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FARMERS UNION INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLEAN SLATE TO LEGGE

Farmers Union Investigators Rule Against Simpson

Chairman of Farm Board Exonerated of Charge He Had Said Board Sought to Depress Wheat Price.

A slap at Simpson
Virtual repudiation of the leadership of National President John A. Simpson by ten state groups of the Farmers Union is seen in the exoneration of Alexander Legge, given by a committee representing those states which announced Tuesday the result of its investigation of the Simpson-Legge controversy. Simpson's leadership of the union in affairs, connected with the farm board previously had been usurped when the ten states selected C. E. Huff as their farm board spokesman.

Washington Bureau
The Kansas City Star
(By The Star's Correspondent)
Washington—After a 5-day investigation, a select committee of the Farmers Union Tuesday exonerated Alexander Legge, chairman of the federal farm board, in his controversy with John A. Simpson of Oklahoma, national president of the farm organization.

The committee found that Legge, in his testimony late last November before the select committee on agriculture, did not testify the farm board in its stabilization operations had sought to depress the price of wheat. The Farmers' Union committee confirmed its investigation here to the farm board's policy on wheat.

"No testimony was given this committee," the members of the select committee stated, "that the farm board had depressed the price of wheat. Our investigation showed that Mr. Legge gave no such testimony before the senate committee."

Senator Thomas is questioned
The Farmers Union investigating committee questioned Senator Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma, who represented Simpson at the meeting of the senate agriculture committee and wrote the letter which caused the national president of the farm organization to make the charge the farm board had deliberately depressed the price of wheat. The committee also had talked to Legge, Arthur M. Hyde, secretary of agriculture, and with members of the senate committee, including Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas. The investigation of the Legge-Simpson row virtually was ended today.

Those here representing the Farmers Union have been: Cal A. Ward, president of the Kansas Farmers Union; M. W. Thatcher St. Paul, general manager of the Farmers Union National Association; J. R. Callahan, president of the Illinois Farmers Union; A. N. Young, president of Wisconsin Farmers Union, and A. W. Ricker, editor of the Farmers Union Herald.

Represented Ten States
The Farmer Union committee investigating the Legge-Simpson controversy, in the course of which Legge called Simpson "an unmitigated liar" and Simpson called Legge a "2-cent Mussolini," was not a formally appointed group of the national Farmers Union. The committee was chosen by representatives of ten state Farmers Union groups which felt "the good of the order" required that the basis of the row be determined. Those ten states were the ones which supported C. E. Huff as national president of the Union, Huff being defeated by Simpson because of Huff's friendship for the farm board. Since then Huff, who is president of the Farmers National Grain Corporation, has been selected as spokesman before the farm board for those ten Farmers Union states, while Simpson has been making a lecture tour of the country attacking the board.—K. C. Weekly Star, Jan. 14.

MAMMON

The Press is perched upon a stool
At Mammon's feet, a willing tool,
Selling its space to frauds and schemes
Enticing men, with gilded dreams
Of sudden wealth, to trust some shark
Who smoothly keeps his purpose dark
Till he has gathered in his spoil,
The saving of long years of toil.

Faunting some party rag to blind
Men's eyes to all the wrongs and crime
Whose daily list their columns fill;
A horrid grist from Mammon's mill,
A grist of human wails and woes,
A grist of curses, prayers and blows,
Which should cause men's every breath
To cry aloud for Mammon's death.

When once this cry is understood,
When once this blinding, lying hood
Of creeds and crafts and party ties
Is torn away from Labor's eyes,
Then will Labor firmly gird
His armor on; then will be heard
A mighty shout, so loud and deep
The sound alone will almost sweep
This cursed system to its doom,
And bury Mammon in his tomb.
A. M. Kinney.

PAOLA F. U. ASS'N MEETING TO BE JAN. 28

The stockholders meeting of the Paola Farmers Union Co-operative Creamery and Store Association has been postponed until Wednesday, January 28th, at 1 o'clock in the City Hall, Paola on account of the auditor being unable to have our audit complete by the 21st day of January.

Geo. Frank, Secretary.

SAYS FARMERS WILL CONTROL MARKETING

Speech by C. E. Huff, President Farmers National Grain Corporation, Friday, Jan. 16, at Topeka During Morning Session Kansas Agricultural Convention

The agricultural Marketing Act does not represent the direct wish or conviction of organized agriculture, but it does directly result from agriculture's conviction that legislative aid must be provided. An heroic battle of some eight years duration was carried on before there developed a general consciousness that a serious agricultural problem confronted America and that in it was involved a public interest.

The heart and essence of the present law is co-operative marketing. This as a means of meeting the agricultural problem requires time for its application.

Existing co-operatives found it necessary to adjust themselves to the new proposals and to each other.

The Farm Board found it necessary to adjust itself to its task and to outline the methods by which it proposed to carry out the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act. It had also to become acquainted with the existing co-operative organizations and to aid them in adjustment to centralized marketing effort. Like the recruiting and training of a vast army and equipping it for service in the field, this work required all of the time and energy of the Farm Board.

Farmers National Grain Corporation was incorporated in October, 1929, after a period of discussion and adjustment running from July to that time. Fortunately, nearly all of the existing grain handling co-operatives became affiliated with it from the outset. In the areas in which there was no well organized marketing machinery, with the aid of Farm Board representatives, such organizations were set up by the producers themselves, and these organizations also became stockholders in Farmers National.

At the present time twenty-seven great central co-operatives own stock in Farmers National, and these are handling grain directly from their own producer members at the rate of from approximately 35,000,000 bushels per year down to a few millions each. In addition to this vast volume, Farmers National has found it possible and even necessary to buy substantial amounts of grain in the open market. Sixteen branch agencies have been established at strategic points, and here Farmers National meets with its marketing machinery the co-operatives with their own organization for originating and forwarding producer-owned grain.

Facilities with a capacity of more than 20,000,000 bushels have been provided in these markets under purchase or lease, and this program is about to be rapidly expanded. Every phase of our activities has been put to the test of practical operation, and the necessary adjustments to produce smoothly functioning marketing machinery has been made.

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The Committee Appointed to Investigate the Charges Made By John Simpson, President of the National Farmers Union Against Alexander Legge, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, Reports That the Charges are Unfounded

This committee represents every one of the eleven Farmers Union states and every one of the Farmers Union Marketing associations which have taken advantage of the benefits of the Agricultural Marketing Act in helping to build National Cooperative Marketing Associations. Two members of this committee, Mr. J. R. Callahan, President of the Illinois Farmers Union, and Mr. A. N. Young, President of the Wisconsin Farmers Union, are from states which supported John Simpson for National President at the St. Paul Convention.

Some farm leaders are very fond of talking about the poor downtrodden farmers out at the cross roads, yet they are willing to engage in a campaign to destroy the only constructive legislation ever offered by our government to aid a distressed Agriculture.

This Agricultural Marketing Act may not be all we wanted, but it is the one thing that is standing between the wheat farmers of this country and actual bankruptcy. We believe that this Act can be so amended and strengthened in the future as to be of great benefit to Agriculture.

