work idea over to the readers. We thank Mr. Johnston for this excellent drawing.

of foreign exchange, and fourth, spend ed as quickly as possible, so that it could find its way back to Wall Street. Now, isn't that a most remarkable program for recovery?

I say to you, Congress can do something about it. Congress does have the power to tax these gigantic profiteering Corporations, as it also has the power to keep them from taxing the very life out of the people. Congress does have the right to regulate interstate Commerce, and that is just what most of their business is.

Congress does have the power to Coin Money and Regulate the Value Thereof. Congress does have the right to enact laws to promote the general welfare, yes, and Congress does have the power to declare War, even on these soulless Corporations, if it so desires. All these powers are within the expressed provisions of the Constitution and in addition to all these powers, the people have a right to amend their Constitution in any way they see fit, to best promote their safety and happiness. Yes, indeed; there is plenty that can be done about it if the President, and Congress and the majority of the people have the inclination or disposition and determination to really do something

#### ELLSWORTH COUNTY'S MEMBERSHIP PLAN IS

County Organization Offers Half Dollar to Any Member Who Gets a New Member: Simple Rules Published in Notice

The Kansas Union Farmer wishes to call attention to the notice appearing in this issue, and which will appear in several issues to come, to he effect that the Ellsworth County Farmers Union is offering all members a premium of fifty cents for each new member brought into the Farmers Union in any Local in the county The rules of the membership plan are printed in the notice. These rules are simple and will cause no confusion. The result will no doubt be a healthy increase in membership in the

various Ellsworth County Farmers Jnion Locals. The Ellsworth county people are to e commended for their good Farmers Union spirit. This plan will be watched with a good deal of interest all over the state. No doubt other counties will see fit to follow the example. The Ellsworth County Farmers Union is a good one to pattern

## HIRTH IS CANDIDATE

The state of Missouri is in for a most interesting display of fire-works, which will last until the primary election—and perhaps longer. Wm. Hirth president of the Missouri Farmers Association, is in the race for the Democatic nomination governor of that state; and if the machine bosses, commonly known as the Pendergast crowd, think for a minute that Bill Hirth cannot furnish fireworks galore, they will think differently before the primary election

Mr. Hirth is entering the race be cause he is sick and tired of seeing the Pendergast faction, with its illgotten political power, literally holding Missouri and its large cities in the hollow of its hand.

Mr. Hirth is going to surprise lot of people with the power he will have. He has earned the confidence of a large part of the farm folks in Missouri. They are going to be wiling for him-and in many cases it will be regardless of party affilia-tions. Pendergast and those of his crowd are behind Maj. Lloyd C. Stark in the race. We know nothing of Mr. Stark or his qualifications, except that he is the Pendergast can-didate—and that should be enough if we have been correctly informed

Make 1936 the best year in Farmers Union history-in your own community.

The ice harvesting equipment and the storage house should be ready to take advantage of the short per iod which Kansas affords for securgood quality natural ice. Inexpensive construction may be used in the storage house if the ice is packed in saw dust or straw.

Here's a thought: What kind of a Local would my Local be, if all the

## FARM LEADERS IN WASHINGTON ARE **WORKING ON PLAN**

Secretary Wallace Called in Nation's Agricultural Leaders Representing Principal Farm Organizations, Following Court Decision

### A SEVEN POINT PLAN

Farmers Union Representatives Try for Cost-of-Production Plan; Plan Adopted Probably will Provide Continuation of " Benefits

Following the supreme court's de-cision rendering the Agricultural Adustment Act invalid, agriculture, Henry A. Wallace, issued a call for the nation's agricultural eaders to come to Washington for the purpose of working out, if possible, a workable agricultural plan which might be substituted for defunct AAA. Among those called were president E. H. Everson and at the time the supreme court sounderican Farm Bureau Federation, January 9 issue of the Sun, shows Farmers National Grain Corporation, what the reporters found out: National Cooperative Council and he American Agricultural Editors'

Association.

President Everson of the National board and representatives from each Farmers Union state. Presdient

in time. Calls were sent out by secretary counties. Wallace to a number of who are known to be influential in agricultural affairs. Among these were included Cal A. Ward, former president of the Kansas Union and now the head of the resettlement administration for Kansas, make it very difficult to frame any Nebraska, North and South Dakota; national legislation which could take Kansas Farmers Union.

Farmers Union representatives have been attempting to secure the

In the absence of direct reports from Washington, it is difficult to determine just how completely all organizations and representatives are working together: so the Kansas Unreport from press reports. More authentic reports will come later.

7-Point Program Latest reports indicate a "sevenpoint program" which apparently has the sanction of most of the representatives present. For the information of the readers, this program is out-

ined as follows: secretary of agriculture to provide for rental and withdrawal from comproduction—at equitable rates-land necessary to promote soil conservation and to balance domestic producton with demand "at profitable prices." Three methods or navments of cash to farmers were suggested.

2— Congress would appropriate adequate funds"—unofficially estimated at about 500 million dollars for this year-for the soil conservation rice adjustment program. would be 3-"Reasonable taxes" dairy products, the proceeds to be

used to "expand foreign and domestic outlets.' -Valid provisions of the AAA such as those authorizing marketing agreements would be "retained and strengthened," and a provision allocating to the agriculture department 30 percent of customs receipts for

expansion of farm markets would remain. 5-Marketing of commodities coming under federal control would be handled through farm cooperatives qualified under the Capper-Volstead

6-The "American market" would be preserved for the "American farmer" and expansion of foreign markets would be promoted. 7-Final decision on the question of new taxes and similar issues was deferred for "continuing action and attention" by organized farm groups.

Must Adjust Acreage Cash payments to farmers under the recommendations could be made by government rental of a given percentage of the cultivated acreage; by fixing a quota for the volume of products, or on a basis involving both acreage and volume. Such payments would be conditioned on the individual farmer adjusting his cultivated acreage for preservation of soil fertility and "proper stabilization and maintenance of adequate price lev-The emphasis on the retention of

the present act's allocation of 30 per cent of import duties for "the expansion of foreign and domestic outlets for farm products" caused some speculation. President Roosevelt in budget message Monday, before the grams, etc., for the winter. court ruled on AAA, had recommend-

Local-may be the most effective days of work you'll do for yourself during the entire year.

