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## Subsidy Issue Discussed at Topeka Forum

President E. K. Dean joined Dayton Young, state price control officer of the Office of Administration to tell the more than 100 persons gathered at the Citizens' Council Forum meeting December 14 that he saw no way to control inflation except by subsidies. A third speaker before recently activated Topeka was Milton Fuller, manager of the Page Mills in Topeka who contended that "consumer subsidies" were contrary to the American way of life.

It is more un-American and undemocratic," Dean countered, "to restrict the buying power of Americans by allowing prices to rise to uncontrolled heights."

**DEFINES SUBSIDIES**  
A subsidy is a means by which all members of a society pay the cost of their objective, our objective is full food production, which is necessary in the war."

Fuller explained that the membership of the Farmers Union have on record opposing the abolition of subsidies as set in the Steagall bill now pending. Abolishment of subsidies would lead to uncontrolled prices and would provide the door to inflation.

Fuller was not opposed to proportion subsidies which he distinguished from consumer subsidies and made obvious his self-interests in stating that he risked the dangers of inflation rather than risk his freedom to make profits.

Young stated that no one in the OPA would advise the use of subsidies if they were not the means to prevent inflation in the future.

**PRE-PEARL HARBOR COMPLACENCY**  
He added that Americans do not fear inflation enough and are inclined to shrug it off as did the possibility of a Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. "Nobody likes subsidies but they are the only way that we can prevent inflation," Young

pointed out that subsidies used in England to prevent inflation and they cost the people of Great Britain only 1 1/2 percent of their national income. He added that the cost to prevent inflation by subsidies would be about two and one-half billion dollars while the cost of inflation to Americans would be many billions more, including the loss through devaluation of life insurance and other property.

**CHINESE INFLATION**  
Using the example of China, Young demonstrated that China is the only major United Nation which does not use subsidies has the worst inflation among the nations. He quoted figures to show that a bowl of rice that formerly cost the Chinese 2 1/2 cents now cost \$6 and that a good suit of clothes cost \$100.

Justice Hugo T. Wedell of the Kansas Supreme Court was invited as president of the Topeka Citizens' Council and Harry Nightingale was forum treasurer.

## NOW!

Here is a local that came back to life with a bang. Clarence Hartman, secretary of the Pleasant Vale Grange in Natoma in Osborne county, sent the state office a check which not only paid for 1944 membership for seven members, but also paid for each for the past three years.

## Season's Best Hopes in Post-War Plans

Several times since the approach of the Christmas season we have heard persons say, "But what kind of greetings can a person send this year? It's so hard to say anything."

**Patton Proposes**  
Realizing that the people's priority rating on happiness is low this Yuletide, with friends and relatives facing death in the far corners of the world, we yet have sight of a peaceful, bright land being bought by the present hardships, President James Patton ably and boldly defined a course of action for attaining Tomorrow's World by calling for specific planning at the local, county, state, regional and national levels to do the following things:

1. Make medical, nursing and other health needs available to every man, woman and child in America on a public responsibility basis.

2. Build a system of rural education in America which will develop a real rural culture. Folk schools, technical and vocational agriculture skills should be taught to all rural children. Our land grant college system should be revamped to serve all farm people, not just the upper strata. Large grants in aid from federal government should be secured to build up our rural school system, in order that we may have better teachers, better equipment and a rural education which fits our children for a rich experience in rural life.

3. Rebuild the six million homes of rural America. Equip them with electricity and all the labor saving machines it makes possible.

4. Reclaim 25 million acres of land by irrigation and area planning, including production of power, fertilizer, and balance of our rural economy by bringing industry with cheap power.

5. Secure necessary legislation to make security of the farm family on the land the practiced policy of this nation. This includes land tenure laws, adequate credit and coupled with technical assistance, a large tenant purchase program, homestead tax exemption, graduated land taxes, social security for farmers and farm labor, laws establishing minimum wages and working conditions and maximum hours for farm laborers so that we family type farmers and our children will not be competing with people working on factories in the field.

6. Develop a broad program of aid and partial repayment

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Farmers  
Union  
Officers,  
Directors,  
And Employees  
Send  
Every  
Member  
Heartiest  
Holiday  
Greetings  
With Warm  
Wishes for a  
Very  
Merry  
Christmas  
And a Happy,  
Significant  
New Year  
Bringing  
Lasting  
Peace and  
Plenty to  
Everyone,  
Everywhere—

to returning veterans, in terms of unlimited health service, opportunity for as much education as they desire, farms and equipment on long time repayment basis. Adequate program of aiding them to find home, jobs and to participate fully in the society they fought for, a real stake in a new America.