We do not believe that members of the Farm Board are perfect, or that they should be immune from criticism; but we do believe that they are honestly trying to administer the Agricultural Marketing Act so as to benefit the farmers of this country. We are reprinting below an editorial which appeared in the Kansas City Star of January 14th:

CHAIRMAN LEGGE SUSTAINED

A definite cleavage between politics and economics in agrarian ranks likely will follow the virtual repudiation of National President John A. Simpson's leadership in Farmers' Union affairs by a committee of his own membership. This committee, which investigated the bitter row between Simpson and Chairman Alexander Legge of the farm board, exonerated Legge of the charges brought against him by Simpson. In taking up the investigation in Washington, the members of the committee, which represented ten states, realized that the investigation would be considered an affront by their fiery national president and that any brief in favor of Legge would be tantamount to a declaration of war.

Yet the committee, largely representative of the section which has obtained the most benefit from farm board operations, went courageously ahead. Its members maintained that the agricultural marketing act had been of much value to their business associations, both in a financial and membership way, and anticipated further benefits. For the future benefit of the movement, they felt, "the record should be cleared up." There also was more than a suspicion that Simpson, a Democrat, was actuated by politics, while the committee was actuated solely by the economics of the situation.

The latest development in farmer affairs gives a striking illustration of the fact that the farm board has many strong friends out in the country and these friends do not propose to sit idly by when it is attacked from their sector. The break with Simpson was forecast several months ago when Simpson defeated C. E. Huff of Kansas for the national presidency of the union. Huff, who is national president of the farm board's grain set-up, was defeated because of his closeness to the farm board. At that time the ten states represented in the present investigation went over Simpson's head and selected Huff as their spokesman before the farm board.

Since Simpson's election he has toured the middle West in a campaign against the farm board. His program has been abetted by William Hirth of Missouri and Milo Reno of Iowa, "bitter enders" on the equalization fee who never have fully approved of the agricultural marketing act. It must be something of a shock to these men to discover their own ranks deserting them in the campaign, influenced by the economics rather than the politics of the farm board operations.

We are also printing an editorial which appeared in the Salina Daily Journal of January 17th:

CAL WARD WAS RIGHT

After five days of investigation a special committee representing the Farmers Union organizations of Minnesota, Illinois, Kansas and Wisconsin, and the editor of the Farmers Union Herald, has found that John A. Simpson, president of the National Farmers Union, was not justified in making the charge that Chairman Legge, of the Farm Board, had stated before the senate agricultural committee that the Farm Board had sought to depress wheat prices. The charge grew out of a letter which Simpson said he had received from Senator Thomas, of Oklahoma.

As soon as the statement from Simpson was made public, C. A. Ward, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, took issue with the head of the national organization, and expressed the opinion that Mr. Simpson was injuring the farm movement generally, as he was fighting from inside the lines, and thereby creating the impression that the farm organizations themselves were divided. Mr. Ward admitted that the legislation that had been given the farmer was not what they had expected, but gave it as his opinion that the charges made by Mr. Simpson were unfounded, and that since farm legislation is just getting started, and is still on trial that representatives of the farm organizations should be extremely careful not to furnish ammunition to the enemies of farm relief so that it could be used to blow up the legislative foundation that has been created after years of agitation.

Now the special committee ratifies that position taken by Mr. Ward, and very evidently supports his view that it is no time for farm leaders themselves to start throwing bricks. Not only is the verdict a vindication of Mr. Ward, but it indicates that the members of the Kansas organization have a leader who keeps his feet on the ground, and forms his opinions on common sense and good judgment rather than sentiment or prejudices.—Editorial in Salina Daily Journal.

A. M. Kinney.

PARTIAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

By Cal A. Ward

Below will be found a partial report of the Committee appointed sometime ago at St. Paul, by the group of states that are supporting the Agricultural marketing act and cooperating in the Farm Board program.

It is quite unfortunate that it becomes necessary to make further reference to the Legge-Simpson controversy. Briefly, may I say that this committee made this investigation, unbiased, and unprejudiced, determined, as nearly as possible, to analyze the situation carefully, and arrive at facts. Had not we felt that a great injustice had been done our membership and organization, the Committee would never have made the investigation, which, of course, incurred considerable time and expense. But inasmuch as these various states are taking advantage of the possibilities offered through the marketing act and the revolving fund, it becomes mandatory that our membership become accurately acquainted with the facts. The entire committee are agreed that much of the publicity given by President Simpson, allegedly based on statements included in the Thomas letter, is, to say the least, misleading and most certainly does not represent the facts.

The Committee's investigation found that the farm board is absolutely conscientious and sincere in their official duties. Conferences with various members of the farm board have proven to me that their integrity should in no instances be attacked. Those who have followed the work of the farm board the past year and a half, know something of the attacks made and the extreme pressure by the enemies of the cooperative movement, especially the organized grain trade, on the farm board program, to tear down and destroy the whole thing. It occurs to me that everyone who appreciates a farm organization and the cooperative movement, should in no way, either public or private, do anything which on the face of it, will seem to encourage and contribute to those individuals and agencies who have exploited the American farmer, all of these years.

The following report, as written by Mr. A. W. Ricker, editor of the Farmers Union Herald, St. Paul, is self explanatory and any further inquiries addressed to me, will be cheerfully answered.

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THE WEEK WITH OUR STATE LEADERS

Salina, Kans., Jan. 19.—Cal A. Ward, State President of the Farmers Union, was forced to cancel three meetings for the early part of the week, which he had arranged to attend in northwestern Kansas, in order that he might be able to spend several days in Topeka with representatives of other farm organizations, discussing legislative matters. A conference has also been scheduled for Friday, at Lawrence, with the business men and agricultural groups of Douglass County.

Friday and Saturday evening, Mr. Ward will speak at meetings in Chase County.

A. M. Kinney, State Secretary, accompanied by H. E. Witham, General Manager of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas City left early this morning for Denver, Colorado, where they will attend the annual state convention of the Farmers Union of Colorado.

AN O. K. ON FARM BOARD

KANSAS BOARD OF AGRICULTURE IN A COMPLETE INDORSEMENT

Members Believe Legge Organization Has Not Yet Had Time to Prove Itself—Hits at Gas Tax Increase

Topeka Bureau
The Kansas City Star
(By a Member of the Star's Staff)

Topeka, Jan. 16.—The Kansas board of agriculture is in complete support of the federal farm board. The state board today went all the way in an indorsement of the farm marketing act and in its support of the federal farm board, even in the face of the animosity stirred up in Kansas over the wheat acreage reduction and the fight the livestock interests are making on the farm board because of co-operative marketing plans for livestock.

There was no debate and little discussion on any of the resolutions presented by the committee and there was none upon the indorsement of the farm marketing act or the federal farm board.

The resolution said:
Whereas, there has been some criticism of the agricultural marketing act and the activities of the federal farm board and

Whereas, the sentiment prevails in large measure that this federal agency has not had sufficient time to prove its value to the agricultural industry, therefore be it

Resolved, that this body record itself in support of the agricultural marketing act and of the federal farm board, believing that this board is honestly endeavoring to administer the act for the benefit of agriculture.

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ANOTHER BOOMERANG

President Simpson's Charge Answered In Full

"Another charge made by Mr. Simpson was that the Farm Board was 'dubbing' heads of farmers' boards into submission." He charged that C. E. Huff, "one of Legge's henchmen," had forced the president of the Illinois Farmers Union to sign allegiance to the Farm Board and the marketing act in return for loans of Farm-Board money."