If the Farmers Union is importit's important to get the membership built up early this year,

## **Members Writing Own** Stories Of Campaign

"Neighborhood Notes" Carry Accurate Cross-Section Report of Way Things are Going throughout Kansas Membership Campaign

### ALL ARE OF ONE MIND

Readers Urged to Study Reports Sent in from Locals and County Unions; Secretaries **Asked to Send in Full Reports** 

VESECKY WARNS OF POWERS OF COURT

John Vesecky, president of the Kansecretary E. E. Kennedy of the Na- ed the death knell of the AAA. Nattional Farmers Union, as well as urally the Parsons Sun wanted to many state presidents of Farmers know Mr. Vesecky's views on the mat-Unions. Men were also called repreter, and the following news story, the state. The message these senting the National Grange, Am- clipped from the front page of the

Stressing the danger to American liberty from the gradual assumption of greater and greater powers by fed-Farmers Union also called in the Naional Farmers Union executive zation among farmers, John Vesecky, president of the Kansas Farmers Union spoke to a group of farmers gath-Vesecky, out on membership work, ered in the Farmers Union hall here was called, but the call reached him too late for him to reach Washington ducting a series of meetings in Labette, Neosho, Allen and Anderson

"The recent supreme court decision nvalidating the AAA is a severe ow to American agriculture," Mr. Vesecky said, "especially so because the decision, if not clarified later, will make it very difficult to frame any and R. J. Laubengayer, editor of the the place of the AAA and become the Salina Journal and member of the basis of a sound, unified agricultural

"The danger to liberty does not lie endorsement of a cost-of-production so much in fascism, nazism or complan, patterned after the cost-of-promunism as in the gradual expension
duction amendment offered when the ers far in excess of those which the framers of our constitution intended that the court should have. It was not by accident that the three branches of our government, legislative, exion Farmer is gleaning some of this ecutive and judicial, were named in the constiution in that order.

"It was not intended that the judicial branch should be superior to the legislative branch, and that even inferior federal courts should have power to declare wishes of the American people, as expressed through legislative action, unconstitutional and to 1-Congress would empower the enjoin the collection of legally levied federal taxes."

> Mr. Vesecky pointed to the fact that American farmers, even from colonial times, have dealt at a great disadvantage with organized groups of industry and capital, because of the lack of organization in agricultural circles.

"It is necessary," he said, "for farmers to unite themselves with court, I have attempted to work out some of the great farm organizations, a few details of a plan or program preferably the Farmers Union, in or- based upon the cost of production der to regain their rights as Ameri- premise, yet which would fit into levied on processing of livestock and can citizens to equal opportunities the gaping hole which was left when with other great industries and to the AAA program was yanked out. help organize public opinion so that constitutional government may be reestablished in the United States."

#### OPPORTUNITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Never before in the history of the Farmers Union have our opportunities been so great. We have years of experience, studying and planning, and going forward with and our work. Although the history of our achievements stand high, educational work is giving us opportunities for greater achievements.

Some one has said to lower our budget for educational work. This would mean defeat for it is a backward step. Rather, let us sacrifice more and move forward. I am sure our County and Local units have on must be made which will give fine talent. No better can be had American farmers an American price

Write your state president or secretary, or even the director of your district, for information or help. ery member should be a booster. Plan now for membership drives. Our Local (1095) has chosen officers for the year: president, Christian L. Ikenberry; vice president Norman Flora; secretary, Roesch; doorkeeper, Robert Starkey, and conductor, E. N. Flora. Committees are to be appointed later. The education committee, with the

cooperation of three other committees, Cooperative Oil Co., Farmers and Local Union, will work his as a unit in educational work, pro-I must not forget our state presi-

ed repeal of this provision.

The day or days you spend in helping get more members into your helping get more members into your the three-fold purpose of the Farmers Union was much appreciated by every one. He is a plain and force-ful speaker, and to know him is to Let us do our part.

-W. E. Roesch, Sec. Quinter Local.

This week's story of the Kansas Farmers Union membership campaign is told principally in the "Neighborhood Notes." These fine reports that come in from the county Unions and the Locals form a cross-section report of what is going on over reports carry cannot be improved upon, for they bring to the readers exactly what the people out at the "cross roads"

are doing and thinking. It is pointed out here simply that these reports of meetings and of activities of Farmers Union folks show one thing clearly: that the members of the Kansas Farmers Union are in earnest about building up the membership in their own farm organization. The members and the various leaders they have chosen in the Locals and in the county Unions are of one mind in this respect.

Readers are invited to study these reports. Members are urged to attend meetings, and policy such as the AAA promised to to join with their neighbors in vigorous membership work in their communities.

Local secretaries and correspondents are asked to report all meetings and activities. Even though the meeting may have been poorly attended, or of routine nature, still it helps to make a complete record of what is going on over the state when reports of all meetings can be published.

Meanwhile, the campaign for members is going ahead in most encouraging fashion.