The above is from the Nebraska Union Farmer. Mr. Huff also received letters from South Dakota saying that Mr. Simpson had made this charge in several meetings in that state. Mr. Huff immediately wired Mr. E. E. Kennedy, State Secretary of Illinois, in regard to this matter. We are publishing this telegram and also Mr. Kennedy's answer and after these telegrams appears a statement from the Illinois Union Farmer, in regard to this matter.

January 1, 1931.

E. E. Kennedy
Arcade Building,
Kankakee, Illinois.

Letter from South Dakota says "Simpson showed copy agreement Kennedy of Illinois was compelled to sign before he was able to get money. This agreement was that Kennedy would deal directly and only with Farm Board setups." My belief you were asked only to determine whether you were for or against movement and in no way compelled as above quotation indicates stop Please wire care Farmers National Minneapolis whether quotation is correct.

C. E. Huff,
1931 Jan 14

C. E. Huff
Salina
Received wire too late reach you Minneapolis stop quotation from South Dakota letter is not correct stop I was not compelled to issue signed statement as consideration for loans or deal only with Farm Board cooperatives stop The statement states our position toward movement and appoints you representative in contacts with Farm Board and related agencies.

E. E. Kennedy.

STATEMENT
The Illinois Division of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union, by action of its Board of Directors, at a meeting held in Kankakee, Illinois, December 9, 1930, determined officially to enter upon a co-operative grain marketing program under the auspices of the Farmers National Grain Corporation. The Illinois Division thus expressed its complete confidence in the policies of Mr. C. E. Huff, as President of Farmers National Grain Corporation, and proposes to go forward with a vigorous organization program, in full co-operation with Mr. Huff, acting under the present Agricultural Marketing Act in co-operation with the Federal

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NOTICE: THE ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Kansas Farmers Union Auditing Association will be called immediately following the meeting of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association February 6, 1931.

The meeting will convene at 309-11 Commercial National Bank Building, Kansas City, Kansas, at 10 A. M. Friday, February 6, 1931. For convenience sake, an adjournment will be taken to the Aladdin Hotel, 1213 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri, for the afternoon session.

The annual report of the operations of the Kansas Farmers Union Auditing Association will be given, other business will be transacted, and the election of directors will be held at that time.

If you cannot attend this meeting, your proxy should be sent to the Secretary's office, Mr. Thos. B. Dunn, Salina, Kansas, and a return post card is enclosed for your convenience in returning the proxy.

KANSAS FARMERS UNION COOPERATIVE AUDITING ASSOCIATION.
Thos. B. Dunn, Secretary.

NOTICE THE SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association will convene at its headquarters 309-11 Commercial National Bank Building, Kansas City, Kansas, at 10 A. M. Friday, February 6th, 1931. For convenience sake, an adjournment will be taken to the Aladdin Hotel, 1213 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, Missouri, for the afternoon session, to begin at 1 o'clock P. M.

We have some amendments to make in our By-laws to comply fully with the Agricultural Marketing Act, so it is very necessary that you be present either in person or by proxy. If you find it impossible to be present, please sign the proxy provided, authorizing some stockholder to vote in your stead.

All proxies should be sent to the Secretary's office, 1147 Board of Trade Building, Kansas City, Missouri not later than February third for registration.

H. E. WITHAM, Sec.
(Tear off here)

PROXY

I hereby appoint _____ as my proxy, and do hereby authorize him by power of attorney to vote for me in the seventeenth annual stockholders' meeting of the Farmers Union Jobbing Association to be held at headquarters of the company, 309-11 Commercial National Bank Bldg., Kansas City, Kansas, at 10 o'clock A. M. Friday, February 6, 1931.

Sign here _____
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SALINA, KANSAS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 1931

The Kansas Union Farmer wishes to congratulate the Kansas City Daily Star, for their editorial published elsewhere in this paper.

In our opinion, this editorial sets out exactly the line of cleavage between the cooperative forces, supporting the farm board and the agricultural marketing act, and the forces opposing it.

THE PROGRAM OF THE COMMITTEE OF FARM ORGANIZATIONS

The Committee of Farm Organizations are on the job at Topeka during the session of the legislature. Mr. L. E. Webb, of Dodge City, Kansas, President of the Kansas Cooperative Grain Dealers Association, is in charge of legislative matters for the Committee. Every Farmers Union member in Kansas should write to his State Senator and his member of the House of Representatives and urge him to support the program of the Farm Committee. This program includes the resubmission of the Income Tax Amendment, the opposing of any increase in the gasoline tax, the retaining of the refund for gasoline used for Agricultural purposes, and an Oleomargarine or butter substitute tax which will lessen the sale of "monkey food" in Kansas. If you have any suggestion to make in regard to legislation, write to Mr. Webb, room 300, Jayhawk Hotel, Topeka, Kansas.

ARE THERE ANY OTHERS?

This from the Coffeyville Journal:
"What," asks the Atchison Globe, "has become of the old fashioned man who was lucky because he had an oil well in his back yard."
"We saw him today," answers the Salina Journal, "condoling with the old fashioned farmer who used to be lucky if he grew a big crop of wheat."
Yes, and still later in the day we saw the two joined by a town man who used to point with pride to the fact he owned several hundred acres of rich bottom land which no longer nets him enough from his share of the rent to pay the taxes.—Salina Journal.

THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Governor Woodring's Message to the Legislature is a clear cut statement of what he expects from the Kansas Legislature this winter. There is no pussyfooting in it; what he believes, he has had the courage to say. One thing which he did not mention in his message, and one which the farmers of Kansas are vitally interested in, was Corporation Farming. In an interview which we had with him this morning he stated, that if any solution of this question could be found, he would be for it.
There is not a hint of partisan politics in his message, for which he should be congratulated. We believe that the farmers of Kansas have a friend in the Governor's office at Topeka.

PARAGRAPHS FROM WASHINGTON

There are 2700 students in the Central High School here. In the basement gymnasium there is a running track with a 100 yards straight-of-way.

It costs the Government \$581,616 for printing the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Bill, all the hearings and debates. And that isn't near all it cost the country either.

The big old stone P. O. Department building with the tall tower and big clock and only thirty years old will soon go down for a new, bigger and better building just northwest of it.

At a birthday meeting of the Esther Chapter of the Eastern Star there were eight Past Grand Matrons and six Past Grand Patrons present. This would be an unusual incident in the West. The District of Columbia is a jurisdiction like a State. Extending honors on these occasions reminds me of an Episcopal service, one is kept jumping up and down. Evening clothes are mandatory for all officers here.

The Government's payroll in the District of Columbia is \$175,000,000 a year. That would look mighty good to Kansas City. Washington is just that size.

Sen. Heflin was denied unanimous consent by Sen. Moses for the immediate consideration of a resolution. He retaliated by talking an hour. Then Moses withdrew his objections. Heflin used the first five minutes in

depicting the starving people, and fifty-five in skinning Raskob. It was entertaining to say the least, but this is one of the reasons for the probable special session.

Last Sunday afternoon I took my old hayseed friend Cal Ward and others for a forty seven mile ride about Washington. When we went through the wooded woods and winding ways of Rock Creek Park, Cal said "By George." As we drove around Potomac Park, and looked at the War College at the mouth of the Anacostia River he exclaimed "Gee Whiz, she's pretty." At the Lincoln Memorial, "My, this thrills me." Out in Arlington from the tomb of Bryan looking toward the city, "Gosh, she's great!" As Cal and I lie in bed late these mornings with our good jobs, we sympathize with our old brothers who have blown their breaths on the frosty bits, wiggled the old gate loose from the frozen ground and are kicking the fodder loose as they load their racks. Here's hoping that the jiggling wagons won't lose their loads before they reach the cattle.

THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

C. A. WARD

My attention has just been called to the fact that "Bill" Lambertson in another column of this paper, told you folks that I was back in Washington. I wanted to keep that a secret.

Reading his notes has given me a real thrill and inspired me to make a few observations.

Sitting on a Committee Isn't All "Roses"

When the Association representing some ten or eleven states was first set up at St. Paul during the national convention, and I was made Chairman of the Association, I then experienced a sense of some of the very strenuous work that might come our way. It's one thing to follow the gang, "afar off" and entirely another thing to be made a target and placed in the front line. In representing principle, I had rather be a target, taking the chance of being shot full of holes, than be a pussyfooting straddler, constantly dodging the issue.

The committee work in Washington was enjoyable. We made a lot of worth while contacts and all interviewed received us cordially and apparently were much interested in the work we were doing.

Proud of Kansas Delegation at Washington

During the six days of my stay in Washington with the exception of two, I met with all of our Congressmen and Senators. They treated me royally. I dined with several of these gentlemen and we discussed questions and problems singular to Kansas in a definite way. Our Senators and Congressmen are very desirous that they may hear from time to time, by individuals or groups, the needs and wishes of those whom they represent. In all my visitations with our Kansas delegation it was brought out that agriculture is, and has always been, the basic industry of our great state.

Sightseeing and Play

Congressman and Mrs. Lambertson treated me fine and by their invitation, I was privileged on Sunday afternoon, to take in the sights and see the town. To a Kansas "farm lad" who had never visited this historic city, it was a great revelation. Patriotism and loyalty to our country is brought to the surface and gives expression in words as we visit the various historical spots in and about Washington.

As I stood before the Lincoln Memorial, which is illuminated by a perpetual light, day and night, I instantly thought of the worth while sacrifices and contributions, given to this country and to the world, by the Great Emancipator. We crossed over the Potomac and down among the trees in Arlington Cemetery, we came to the grave of the great American, William Howard Taft. The simple inscription of "W. H. Taft," marked his grave.

On up the winding hills, we soon found ourselves at the historical home of Robert E. Lee. In the basement of the house, the old skillets, pots and kettles, as well as knives, forks and spoons, were in their places. The furniture in the home was as they had left it. Everything in place, with the beds nicely made up. Out in the yard, adjoining the stables we noticed the living quarters of their servants. In the bedroom were two beds, including the trundle bed.

I lifted my hat, as I stood at the grave of William Jennings Bryan, the great American, whose sincerity and motives never were challenged. A man who went to his fathers, standing firmly for the principles he felt were best for human kind.

We came to the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. A guard keeps vigil constantly, walking back and forth before the tomb, in military splendor. The horrors of the world war gripped us once more as we looked out and beheld the thousands of graves of our brave sons, marked by little white marble markers. May peace cover the earth as the waters cover the deep and may swords be beaten into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks, and above all, may true Patriotism and loyalty be evidenced everywhere!

The Washington Memorial towers 555 feet and is clearly visible for many miles. The birth of a nation and early American life found its way in my thinking, as I stood by and looked on. Over in Alexandria, the little church still stands where George Washington worshipped. One could spend days and weeks, profitably, visiting Washington.

Farmers Union Jobbing Ass'n. News

H. E. WITHAM, Gen. Mgr.

The Jobbing Ass'n. has started the New Year by sending out interest checks to members who are holders of Preferred Stock in the Association. The amount of this stock at this time is approximately \$41,000.00. Each check was attached to a letter from Mr. Witham, explaining that this stock was now redeemable at par any time the Stockholder cares to turn it in.

The letter also goes on to explain that The Jobbing Association is now on a sound financial basis and that its financial rating is high. This, of course, all being made possible by the loyal support of its stockholders. In spite of the fact that receipts on the Kansas City market during the year 1930 show a decrease on nearly every commodity, compared to 1929, the volume of business handled by The Jobbing Association shows an increase in most every department.

Their business is not confined strictly to Farmers Union members. Grain and hay consignments get the same careful attention whether they are shipped by members or non members, as do merchandise sales. In fact, The Jobbing Association is always glad for the opportunity to handle shipments for non members as they believe their ability to get good prices will go a long way in building up co-operative organization memberships.

THE INSURANCE CORNER

By CHARLES A. BROOM, Secretary

At our annual meeting held Friday, January 16th two new men were elected on our board of directors. These men were Geo. C. Peak of Erie and Geo. W. Bushby of Belleville. The retiring members were John Hubber of Selden and W. J. Prescott of Osawatimie. Old members reelected were W. C. Whitney of Phillipsburg, C. C. Cole of Levant, C. J. Diederich of Selden and Chas. A. Broom of Salina. There was a larger attendance than in any recent year and the discussions were wholesome and constructive. All officers were reelected at the board meeting following. Everything points toward a larger volume of business in 1931 than last year but one very definite conclusion was reached: that our losses must be reduced or rates would have to go higher. We hope for the cooperation of agents and policyholders in taking good risks and avoiding unnecessary hazards.

A new method of distribution of refunds, both cash and note, will be put in effect on February renewals. The refunds for February will be mailed to the agents in a few days along with the agent's notice of expiration and one receipt for each check or note to be delivered. Agents should get these receipts signed and should retain them for their own records. A larger receipt covering all checks or notes sent to any particular agent will also be enclosed, which the agent should sign and return to the office as soon as refunds are received.

By this method the agent will have the refund when he calls to get the renewal and will very materially assist in establishing a personal contact between the agent and the member.

ANOTHER BOOMERANG

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The action of the Illinois Division is thus properly interpreted as a specific endorsement and expression of confidence in the National Grain Corporation and in the administration of its present officers. Mr. C. E. Huff, as President of the Farmers Grain Corporation, is made spokesman of the Illinois Division in its relations with the marketing agencies set up in co-operation with the Federal Farm Board under the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act.

FARMERS EDUCATIONAL & CO-OPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA, Illinois Division.
By E. E. Kennedy, Secretary.
By Arthur Fisher, General Counsel.
The Committee immediately began the preparation of Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws and making the necessary plans to put this plan in operation.

A meeting of representative Farmers Union members was called in Kansas.

Articles of Incorporation and the above resolution were presented to the meeting after which the following Resolution was adopted.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we hereby approve and ratify the action of the Executive Board and the Committee composed of E. E. Kennedy and Arthur Fisher in approving of and in setting up the Farmers Union Central Grain Cooperative Inc., and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we hereby ratify and approve of the endorsement of the Farmers National Grain Corporation and its relations to the marketing agencies set up in co-operation with the Federal Farm Board under the Provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we approve of the action in making Mr. C. E. Huff, president of U. G. C., spokesman for the Illinois Farmers Union in its relation to the Marketing agencies set up in co-operation with the Federal Farm Board under the Provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act.—Illinois Union Farmer.

SAYS FARMERS WILL CONTROL MARKETING

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Proper basis of relationship between the activities of the co-operative stockholders and the national organization has been developed, and a clear conception of that relationship is an established present fact. The public is not generally aware of the magnitude of the task which has been accomplished, nor of the effectiveness with which this machinery is now capable of operating.

I shall undertake to point out some of the outstanding accomplishments of the first year. Less because of their direct importance than because of what they indicate for the future: First—There has been provided, as I have already indicated flexible and inclusive organization for the centralized control of the marketing of grain. So fundamental is this principle in the entire scheme of co-operative that its accomplishment within a single year marks perhaps the greatest step ever made in co-operative grain marketing in so short a time. All of the machinery of organization, and the acquisition of facilities, become of little consequence except as through them the producer is able to exercise control over his commodity in the market places, and there to bargain upon an equal basis with the ultimate buyer and giving increased oversight and control has to do with the physical movement of the grain itself. Until this current crop season there has never been in the United States any organization supervising the movement of vast quantities of grain and giving intelligent direction to that movement. In the absence of a lively export demand it has been usual for market congestion to occur, and not infrequently embargoes have been necessary for long periods, against important market outlets. The grain trade has not played a part in this situation, but has been utterly helpless in the matter in the very nature of things; and this situation has worked to the extreme disadvantage of the producer, and very often to the decided advantage of the speculator and trader. In 1929 the pressure of grain upon the markets of the southwest resulted in such congested conditions in those markets that cash grain was so debased in relation to the world price, as reflected in the future markets, that elevator operators were able to insure themselves, without risk or hazard, a net profit, averaging, perhaps, 15c per bushel over all handling and storage costs. Elevator facilities in the spring wheat area were filled with southwest wheat early in the crop movement, and this condition served to debase the price of the spring wheat crop also in turn. In 1930, by contrast with general conditions no more favorable than in the previous year, every market was kept constantly open to the flow of producers' grain. . . . and neither embargo nor serious consideration of the necessity of embargo existed at any time. With the facts before them, executives of Farmers National Grain Corporation were able so to direct the flow of great quantities of grain, as to prevent over-loading in any market. The exact influence of this action upon the price level is difficult of proving, but is sufficiently tangible and evident that thoughtful persons in and out of the grain trade have been glad to acknowledge the benefit of this helpful action, and have estimated that largely as a result of the 1930 wheat crop has averaged perhaps not less than 8c per bushel closer to the world price than did the 1929 crop. The world price level itself is, of course, much lower than a year ago, and it has been this lower price alone which the public and many producers have noted.

(b) Another very important advantage arising from this control has been the influence of the grain corporation upon marketing discounts. As an example of this, discounts on smutty grain have had little or no relation to the cost of cleaning such grain, and putting it into condition for use. When a considerable amount of smutty wheat exists, these discounts become as high as 10 or 15c per bushel. The cost of conditioning such grain will rarely exceed three or

four cents a bushel, and the remainder of the discount represents a handling profit to the owner of the necessary facility for its cleaning and handling. During the current crop year the grain corporation has been able in every market to maintain a discount level closely in keeping with the actual relative value of the off-grades of grain.

(c) Control in the central markets provides also the means for effective bargaining in behalf of the producer. The entire motive which lies behind co-operative marketing is at variance with the motive of the private trader in that the latter naturally seeks only a satisfactory margin of profit to himself, while the co-operative is interested in the ultimate price, and in the full reflection of that price to the farmer himself. In the domestic market the Farmers National Grain Corporation has been, and is without doubt, the most important single factor as a bargaining agency. When vast quantities of grain appear upon any market in the hands of an agency devoted to the interests of the producer of that grain, it is inevitable that the highest price possible under the conditions which exist will be secured from the purchaser.

In the export market we have been active throughout the season until recent price relationships have made it impossible for us to sell in the world's markets. Our first offers of grain for export were made on June 6th, 1930, and a few days later we booked our first export sales. Since that time we have employed our own chartered ships for the delivery of the grain which we have sold, and have made such deliveries in practically every important consuming country using United States wheat. Thus, through his co-operatives, the wheat producer has been able to bargain effectively with the ultimate buyer anywhere in the world, and to make delivery of his product at the door of such buyer through his own agencies exclusively. There is no magic in these processes, and the agricultural problem is not immediately met and overcome by them. Perhaps marketing alone is incapable of meeting the problem, and will have to be supplemented by other devices made possible by further legislation; but no thinking person will deny that through Farmers National Grain Corporation and the similar agencies, dealing with other commodities, a very great contribution is being made to the ultimate solution of agriculture's troubles.

Second—We have provided the necessary finances, through banks and the Farm Board, for the handling of this great quantity of grain from the time it leaves the producer's hands at the country elevator until it reaches the hands of the final buyer. Existing financial machinery is being utilized to the fullest possible extent. . . . both commercial and intermediate credit banks contributing substantially to this program. Credit has been established with the great commercial banking institutions to the amount of many millions of dollars. Federal Intermediate Credit Banks supply further millions, and this is directly supplemented by the use of Farm Board funds. Loans supplemental to those made by commercial or intermediate credit banks for the withholding of grain from the markets have been arranged, and during the recent extreme depression of the market, these supplemental loans were utilized to protect the interests of the producer and his co-operatives to the fullest extent. Loans for the acquisition of facilities are being constantly made on terms of from one to ten years, and at low rates of interest. Through this arrangement co-operative groups are coming into possession of country and sub-terminal facilities, and Farmers National is acquiring space in the central markets. It is my conviction that within five years the producer of grain will find himself in complete possession of the marketing machinery necessary for the movement and control of his commodity, and through that machinery he will find himself in a position of bargaining equality with other groups, and able always, in the absence of a grave surplus, to make the tariff substantially effective in his own behalf. No more interesting experiment is being carried on in the world than this.

Legge Indorses

The Buttruss Bill

Provides For Two Year Embargo on Wheat, Feed Grains and Butter

Washington, Jan. 16 (AP)—Chairman Legge today indorsed the Buttruss bill for a two-year embargo on wheat, feed grains, and butter.

In a letter to Representative Buttruss of North Dakota, Legge said the bill "is along the right lines as affording perhaps the quickest method of dealing with the situation."

"However," the farm board head continued, "it is immaterial to us how this result is arrived at but present conditions certainly justify action on the part of congress to meet the present emergency."

"Just how this relief is to be afforded is perhaps not material. Some time ago in writing Senator Capper, I suggested that unless there was an improvement in world conditions we would ask for a temporary embargo on wheat imports; however, just as strong an argument could be made on other grains, including beans.

"Some of these commodities are coming into the country on a basis that seems as though the price obtained for them would hardly pay the cost of transportation from the areas in which they are produced.

"So far there has been no improvement in world prices. Many students of the situation seem to think that there is a probability that they will go still lower. I therefore hope that before the present congress adjourns they will find it possible to pass such legislation as will protect the American producer during this period of distress."—Salina Journal.

KANSAS UNION FARMER WEEKLY EXCHANGE

If members of the Union have anything to Sell or Exchange, they can advertise in this department. Rate: 3 cents a word per issue. If run 4 times 10c per word for the four issues. Count words in heading, as "For Sale," or "Wanted to Buy," and each initial or figure in the address. Compound words count as two words. CASH MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER—TRY THIS DEPARTMENT—IT WILL PAY YOU.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

WANTED

WANTED—Position as Mgr. of Elevator or Store. Address Holton Grain Co. Holton, Kansas.