## JUST "ANOTHER PLAN"

(By Floyd H. Lynn) Having in mind the fact that this is an "open season" on agricultural plans, and wishing to offer some plan which might be helpful to those who believe in cost-of-production prices to farmers as the only equitable approach to settling the agricultural question created by the death of the AAA at the hands of the supreme I worked out most of the details of this plan while in Topeka last week attending the meetings of the state board of agriculture, and inadvertently showed it to one of my friends who is a writer on the Topeka Capital. He asked for a copy, and later published it in the Capital. I had not intended to publish the proposed program, but since it has already been in print, I shall take the liberty to

publish it here. It is my idea that any plan proposed should be one with a quality of permancy and of possible future development. It must be not a plan for recovery, but a plan which can be made the basis of progress after recovery shall have been attained. Some form of an insurance feature should be included in the program. Provision must be made which will give for their commodities, and that will give them returns on their time, labor and investments comparable to

returns received by other industries. I believe we could use as a basis for determining prices for American its farm products, figures on cost of production arrived at by the secretary of agriculture or his department. or parity prices as used in the operation of the AAA. These figures would not only be prepared by the secretary of agriculture, but would be revised from time to time by him. If "parity" is used, then it should be made necessary that such prices approximate cost-of-production es, for farmers cannot operate on prices not equal to cost of production. Reasonable adjustments would have to be made for freight differentials general cost differentials brought about by geographical locaral production history in tion. various localities, and other like cir-

cumstances. governments-could license (continued on page 2)

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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

South Mound Coming Back

Good Interest at Labette

local is decided.

FARMERS UNION AND STATE Union would likely have as many BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

The annual meeting of the state tion. board of agriculture held last week | County Farmers Union officials in Topeka brought out several are urged to get in touch with J. C. thoughts. The state board of agri- Mohler, secretary of the state Board culture is closely identified with the of Agriculture, Topeka, Kansas, as progress Kansas agriculture has soon as possible and get all the inthis happens to have been the sixtyrepresentation. Certain things, such sleeping sickness for the last 5 years. Representation should be encouraged made in the last sixty-five years- formation possible on how to have

The state board is not hooked up porter, are necessary. Mr. Mohler is politicially in any way. It goes right a busy man, but he is always glad to on with its job of improving Kansas have Kansas farmers write to him agriculture and agricultural condi- for information. tions, no matter what political party | Let's build up the Farmers Union may be in power. It is not surpris- representation on the state Board of ing that in its first resolution, the Agriculture. state board of agriculture mentioned the fine cooperation of the Kansas farm ogranizations. 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 with Ernest Dean, of the Farmers to send delegates to the annual meet- Union Jobbing Association, and Wm. ings than were represented this year. Acuff, Manager of the Farmers Un-The Kansas Farmers Union had some ion Live Stock Commission Co. mighty good representatives at the branch house at Parsons. meeting, but there were not enough. Other farm organizations had many more than did the Union.

The Kansas board of agriculture out until they have been inactive for will continue to be a most important a long time. There were about 30 fers an avenue through which the ed interested in the Farmers Union time. Kansas Farmers Union can bring program and Farmers Union work. many of its policies into action. The At the close of the meeting, the chair-Kansas law governing the situation man asked those who were willing to of the Supreme Court decision despecifies that County Farmers Un- meet a week from the date of that claring the AAA unconstitutional, nor ions are eligible to send delegates to meeting, which would be January 13, of the legislation which is being built the annual meeting, provided there to hold up their hands; and 10 of by the farm leaders and the adminisis a "paid-up membership" of 250 those present held up their hands ex- tration advisors in Washington. in the Farmers Union of the county pressing their willingness to meet seeking representation. The same law and specifications the reorganization of the South Mound

apply to the other general farm organizations.

There are several Kansas counties with a paid-up Farmers Union mem- and keep on working among the farnot represented at this year's meeting of the state board of agricul-

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 counted in on the required membership just as would her husband, John Jobbing Association. Wm. Acuff tend. Doe himself. John Doe is the only gave a short talk on the service ren-"dues-paying" member in the family, but according to the constitution and tory by the Farmers Union Live Stock of 13, among whom is National Secby-laws of the Kansas Farmers Union, John's wife is also a member. Of Afterwards, I spoke for about an ion. From reading the personnel of course, she is a "paid-up" member, hour. though not a dues-paying member except inasmuch as she helps her hus- at the meeting and all seemed to be progressive farm legislation.

band pay the dues. This point does not seem to be fully 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 Par- nation. sons Local had their meeting, with about 65 present. Mr .Dean and Mr. Acuff spoke first, and then the audience listened to President Roosevelt's over the radio. After the President's ing the Parsons Local has already this year doubled its membership, which is doing very well considering conditions. I am shoping 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 Juncton. There were about 75 present at this meeting. The president of the local not being present, es to pay the determined cost of par-Mr. Fitzgerald, manager of the ele- ity prices obtaining in any particular vator, presided at the meeting. Mr. Dean and Mr. Acuff and myself spoke in the usual order and, after the meeting, lunch was served. From farmers, producers or cooperatives 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 conventies produced in excess of this detertion time, at least 50 members in the Local at that place. They have plenty withheld from domestic markets, and of local talent to put on a good mem- would be produced at the producer's bership campaign and to have internot believe I am expecting too much ment agencies, operating through esfrom this Local in the way of a memfarm families per county represenbership increase.

Dennis To Wake Up The last meeting of the week, January 10, was at the Dennis Local Farmers Union Locals, has been a- and kindred matters. sleep so long it finally died; or has been in a state commonly konwn as elevator association, presided at the meeting and I feel sure that they to any one farm organization. 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 evrybody 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 come to the front as Farmers Union territory. Present times and present in an organization built by the farmers themselves; a strictly class oranced, consisting of education, coopto help better the conditions of our farmers, than to sign an application South Mound but gradually it died program which is designed especially for his benefit and which has the promise of solving the problems

> Supreme Court Decision Didn't Go To Washington

and reorganize the local. So it seems I received a wire from Secretary for January 10 and 11. The wire came in too late, so it would have been im- tion or any similar action is plainly I hope that the folks at South Mound get "eir local reorganized possible for me to attend the meeting. in violation of the public welfare. Besides, I had meetings scheduled bership of 250 or more, which were mers in that locality until they secure for the entire week which I felt were the application of every farmer who more important to the Farmers Unis eligible to Farmers Union mem- ion and to the farmers than my prebership. I am sure they have good sence would have been in Washington. material there and, with a little Later, I received a wire from Presiwork, the South Mound local will dent Everson asking me to meet with again be on the Farmers Union map. him and other Farmers Union folks in Washington on the 13th. I was compelled, also, to wire President On January 7 we drove to Labette. After a short literary program, Er- Everson that I could not be there bemean that Mrs. John Doe would be nest Dean spoke about the work and cause of previous engagements and the history of the Farmers Union meetings which I had arranged to at-

The legislative program in Washdered the farmers in Parsons terri- ington is in the hands of a committee Commission Company at Parsons, retary Kennedy of the Farmers Un-There were 60 or 70 people present they are capable of formulating real

very much interested in increasing | Apparently the only work the rest the membership of the Farmers Un- of the farm leaders present in Washestablished, but it is not at all likely that any one would ever question
it. Even on that basis, the Farmers Union elevator in
Labette, we stressed the importance in the stressed the stressed the importance in the

of farmers handling their own pro- afford to spend the money to go to ducts further than just the product- Washington, and, besides disappoint ion of the product. There is quite my Farmers Union folks who were an active interest in that locality in expecting me to attend their meetings the organization of a Farmers Union | 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 a rich man's war and a poor man's progressive farm legislation. In the fight. meantime the most important thing before us is to build a stronger, more informed membership in Kansas, so know how many publicity bureaus. as to increase our power and influence, both in our state and in the

In closing, I wish to thank Ernie Dean of the Farmers Union Jobbing this will keep them in second place. Association; Bill Acuff and Fred Seager of the Parsons branch of the Jackson Day address, coming in Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co; James O'Hara and J. W. Maraddress, I made my talk to a very nell of the Farmers Union Business attentive and interested crowd. From Assn., at Parsons, and George Reinreports I have received since the meet- hardt, 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"

(continued from page 1)

sors, handlers, millers, packers, elevators, and all such agencies, requiring all purchasers of farm commoditilocality, possibly fixing a minimum amount of purchase to which this should apply. This regulation could Such required prices would be based upon the percentage or portion of each commodity required for consumption in the United States. Commodimined percentage, would have to be own risk, and on a world market basis. Such excess production could be esting, instructive meetings; so I do made subject to disposal by governtablished 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 differennear Parsons. This Local, like so many tials, production history and control

The personnel of such committees would consist of flarmers selected from among those in the community. Mr. Hill, the president of the local from all farm organizations in each community, with no preference given

In each state, a state control committee would be elected annually by the county committees. Members would serve at a determined rate of

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 that southeast Kansas will again large and small producing counties or communities, with the schedule fixed by the state control committee, subday problems call for united effort ject to the approval of the secretary of agriculture.

A small percentage of the income from each sale of farm products, with ganization with a program well bal- a possible minimum fixed to which this would apply, could be set aside eration and legislation. No one can and diverted into a crop insurance do better, if he has an honest desire fun. This fund would be controlled and administered by the state control committee, under the supervision of the secretary of agriculture; and card and join the Kansas Farmers would provide for crop, seed, labor Union, in this way helping himself and investment insurance applicable There used to be a live local at and his fellow farmers to put over a 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 factor in Kansas agriculture. It of present at the meeting and all seem which face the farmers at the present through the county control committee, on the basis of appeals made through the county control commit-I shall not go into any discussion tees, and subject to final approval of the secretary of agriculture. Stipulations could be imposed preventing participation in the benefits of the insurance fund on the part of farmers or producers who violate the principles of land utilization as may be de termined by the state control commit tee. This feature of the program could Wallcae, calling me to Washington be so developed as to prevent them. wheat or other crops when such ac-

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 claims that might be made before the fund herein suggested would become adequate. Such an appropriation could be paid back in due course of time. Importations of such farm commo-

dities, or their competing substitutes, as are produced in America in sufficient quantities to meet American consumptive demands should be for-

By all means, don't refuse to take

er month this year. The success of the 1936 Member

## The Cloak Room

W. P. Lambertson

January 11, 1936 The objective Nye has in questionng Morgan is to prove that it was

There are actually 180 different

agencies in the Government that gather statistics. Only the Angels Rep. Woodrum, Democrat, of Virginia, says he favors an act that will make the postmasters the patronage of the minority party. He contends The valleys of Alaska raise the largest beets and the longest rhubarb, yet the ground never thaws more

Large oil paintings of Jamess 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

than four feet down through their

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 wont to go. It was another 6-3 decision. The President had the six with him this time. An even break for the

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, alapply to purchases made from the though 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 interestbearing 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 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 hat 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 Inited States—men and women who.

gardless of party affiliation. Mere 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 bearing false witness will not save the day 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 flat failure. The public will judge They every candidate by his record. will measure words with facts. Yes there must be a "yea 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 The important issues before

will do something for this nation re-

sincerity and honesty of purpose. 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 igners 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 yea and nay vote the President said in his message to Congress was open to us. This Bill has now been before mixed up with the plank on agricul-Congress for five years and there ture in the Republican platform and Research b have passed the Lower House by an overwhelming vote upon roll call. compensation. The soldiers have now een waiting for about twenty years.

It is time we met our just obligation own platform pledges and pass to the defenders of this nation. I Cost of Production and the Fraz hope the President will sign this bill Lemke Bill there will be no need of without hesitation. It looks as if the further entanglements with the Sumoney 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 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 when your Local needs men for teams shape this bill may be finally passed of workers, forget excuses. Every in, it will be a great improvemen ion. From reading the personnel of the committee, I feel certain that days out of the vear for his own class last session of Congress called Sothey are capable of formulating real progressive farm legislation.

Such days will count for more this month than in any other can spare a day or a few days out of the vear for his own class last session of Congress called Social Intervential progressive farm legislation.

ecurity Act. Then there is the Cost of Production Bill which would give the farm- and Steel Posts.

## 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.



## Junior and Juvenile Department

Juniors from 16 to 21

Juvenile's from 16 to 6

Floyd H. Lynn, Kansas Junior Leader

ments.

## A Word About the Junior Program

als are asking the kind indulgence of handle most of the expense. the members in the matter of the Jun- This does not mean that there is year, and the organization, through the delegates at the state convention, instructed the leaders, in no uncerprogram 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 lead-

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 Kansas Union is rich in such helpfu! many fold all that was invested.