WANTED—Position managing elevator. Married man, age 35, 10 years experience. Export accountant. Write fully. Address "Co-operator," Care Kansas Union Farmer, Salina, Kansas.

POSITIONS WANTED, MALE

WANTED—Position as manager of country elevator. Have had considerable experience as manager with grain and all the side lines. Can give references and bond. Now unemployed but want a change. Give particulars in first letter. Address J. M. Care Kansas Union Farmer.

FOR SALE

WE SELL Daily new-caught headies and salted Lake Superior herring in lots of 50 and 100 lbs. Prices respectively \$5.50 and \$6.50. Ref. Commercial State Bank, J. Knarvik's Fisheries, Box 864, Two Harbors, Minn.

PLANTS—Write for beautiful catalog of Cabbage, Onion, Tomato, Lettuce and Pepper plants. Davis Plant Co., Tifton, Ga.

FOR SALE—\$80 acre improved stock farm near Jordan, Mont., \$3,000, easy terms. C. W. Donohoe, Lodge Grass, Mont.

MISCELLANEOUS

Red Clover \$11.00; Alsike \$11.00; Alfalfa \$20.00; White Sweet Clover \$4.00; Timothy \$3.75; Mixed Alsike and Timothy \$5.00; All per bushel. Bags free. Samples and catalog upon request. Standard Seed Co. 21 East Fifth St., Kansas City, Mo.

PLANTS

Frost-Proof Cabbage and Bermuda Onion Plants. Open field grown, well rooted, strong. Treated seeds. Cabbage each bunch fifty mixed, labeled with variety name. Early Jersey Wakefield, Charleston Wakefield, Succession, Copenhagen, Early Dutch, Late Dutch, Fortmud, 200, 75c; 300, 1.00; 500, 1.25; 1,000, 2.50; 2,500, 4.50. Express Collect; 2,500, 4.50. Onions Priesterker, Crystal Wax and Yellow Bermuda, Postpaid, 500, 75c; 1,000, 1.25; 2,500, 2.50. Express Collect; 2,500, 4.50. Full count, prompt shipment, safe arrival, satisfaction guaranteed. Write for Catalogue. UNION ARIZONA COMPANY, TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS.

Salina, Kans.—Those counties wishing organization work done will please get in touch with this office at an early date.
C. A. Ward.

A PROBE OF BREAD PRICES

Senate Seeks to Know Why They Don't Follow Wheat

Washington, Jan. 18.—The senate today adopted, without debate, a resolution for investigation of the reasons for the failure of the price of bread to reflect the decline in the price of wheat and flour.

Inquiry also would be made to ascertain whether bread prices are at their present level because of "combination in restraint of trade."

The senate interstate commerce committee was given \$15,000 from the senate's contingent fund for the study.

The resolution said the price of wheat and flour had undergone a precipitate decline during the past year; that the price of bread had not gone down in proportion; that the price of whole wheat flour was now higher than white flour, and that the price of brown and unrefined sugars was now higher than white and refined sugars. All of these contentions would be investigated.—K. C. Star.

A BIG WHEAT CUT MOVE

A 40 Per Cent Reduction Plan Launched in Texas

Amarillo, Tex., Jan. 14.—A campaign sponsored by wheat farmers of the Texas Panhandle "to save themselves from further financial losses" by a voluntary cut of 40 per cent in wheat acreage was set in motion at a meeting here today.

The conference was called by Lester Stone, Amarillo grain producer and originator of the plan. Executive committees of the Panhandle Bankers' Association and the Panhandle Grain Dealers' Association and others who attended the meeting pledged support to the movement.

Efforts to carry the plan into the southwest wheat states will be made at a meeting in Amarillo January 20. Bankers, state officials and grain dealers of Kansas and Oklahoma, and all wheat growers of the Panhandle will be invited to attend.—K. C. Star.

WEEKLY FARMERS UNION HOUR FEATURES LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Rex Lear, State Manager of the Farmers Union Life Insurance Company, will have charge of the regular weekly Farmers Union Hour, which will be broadcast over station WIBW, Topeka, Friday night, January 23rd, at eight o'clock.

F. U. LIVESTOCK COMMISSION TO HAVE ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING FEB. 5th

The annual Stockholders' meeting of the Farmers Union Livestock Commission Company will be held in Kansas City on Thursday, February 5th.

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Junior Co-operators by Aunt Patience

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS DEPARTMENT

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

Dear Junior Co-operators: I'm going to do again as I did last week, and not answer each one of your letters separately, because we're so crowded for space. How do you all like this way—perhaps you'd rather I'd always just print your letters, and write you like this, in one letter? Please let me know what you think. As you see, I'm awfully behind with them—why, we're just printing some of your Thanksgiving letters now! And speaking of this, I want to draw your attention especially to the Thanksgiving Essay by Louise Brinker.

She is only seven years old and I think her essay is remarkably good. And I was so glad to read what Elsie Long, of Parsons, said about being willing to help form a Junior Local at Parsons. If we could get a few at each town interested in this, we could soon have a good many Locals started. Perhaps we could send some one to help in their formation. I wish you'd all think this over seriously. I'll see that your name is placed correctly on the Membership list, at Morland, next time, Beata. And Nadine Kreuger asks if her cousin who is staying with her family this winter, can join—we'd be glad to have him as a new member, Nadine. Tell him to write us a letter and we'll send him a pin and book to him right away. Goodbye until next week and don't forget to write.

AUNT PATIENCE.

Osage City, Kans., Jan. 10, 1931
Dear Aunt Patience:
I am thirteen years old and in the eighth grade.
I would like to join the Farmers Union Co-operators' club. I will try to get my lessons.
Please send me a notebook and pin. Are the lessons printed in the paper or do you send them?
My father is a member of the Farmers Union at Lyndon, Kan.
Well I must close.
Your friend,
Miss Welda Nichols.

Green, Kans., Nov. 21, 1930
Dear Aunt Patience:
How is everything down at Salina? I know I haven't written or sent in a lesson for a long time, but I have been so busy with my schoolwork that I really couldn't.
I am nine years old and in the 5th grade. My birthday is Feb. 1st. I have found my twins. They are: Joseph P. Rome, Morland, Kans., Feb. 2, age 10.
Phyllis Curtis, McPherson, Kans., Feb. 1st, age 6.
I will try and get the next lesson. With love, your niece,
Kathryn Toothaker.

Morland, Kans., Nov. 18, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I would like to join your club. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. I am nine years old. My birthday comes on September 5. I am in the third grade. My teacher's name is Sister Christopher. I like her very much.
I would like to have my pin and book. I will close with love.
Yours very truly,
Miss Esther Rome.

Morland, Kans., Nov. 18, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I would like to join your club. My father is a member of the Farmers Union. I am nine years old. My birthday comes on March 6. I am in the third grade. My teacher's name is Sister Christopher. I like her very much.
I would like to have my pin and book. I will close with love.
Yours very truly,
Miss Monica Rome.

Codell, Kans., Nov. 20, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
You never put my last letter in the paper. But I have to write my Thanksgiving letter. I did not send in any lesson yet but I am going to try to send in one when they are put into the paper again. I read the letters in the paper this week and thought they were very nice. I do not get time to write letters in school, so I have to write them at home. Last month I had 100 per cent in spelling, and I got a present from my teacher. It was sure nice. It was an Eversharp pencil. I enjoy school very much. I lost one of my pets my little dog. He ran away. I am O. K. and hope the same of you. Well I guess I have to close with love.
Your niece,
Lorraine Rohleder.