But the state organization has gone about as far as it can go, with safety, are outlined and announced, the Kanin the matter of spending money on this program, until we are assured of ishing progress in the Junior work.

The Kansas Farmers Union offici- sufficient funds in the treasury to

ior program. The Kansas Farmers any likelihood of not being able to Union is desirous of putting on the put on a good Junior program this best Junior program possible this year. It does mean, however, that we year, A good start was made last 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 tain terms, to go ahead and push the 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 vet been announced. As the membership campaign, now in progress, moves forward, we will be in a good position to make more definite announce-

> 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 Farmars 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 membership. We are sure that just as soon as Junior lessons and projects sas Farmers Union will make aston-

produce below the cost of production. The Democratic platform promised the farmers the Refinance Bill and the Cost of Production Bill, but somehow the administration got suspecting farmers, but the Supreme Court has now held this unconstitutional. If the President now held the Supreme to put that over on the unconstitutional to put that over on the unconstitution of the Bureau of Agricultural Engineering shows that the first plaws, fashioned from crooked tree branches, were pulled by never was a day that it would not attempted to put that over on the un-Next in importance is the soldiers tional. If the President now has sufficient wisdom to break away from implement into the soil. The barbarthe brainless trust and carry out his ous custom of fastening draft cattle Cost of Production and the Frazier- as late as 1631. preme Court.

The sooner you and your Local get into this 1936 membership campaign the more successful and the more surprising will that campaign be.

FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-SOCIATION-For Tankage and Meat Scraps. Work with your neighbors and get

that Local up to where it belongs in membership. FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-

SOCIATION-For all kinds of Wire

CATTLE ONCE PULLED PLOW BY THEIR TAILS

The plow, simplest and most basic farm implement, reached present excellence only after centuries of pain-

Research by the Bureau of Agritheir tails was practiced

When an attempt was made to introduce cast-iron plows in the United States, farmers declared they poison-FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION—For KFU and Union Standard Egg Mash.

ed 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 ed the soil and prevented crops growwere again using wooden plows, be-lieving that iron plows made the weeds grow.

> FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-SOCIATION-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 Un-

FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-SOCIATION-For Prime Corrugated

Farmers are the only ones who will ever build up the Farmers Union. If Don't let our enemies say "I told ever build up the Farmers Union. If you so." Show them the Union is you lag behind, you hurt your own

## **Neighborhood Notes**

SHERWIN LOCAL FOLKS HAD A GOOD MEETING

A Hearty Response to President Ves-ecky's Address; Bill Acuff and Ernest Dean Were Other Speakers; Good Interest Shown

Yes, you have guessed it. Our State President, John Vesecky, has been here. Thursday evening, January 9th, Sherwin Local No. 1856 near Sherwin Junction, held an open house and we hall a turn-out of 75 farmers:

Bernest Deschner, 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 Hanni Schulte. we also had visitors from Labette, esting talk. Parsons and Columbus.

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 very interesting and showed that they divisates make 1936 our hast year for the training and showed that they divisates make 1936 our hast year for the divisates and the divisates make the divisates and t were progressive and an institution farmer-owned and controlled that the farmers should be proud of; and 2. Resolved that all Farmers Unfrom the remarks the writer has received in the last two days from farmers of this community I think Bill will enjoy the fruits of his la
2. Resolved that all Farmers Union directors and employees patronize the place of business of the Farmers Union.

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connected with the Farmers National have a cooperative company.

Grain Corporation at Kansas City, 4. Resolved that we boost the Junand in the last two years has formed a large circle of friends in this com
a large circle of friends in this com
5. Resolved that we indorse the own Jobbing Assn., we were happy to introduce E. K. Dean of Wichita, whose talk was confined to the advantages of cooperative buying, and vantages of cooperative buying vantages v choice of Mr. Dean as representative chain of economic tyranny and striv-of our Jobbing Association, and we ing to be a militant organization good works for the soul of the depart-feel that the results will be most which will bring justice and pros-

gratifying.

The final and principal speaker of 9. R the evening was the president of the Kansas Farmers Union, Mr. John Vesecky of Timken (office Salina).

Thomas-Massingale cost of production bill.

10. In as much as some oil sta-Mr. Vesecky's message covered a tions are handling beer, we are op-great number of years of farm or-posed to it being handled at any of ganization and gave the results accounty.

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county.

11. Resolved that we heartily thank

11. Resolved that we heartily thank history, especially in the cooperative marketing and purchasing field. He stressed the importance of organiza- have served the past year. tion of farmers to blaze new inroads in the processing and merchandising fields in order to get their rightful portion of the consumer's dollar, which will bring them cost of production plus a profit; whereas they do not get the cost of production now on what they raise for market. We heartily recommend that farmers read Mr. Vesecky's message in the January 9th issue of the Kansas Un- dinner and hospitality extended.

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. Vesecky 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 23, 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 words are 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

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.

and upward. She rests from her la-

bors and her works do follow her.

Death is only an old door,

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

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 Januvoted to offer each member

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 applica-tion cards for the asking.