P. S. I have not found my twin yet but hope to find it soon.
Parsons, Kans., Nov. 16, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
Just got through writing my twin, Cecilia Gast, whose birthday is December 17th and mine is the 15th. I would love to organize a Junior Local at Parsons. The older folks have been wanting entertainment at their meeting and if I could get the older folks to help me organize a Junior Local I would assure them an entertainment at their meeting.
He is willing to work out the lessons and send them in.
My letter is quite long so guess I better close.
Answer soon so if he can join he can write and have his name put on the membership roll.
Your niece,
Nadine Krueger.

Morland, Kans., Nov. 17, 1930
Dear Aunt Patience:
While I am reading the Membership Roll of the Farmers Union I happened to see that my name is missing from it, and I would be very glad if you would put my name on the roll. In fact there is another girl by the name of Beata P. Rome. I suppose you must be mistaken in the two names. My name is Beata J. Rome and I would like to see my name on the roll by the next month.
Yours truly,
Beata Rome.

St. Peter, Kans., Nov. 16, 1930
Dear Aunt Patience:
I am in the sixth grade. There are nineteen pupils in my class. My teacher's name is Sister Esther Marie.
We have one public school in town. The eighth grade goes in that school.
I helped to make things to decorate our school.
We live one half mile from school and have to walk to school every morning.
Will you please send me your handy loose leaf binder.
Your friend,
Albina Dinkel.

Clements, Kans., Nov. 15, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
How are you? I am just fine and hope you are the same. I received my book and pin today and think they are very nice. I surely thank you a lot for them. The reason I am answering so soon is because my cousin would like to join your club. He likes my pin and book very much. His father is not a member of the Farmers Union but he is going to stay with us this winter and go to school with me so he is like one of us. He stayed with us all summer all but a few weeks.
He is willing to work out the lessons and send them in.
My letter is quite long so guess I better close.
Answer soon so if he can join he can write and have his name put on the membership roll.
Your niece,
Nadine Krueger.

Agra, Kans., Nov. 29, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am just fine. I am sending in my lesson. Is it very cold there? It is here. Did I ever tell you about my pets? I have two dogs and four kittens. The dogs' names are Tricky and Buster. The kittens do not have any names.
Yours truly,
Virginia Rose.

Osawatimie, Kans., Dec. 1, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience: How are you? I am fine. Got my November lesson in. How did you enjoy Thanksgiving day? I enjoyed mine fine. I will not forget to send my lesson in now. We did not have to go to school the Friday after Thanksgiving. I read in the paper where you wouldn't have any lesson until January 1st. I thought I would get this one in early because I am busy with school work. Will close now for this time.
Your niece,
Fernie Barrett.

Marysville, Kans., Nov. 10, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience: I am sending my September lesson. I am a little late but I guess not too late. Our Farmers Union won first prize at the Blue Rapids fair. Our local won last year, too. I have not found my twin yet. My birthday is the 27th of February. I will be 13. The nearest to my twin is February 22nd. Well, I will close for this time.
Your niece,
Irene Schele.

Nov. 10, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience: I will write a letter to you, telling you that I want a book and pin. I am in the third grade. I am seven years old.
Sincerely yours,
Clementina Billinger.

Victoria, Kans., Nov. 17, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
How are you? I am fine. I hope you are the same. Just think Thanksgiving is coming near. I am sure glad. On Thanksgiving day we haven't any school. I am glad too. I am going to school. I am in the fifth grade. I am studying five books. There are three in our class. Their names are Alfred Rohleder, Alexia Herman and I. I guess I have to close for I am getting sleepy. Goodbye.
Your friend,
Rita Miller.

Victoria, Kans., Nov. 17, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience: I received my book and pin quite a long time ago. But I never got time to answer my questions. But I didn't find my birthday twin.
I will tell you my subjects. I am in the sixth grade. My subjects are reading, arithmetic, English, geography, spelling and history. I like history the best of all subjects. There are four pupils in my grade. We have fourteen pupils in our school.
I guess I must close. But I wish you a good Thanksgiving dinner.
Sincerely yours,
Irene Miller.

Victoria, Kans., Nov. 17, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience: Just think Thanksgiving day is coming. Aren't you glad? I sure am glad. Hope you are the same. And all the others. We will have no school on Thanksgiving. I wish it is nice and the sun would shine nice on Thanksgiving day. Aren't my lessons too late? Hope not. Don't I get two stars for asking two of my friends to join the club? Their names are Cyrella Meis and Edna Meis. So please goodbye.
Your friend,
Leona Miller.

Osawatimie, Kan., Nov. 14, 1930
Dear Aunt Patience:
How are you? I am fine. I have found my twin. She is the same age and in the same grade and our birthdays are the same. Her name is Cecilia Gast of Paola, Kansas.
I was disappointed when we did not have any lesson. I have been looking for one ever since I sent my lesson in 2 or 3 weeks ago. Well, I have written my twin so I will close.
Your niece,
Fernie Barrett.

Stockton, Kans., Nov. 24, 1930
Dear Aunt Patience:
How are you? I am going to school. I am in the fourth grade and my brother Paul is in the second grade. I haven't got my pin and book yet but I hope I get it soon. My birthday is on July 31. I am 9 years old and I hope I find my twin. Yours truly,
Lawrence Griebel.

Meriden, Kans., Nov. 23, 1930
Dear Aunt Patience:
I have got so many things to be thankful for. I have a good home, a good father and mother, two good riding horses, and we have a nice bunch of Holstein cattle. We have plenty of feed for them this winter. And so many other things that I just can't tell you all. This is my Thanksgiving letter. Your niece,
Margaret Beeler.

WHAT I AM THANKFUL FOR
I am thankful for my parents, my religion and my chance to go to a Christian school. Glad to have good health and a good home. I have two fine sisters and three good brothers, all older than I am.
Glad we can ride to school in a closed car, but we have seven miles to go. We could not go today as it's too muddy. Glad to have a radio to listen to, even though it is a cheap and small one.
Glad to have a big doll and buggy and nice little dishes and toys that have been given to me. So I thank God for all of these things. As you know all good things come from God. I am seven years old and in the third grade. I did not see the October lesson, but will watch for the November one.
Your little friend,
Louise Brinker.

Cawker City, Kans., Nov. 20, 1930.
Dear Aunt Patience:
I am glad to know that the Union is not dead yet. I am glad to know and hear of the good work going on. It puts the thrill back in my heart and my soul and makes me feel good like those good old times we had at the local.
I heard of the county meeting at Seneca and I drove 11 miles to be in one more meeting. I heard Brother Ward speak and got to shake hands with him. It was an inspiration. I have been anxious to get back in some local and I have found one 4 miles south. The school house 4 miles east of Oneida, I have forgotten the name, also has a local. Just as soon as I find out what night they meet I am coming back if they will let me.
They say they haven't done much. If I get in I will have something done in 6 weeks you bet. If they will put together at all.
Please send me a copy of the Farmers Union paper and a copy of the F. Mutual Life Insurance company and the price of the paper for a year and I will send the money.
The old charter I had when the Union quit read:
The Charter of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, Arkansas division issued at Conway, Arkansas, this 7th day of March, 1906.
I was President and served two years at Mountain Gap, Arkansas. I joined the Union at Walnut Grove, Arkansas, in 1905 and the local unit in 1911. When I moved my membership to Markedon, Arkansas, we did a lot of good while we all hung together.
Yours truly,
T. T. HALLABAUGH.

RESOLUTIONS
Be it Resolved by the Shield Local of the Kansas Co-op. Warehouse Assn., assembled in meeting Jan. 9, 1931.
That we heartily endorse the efforts of Chairman Legge of the Farm Board of having the practice of short selling of grain and other commodities by Senators and Congressmen use every means possible to have this brought about and stopped.
Be it further Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of our Senators and Congressmen and to the Farm Board and to all of the Farm Organizations in the State of Kansas.
W. J. TILLOSON, Pres.
T. H. Sutton, Sec.

BLANCHVILLE FARMERS UNION NO. 796
The Blanchville Farmers Union held their regular meeting Tuesday evening, Jan. 6.
The members of the local came together at 6:30 p. m. to enjoy an oyster supper before the meeting. After the oysters and the oyster stew, the president called the meeting to order.
This being the night for installation of officers, the following people were installed.
President, Geo. Scheller; vice-president, J. M. Nielson; secretary and treasurer, Miss Eunice Hamilton; conductor, Alfred Scherber; doorkeeper, Ed McCarty; reporter, Myron Meyer. It was decided to start a contest of some kind at the next meeting. This was to be part of the entertainment. A committee of ten was appointed to get the program.
The meeting then adjourned.
The next regular meeting will be February 3rd.
MYRON MEYER.

SECRETARY KINNEY RECEIVES LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CALIFORNIA F. U.
California Division, Jan. 5, 1931.
Mr. A. M. Kinney, Secretary Kansas Farmers Union, Salina, Kansas:
Dear Brother Kinney—
I received a few lines of greetings from California. Hope you are enjoying good health and that the balance of the good Farmers Union folks I met while at Salina and your state convention are equally well.
Please give my regards to Miss Pauline Cowger and thank her for a copy of the resolutions as passed by the Kansas convention.
I asked the Prune Association to send you some copies of their paper, "The Sunwest Standard," which contained an article on my trip from "Prune" viewpoint. Hope you received and looked it over.
We have had a lot of dry weather so far. We had a good rain in November and now we are having plenty more. The cold has not troubled us as yet. There are still green tomato plants in the garden and in the open.
I wish you would be good enough to place Mr. Ben S. Allen 161 West Julian St., San Jose, Calif., on your exchange list for your paper.
Mr. Allen is an old newspaper man. He has offered me a page in his publication for Farmers Union use, and I want you folks to help me fill it with news from the Middle West. Your paper will be a valuable help toward this end.
Thanking you in advance and with the kindest of regards to Brother Ward, yourself, Broom, Spencer and others, I am
Fraternally yours,
R. V. GARROD.

RESOLUTIONS
We the stockholders of the Farmers Union Co-op. Mercantile Co. of Centropolis resolve.
Resolved—
That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to our brother stockholders, G. W. Nelson and J. A. Anderson in their recent bereavement.
Resolved—
That we favor the enactment by our state legislature of a law placing a tax or license on oleomargarine high enough that the farmers can get a better price for their butterfat. A law similar to the law in Montana is favored.
Resolved—

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

Oneida, Kans., Jan. 16, 1931.
Mr. A. M. Kinney,
Dear Brother:
I am glad to know that the Union is not dead yet. I am glad to know and hear of the good work going on. It puts the thrill back in my heart and my soul and makes me feel good like those good old times we had at the local.
I heard of the county meeting at Seneca and I drove 11 miles to be in one more meeting. I heard Brother Ward speak and got to shake hands with him. It was an inspiration. I have been anxious to get back in some local and I have found one 4 miles south. The school house 4 miles east of Oneida, I have forgotten the name, also has a local. Just as soon as I find out what night they meet I am coming back if they will let me.
They say they haven't done much. If I get in I will have something done in 6 weeks you bet. If they will put together at all.
Please send me a copy of the Farmers Union paper and a copy of the F. Mutual Life Insurance company and the price of the paper for a year and I will send the money.
The old charter I had when the Union quit read:
The Charter of the Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, Arkansas division issued at Conway, Arkansas, this 7th day of March, 1906.
I was President and served two years at Mountain Gap, Arkansas. I joined the Union at Walnut Grove, Arkansas, in 1905 and the local unit in 1911. When I moved my membership to Markedon, Arkansas, we did a lot of good while we all hung together.
Yours truly,
T. T. HALLABAUGH.

That we are opposed to any raise in the tax on gasoline unless the revenue derived therefrom be paid back to the counties where collected.
Resolved—
That we earnestly urge our members to be more loyal and support every Co-op institution in their power.
Resolved—
That we favor a law checking the forming of Farm Corporations as we believe it a detriment to the welfare of our children and coming generations.
Resolved—
That we instruct our secretary to send a copy to the Kansas Union Farmer for publication.
J. R. Parker
B. C. Nelson
Harry Fisher, Committee.

EVERY MEMBER GET A MEM-BER EVERY MONTH

Jan. 11, 1931.
Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Kansas Farmers Union:
Our fine little paper has been so full of really good material that I have been content to read and not contribute. Since listening to our most courageous super-cooperator, Manager Augustine of the Cooperative Creamery at Wakeeney I am urged to pass on to our folks some valuable hints which I gathered. A big thought for us is to sell our program to the farmer upon its merits. Its principle. Its great fraternal possibilities more than upon dividends. Let dividends take care of themselves. They will. Every subsidiary to the Farmers Union should control a larger five-year revolving fund. It is an automatic self insurance against any possible loss against time, mismanagement or other hazards of business. It enables our organization to branch out as has our Creamery and Jobbing Associations and others of our expertly managed departments. If the managers of our local business associations could gain the vision, spirit and stick-to-itiveness of the Great Dane of the Farmers Union (Augustine) we would need no government protection for we could protect our every product until it arrived at the kitchen door of the consumer. Brothers, it's not the grain gamblers fault, nor the fault of great corporations that we are playing a losing game day by day. The whole matter is within our own will and wish. We hire local men and women as co-operators. Who know nothing of what our organization means in scope and reality. Who actually work against our own interests and principles. We meet, and elect boards of control who are cowardly, narrow, selfish and worst of all ignorant. We expect to take out much of our money in the future. We ought to hit the rocks. We SHOULD have some great shock that will arouse us from our drowsiness and indifference. Lives of true co-operators have been spent and are being spent and will be spent and yet have been hopeless and unproductive. Farmers, the backbone of our nation, the sale of the earth, the incubators of intelligence, the cradlers of leadership, throwing up their hands and falling at the feet of any grafter, financial wizard or agent of powerful corporate and government departments. We are the backbone of our nation, the sale of the earth, the incubators of intelligence, the cradlers of leadership, throwing up their hands and falling at the feet of any grafter, financial wizard or agent of powerful corporate and government departments. We are the backbone of our nation, the sale of the earth, the incubators of intelligence, the cradlers of leadership, throwing up their hands and falling at the feet of any grafter, financial wizard or agent of powerful corporate and government departments. 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