-Chester A. Chapman,

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 our which was enjoyed by all. The meeting was called to order by the president, John Schulte. We

and we hal a turn-out of 75 farmers; Henry Seidel each gave a very inter-

Mrs. George Geiser gave a memor-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 stepping, and did a very thore.

the Mitchell County Farmers Union The second speaker of the evening, are opposed to the state organization who is somewhat better known in this community, having formerly been into the oil business as we already

munity. Commencing January 1st as National Program of the Farmers of our charter members, Joseph Seus, travelling representative for our Union.

cooperative sulling; and we wish to compliment the manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Assn. on his threat of peasantry by breaking the est sympathy in this hour of bereave-

9. Resolved that we support the 10. In as much as some oil sta-

The following officers were elect-

President—John Shulte, 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 Our next quarterly meeting will be Mrs. Louis Neff,

Sec. & Treas. FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-SOCIATION-For Tank Heaters and

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

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 presperity. Senator Frost cited examples of damage done by huge moneyed interests, expained how "trust busting" began with Theodore Roosevelt, and show ed 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 explain ed. 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

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 ty hungry members and their famaims 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 nembers will buy and sell cooperatively, and gave as his opinion that the key to the situation lies entirely in this matter of cooperating in marof all Locals in Ellsworth County a premium of fifty cents for each new member secured by them caring ization to secure such needed legislation. Mr. Harter also said that the farm organization, in order to be most effective, must be a militant, aggress-

ive 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 presenta-tion of Livingston's program as planned, Norman Suiter 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 weinie 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 Referen-

dum 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 commtttee, H. D. Gleue, H. Thiele, and H.

body departed for home feeling that they sure would have missed some thing if they had stayed at home. Don't forget our next meeting on Friday night, February 7. 1936. F. C. Pralle, Secv.

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE

Whereas, Almighty God, in his infinite wisdom and knowledge, has called from this life of toil, the soulof Mrs. Barbara Seus, beloved mother of our charter members. Joseph Seus,

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 on of our chrater members and acted as our secretary until he moved away. He is still a Union member."

FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-SOCIATION-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 consist-ing of Mrs. W. M. Snell, Mrs. George Irvine and Brent Newell was appoint ed to get up a play to be taken to

the dfferent locals of Stafford county in exchange for one. The program was as follows: Song by Maridean 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 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 renewal members. Every home is to be visited and an invitation is 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 ovster soup to sevenilies. 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 meeting of the stockholders in their cooperative business associa-tion 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

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

LIEBENTHAL MEETING

Adam Herrman, Chairman FARMERS UNION JOBBING AS-SOCIATION-For Cottonseed and

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY

The following officers were unanimously elected: W. H. Pierson, president; Geo. Stowell, vice president; C. H. Floersch, secretary; O. A. Tennant, D. B. Walker, John Samuelson,

Inasmuch as 33 state legislatures have memorialized Congress to pass the Frazier-Lemke farm refinancing

After the business meeting program be continued, and a motion to that effect, made by V. E. Koehler, carried. bill. If not, why not?

are supporting it.

Resolved that we go on record for the Patman plan for paying the bonus and are opposed to the Vinson and flation of our currency.

We also wish to extend our thanks to the National Union for Social Justuck We are attempting to organize to the Local.

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.

fun.

Oh, it's mighty hard our joy to hide For the treat is on the losing side.

ent. A number of visitors and a good- Now, Hank, Old Captain, good and ly number of ladies and children hon-The Pottawatomic 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.

If number of ladies and children nonored us with their presence. Minutes
of the previous meeting were read
and approved, and two new applications for membership from J. N. Bieri of Oneida and Tony Hang of Sentions for membership from J. N. Bi-eri of Oneida and Tony Hang of Sen-

eca, 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 executive committee.

Brother Ed. J. Becker suggested that the monthly meeting program

After the business meeting was adbill, and whereas 19 states have a 100 per cent sign up on the petition to bring it out on the floor for a of the losing team in a membership vote, we are suggesting that all contest, entertained the crowd with a Farm Bureau members contact their state and national presidents and find out if they are supporting this eats and plenty of coffee, and everywill. If not, why not?

We also wish to urge all farmers

body was happy.

J. M. Koehler, captain of the win-

to write their Senators and Con-gressman for a copy of the "Hear-ings" on this bill and see just who

We've had several membership drives this last year, with excellent Byrnes compromise plan as these are too expensive and do not provide for the sorely needed inflation or reare coming in. The losing team has to

We are attempting to organize a tice for their faithful support of Cooperative Oil Company now and hope it will be a go in the near fu-

-A. J. Boeding, Sec.

And here is that poem entitled, "To the Losing Team" The contest is over; the battle

A battle quite serious, yet taken fun.

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

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

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 ond done, Our battle for members has just be-

Was Lincoln's motto for one and all. -J. M. Koehler. PALENSKE TO SPEAK

So together we stand, divided we fall,

AT NEMAHA MEETING ion will hold its quarterly meeting in

this district, will give us a talk. Weare 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 spent with music and group singing. make plans and to discuss Junior Verneal Anderson, work and membership drives.

F. B. Roots, County President.

STONE LOCAL 792

Stone Local 792 in Rooks county met at the Chas. Pywell home Thursday afternoon, Jan. 9, to elect officers for the insuing 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 Elza Mendenhall on the good of the order.

Next was the election of officers. It was moved and carried that all of

It was moved and carried that all of the old officers retain their old of-

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 AT NEMAHA MEETING meeting was called to order by the president, Harry Toburen. The secmeeting, which were approved.

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 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 approved.

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 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 glistened 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

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.

Back in the old days, where the hill was steepest, they used to throw up what they called a "thankyou-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 "thankyou-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.



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

L. C. Gretten-Anderson Co Ks-8 ylgs 871 1	1.35
Art Johnson-Gentry Co Mo-27 strs 1230	9.75
Pete Bocquin-Lyon Co Ks-22 strs 1122	9.75
L. C. Gretten-Anderson Co Ks-7 hfrs 731	9.00
Pete Bocquin-Lyon Co Ks-19 strs 1012	8.75
Peter Thowe-Wabaunsee Co Ks-21 strs 1081	.8.85
A. B. Drawbaugh—Carrol Co Mo—10 str-hfr 606 Owen Standiferd—Coffey Co Ks—6 strs 1103	8.50
Owen Standiferd-Coffey Co Ks-6 strs 1103	8.25
Schoepflin and Butell-Osage Co Ks-25 strs 1068	8.25
Paul Dorl-Sedwick Co Ks-5 hfrs 932	8.00
Frank Renyer-Shawnee Co Ks-17 str-hfr 598	7.50
E. W. Wren-Anderson Co Ks-6 strs 1275	7.50
Orlie Grimm-Grundy Co Mo-6 hfrs 631	7.50
J. S. Wilson-Wabaunsee Co Ks-10 str-hfr 675	7.40
O. E. Ingle-Osage Co Ks-24 strs 1015	7.25
C. D. Chapman-Clay Co Ks-8 strs 888	7.00
R. E. Cox-Wyandotte Co Ks-18 hfrs 441	7.00
John W. Nelson-Marion Co Ks-13 hfrs 803	7.00
H. E. Whitlack-Osage Co Ks-8 strs 822	
W. E. Hutchins-Linn Co Ks-6 hfrs 926	
Owen Standiferd-Linn Co Ks-6 hfrs 926	
H. E. Turner-Johnson Co Ks-32 strs 650	6.25
Cox and Kolster-Lafayette Co Mo 6 hfrs 636	
L. E Dresen-Jefferson Co Ks-17 hfrs 724	5.50
H. E. Turner-Johnson Co Ks-11 hfrs 820	
H. E. Turner-Johnson Co Ks-12 hfrs 752	
Ed Mauch—Ness Co Ks—7 hfrs 820	
W. E. Dennis-Lafayette Co Mo-14 cows 940	
L. E. Dresen-Jefferson Co Ks-21 cows 1024	5.00
W. E. Dennis-Lafayette Co Mo-13 cows 907	4.60
L. E. Dresen-Jefferson Co Ks-12 cows 1970	4,25
R. E Lyle—Jackson Co Mo—17 cows 1021	4.00
J. E. Tritchard-Ray Co Mo-15 cows 875	3.90

Emma Co-op Elev. Co-Lafayette Co Mo-16 98 10.
T. E. Tucker-St. Clair Co Mo-11 94 10.
Perry Gregory-Miami Co Ks-8 90 10.
A. J. Eliott-Linn Co Ks-18 71 10.
Terry J. Wuester-Nemaha Co Ks-6 86 10.
Earl Heiner—Osage Co Ks—9 90 10.
C. W. Read—Chase Co Ks—5 100 10.
Chas Garnes-Linn Co Ks-9 68
J. E. Brown-Lafayette Co Mo-5 122 10.
Iloyd Branson-Lafayette Co Mo-34 72 10.
Tlbert Temple—Lafayette Co Mo—11 82 6.
E. S. Winegardner—Bates Co Mo—6 51 6.

HOGS
Medium and Heavy Butchers 230 Lbs. Avgs. Up
Ira Ash—Jackson Co Ks—91 246
Albert Balke-Lafayette Co Mo-6 235 10.25
M. W. Zeckser-Wabaunsee Co Ks-7 264 10.25
Mamie Langdon-Miami Co Ks-11 236
Clarence Ostedeik-Nucols, Nebr21 233 10.25
Louis SchutterWabaunsee 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 Staniferd-Coffey County, Ks-22 248 9.70
Lawrence Tbert—Pottawatomie Co Ks-53 270 9.70
Andrew Doll, Jr. Henry Co Mo-6 235 9.70
L. R. Wyatt—Chase Co Ks—7 241
May G. Case—Carroll Co Mo-5 238
F. U. S A.—Marshall Co KKs—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
J. L. Schiffman-Linn Co Ks-8 260 9.65
Farnest Stamm-ashington Co Ks-7 231 9.25
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H. W. Neth—Clinton Co Mo—24 255
Fred Pederson—Sullivan Co Mo-5 236 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—Republic Co Ks-26 233 9.25
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	Edd L. Green-Linn Co Ks-26 199	10.2
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	Herbert Lawrenze—Douglas do Ks—5 218	10.2
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	Fin V Graham-Franklin Co Ks-12 173	10.2
	Ed Weyer-Nemaha Co Ks-6 226	10.2
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	Walter Zimmerman—Osborne Co Rs—30 132	10.0
	Ted Clopton—Allen Co Ks—13 190	10.0
	Ed Clopton—Allen Co Ks—25 183	10.0
	J. W. Vermillion-Miami Co Ks-8 175	10.0
	J. D. Watkins-Livingston Co Ks-28 208	9.1
	Leo Kesting—Marshall Co Ks—61 223	9.7
	J. W. Falk-Wabaunsee Co Ks-13 205	. 9.7
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John Freel-Nemaha Co Ks-20 158	9.70
Chas Hart-Osage Co Ks-10 157	9.70
S. W. Scott-Carroll Co Mo-10 166	9.70
Ray Roberts-Franklin Co Ks-7 164	9.65
C. D. Laughlin-Lafoyette Co Mo-17 143	9.65
John W. Sullivan-Miami Co Ks-13 158	9.65
Walter Zimmerman-Osborne Co Ks-6 138	9.65
Ross A. Watts—Pettis Co Mo—6 155	9.50
Ed. Weich—Lafayette Co Mo—7 117	0.00
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Lee Jukes—Pottawatomie Co Ks—7 168	9.25
S. J. Lohr-Franklin Co Ks-11 145	9.25
S. M. Fadley-Woodson Co Ks-20 139	9.20
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R. D. Hendricks-Jewell Co Ks-3 360	9.00
K. W. Ozias—Nemaha Co Ks—3 383	9.00
Tom Morevek-Washington Co Ks-4 362	9.50
J. J. Schiffman-Linn Co Ks-4 295	8.50
Leo heating—Marshall Co Ks—3 433	8.50
McCloud Bros-Johnson Co Mo-3 530	8 50
W. M. Holscher-Lafayette Co Mo-3 606	7.50

## PEDIGRESS AND REGIMEN-

(Or Problems in Pedigrees)

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To the Kansas Union Farmer:
As I study the present trend of agricultural affairs, things become heavy upon my chest, and a desire

however I have paid dues to the Center Hill local 1147 for a good Lemke refinance, anti-cost of produc-many years and have tried hard to make myself believe that I am a things. This "foreign" farm organization whose activities the writer fears, has a pedigree of its own which any sane two or three tracks at one time.

This "foreign" farm organization whose activities the writer fears, has a pedigree of its own which any sane thinking farmer can read and underthen sent out to the country school-

I have felt about as perplexed at times on the question of "farm" organizations as was a person on his always ganizations as was a person on his religious views who prayed: "Oh sociation in Binghampton, Broome God, if there is a God; save my soul, if I have a soul," and my desire is to izer of this so-called farm organizations as was a person on his always important) was a business association, Broome reductantly, and others, industrial sands of them have made the financial scarface, rather than to sign up and commit themselves to Govern-

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 ganizations.

very commendable reply from Mr. Study the
Lynn, he stated in part, that he Klan of citiz 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

The Kansas Union Farmer is sort of a "house" organ, and should carry occasional discusion 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 here in evidence at our State. has been in evidence at our State F. U. conventions during the past several years of our diminishing

Now, I do wish that in the Educational part of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, that the membership would to the Farmers Union to chance your much like the above appearing in our farm STUDY; that is one requirement in needed farm recovery to materialize Education.

from a program of their own choice?

studied them, and behold, a high powered stlesman (?) 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 immany farmer friends of weak or immany farmer friends

ruin it. The pedigree tells you if it

-(name it yourself). . plain talk, our Farmers Union in Kansas is being menaced with an attempted "cross" with other organicomes over me to make my personal criticism upon the parts of the present administration and its allies, all ganizations, and promoted by paid fingers due to over use of the long of whom are advocating regimentaand right here is the important time I have never tried to 'qualify' for to study the pedigree, and if we don't any space in the Kansas Union Farm- or won't study, then look out for regimentation, dictatorship, anti Frazier-Lemke refinance, anti-cost of produc-

Its first ancestor (and the first is dotted lines. Some sign belong to a dirt farmers Union, "if tion known commonly as the Farm ment dictation."

Bureau. Bureau.

Now, being very uncertain about my "fraternal" rating in these confusing times, I humbly wrote to our fusing times, I humbly wrote to our cern (of whom our Kansas Farmers)

Another early ancestor on this pedigree reads: A Chicago business confusing times, I humbly wrote to our cern (of whom our Kansas Farmers)

Another early ancestor on this pedigree reads: A Chicago business confusion to the high powered salesmanship has taken place we result to the confusion to the high powered salesmanship has taken place we result to the confusion to the high powered salesmanship has taken place we result to the confusion to the high powered salesmanship has taken place we result to the confusion to the high powered salesmanship has taken place we result to the confusion to the high powered salesmanship has taken place we result to the confusion to the conf cern (of whom our Kansas Farmers has taken place, we pause to observe

Study the pedigree, as to what taxing it. Improve our medium of Klan of citizens it is that is lobbying exchange rather than diminishing it our State legislatures to feed this And just how does the triple A and only this especially privileged,

organization its public money.

And the U. S. D. A. comes in for the 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. the ment aid means Government control. Padigrees like land setting the land Pedigrees, like land abstracts, become lengthy and the public tires of studying them. Anyhow, turn back in the files of your K. C. Daily Drovmer in potatoes, and a half million ers 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 states, and last 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 satisfaction of the southern states. 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 How about some "Triple A facts,"

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 stlesman (?) comes to your promising young plants which under the good them are program of their own choice?

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

We farmers observe each fall how promising young plants which under the "International Parkers" Fewers I see Set II.

prove your herd or if it will utterly mature affiliations with a dirt farmruin it. The pedigree tells you if it ers organization; frosty articles, and is of same or different lineage; it articles favorable to "the other felmay even be of a "foreign" breed of, low," are thoughtlessly or otherwise placed before them in print and their Now, getting down to business, and future activities in a farm organiza-

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 then sent out to the country schoolhouse for the farmer to sign on the always important) was a business as- some reluctantly, and others; thou-

We attend the Government C. H

And just how does the triple A work? Here is Kansas with a reduction program on wheat, corn, hogs, potatoes, etc.-all to promot

papers for a change? Ask our selves this question,

uncompromising and untiring way.
Would we have had the "International Bankers" Farm Loan Set Up,

monies and credit into control of pri- allies-we must fight our own bat-

Then which do we have the most respect for in our farm papers? Itles fought first, and remember, the 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,-

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 unbelieveable and staggerng figure, multiply that by the avthere Mr. Merchant, you see the figure of a vast sum of money,—farmers "buying" power, BUT headed out of town and to stay out until you farmers feel you must borrow it back and pay more interest borrow it back and pay more interest.

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 un-der 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

omit sound farm facts there, and comply with wishes of loan officials now.

Full count, prompt shipment, safe arrival satisfaction guaranteed.

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Farmer friends and all our labor

tles, and we must not loiter on the job and let the others get their batster for definition on Tory.)

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

"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.

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? oming 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,"

VICTOR E. HAWKINSON,

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(shackles broken) with their symbol of prog-Now, if we, the Farmers Union as with variety name, Jersey Wakefield program builder, want our "build- Charleston Wakefield, Succession ing rock" material to break in the right places, we must hit and continue to hit on the same places to get satisfactory results, and not tap a little here on the processing tax, a Wax, Yellow Bermuda, Prizetaker, little here on the processing tax, a little there for regimentation, pass over agricultural import figures, print some triple A stuff here, and omit sound farm facts there, and comply with wishes of lean officials arrived statement of the comply with wishes of lean officials.

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going on, now is the time for all Union membership campaign over in members in the state to be doing the your next meeting-or see that neeting is called for that purpose.

The twenty-second annual meeting of the stockholders

### THE FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASSOCIATION

will be held in Kansas City on

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1936

at the Aladdin Hotel

at 10 a. m.

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

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

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

DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON FARMERS FOR MEMBERSHIP—

HAS BEEN ORGANIZED AND BUILT UP FROM THE BEGINNING BY ACTUAL FARMERS—

BELONGS TO THE FARMERS—

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FOSTERS FARMERS' COOPERA-TIVES, STATE-WIDE AND LO-CAL—

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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.