7. The development and use of cooperation as a great concept of humanism rather than a concept of the cooperative device as a way of materialism and only a way of doing business—cooperation with our neighbors in our work, the use of our human and material resources—cooperation with other groups in society in our nation and the world—the development through cooperation of the basic concept, "I am my brother's keeper."

8. Lastly, develop as rapidly as possible a truly national organization of working farmers. A movement of people using the devices of cooperation

operatives and secretaries of the locals are more responsive in sending letters and telegrams to their senators and representatives to back up the testimony given in their behalf by Farmers Union representatives in Washington.

**"WITHOUT HEARING"**

Russell Smith, legislative secretary of the National Farmers Union, in submitting to the Senate Finance Committee arguments against the provision requiring co-operative, non-

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tion, legislation and education to the end that working farmers may have a voice in the affairs of our people.

**Farmers Not Alone**

Nor is the Farmers Union membership alone in building such great plans for the future. Phillip Murray, president of one of America's three great labor organizations speaks largely the sentiments of the membership and leadership of them all in saying that American fighting men must come home to an economy that guarantees "a real job for every able-bodied American who wants work." Murray defines a "real" job as "not a 'made' job, a relief job or a fake job." "A 'real' job," he declared "means a job at an annual wage high enough to make possible home ownership children and enough good food and clothing to keep them well and happy."

"The maintenance of the American home, the foundation on which our democracy rests, depends upon the opportunity of real work with decent union wages of every worker. A shortage of jobs, low pay and bad working conditions mean postponed marriages, declining birth rates and emotional insecurity."

**Leaders Too**

And who is not moved by the words of Vice President Henry Wallace when he said, "The future of the world holds a promise greater than the past has ever shown us."

"We must realize that we are a part of the great world and start to plan to live in that world. We want life to be more humane. We want to live up to the great historic issue of America—freedom for our own land and for all the world."

"America will find a new song, a new opportunity. In her world relations she will demonstrate the practicability of Christianity—that in serving the world she serves herself. The really hard-headed are those who see furthest. Christ was the hardest-headed man of historic record. Truly we are members one of another. Christian precepts and common sense will save the common peace. The common man, well informed, working with good will, is the greatest force in producing the world we want."

With such thoughts in the hearts of the people and their leaders, has the anniversary of the birth of Christ ever been more reverently or fittingly observed?

**Must Declare Refunds Before Fiscal Year Ends**

In accordance with Internal Revenue Department regulations it is mandatory that all co-operatives make provisions for distribution of their net savings before the close of their current fiscal year.

A resolution to that effect should be made by the Board of Directors before the close of the fiscal year.

Although the articles of incorporation and by-laws provides that savings be distributed on the basis of business done with members and non-members it does not create a definite liability, therefore, any dividend and patronage refunds to be paid out of current year's savings must be declared by official action of the Board of Directors prior to the close of the fiscal year and must be recorded in the minutes of such meeting.—E.C. Broman, Sec.-Manager Farmers Union Auditing Association.

## Eastern FU Leaders Blast Dewey Scare

New York's Republican Governor Tom Dewey was stopped in his tracks early this month by Farmers' Union leaders who gave the lie to his scare campaign about an alleged shortage of feed for live-stock producers and dairy farmers in the Northeastern states.

Making the charge that the scare was a part of a political plot to force low-quality feeds on the farmers at exorbitant prices and "to win the farmers to an inflationary campaign," the FU leaders pointed out that, although a normal supply of grain in the eastern area is 21 days, a full six months' supply is now available.

They called attention to the fact that the grain elevators at Buffalo, chief distribution center for the New York area, have been filled to capacity since October, and that fully 15,000,000 additional bushels of grain will be tied up at the Buffalo docks in ore boats all winter for the lack of elevator space.

Those leading the fight against what they called "a political cable headed by Gov. Dewey," were Sidney Stolberg, secretary of the Eastern Division of the Farmers Union; Meyer Parodneck, president of the Consumer-Farm Milk Co-operative of New York and New Jersey; Charles J. Coe, editor of Facts and the Farmer, and Archie Wright, president of the Farmers Union of the New York Milk Shed.

## FU Member Heads County Trucking Co-op

William Corbett of the Elevator local in Shawnee County was last week elected chairman of the Shawnee County Live-Stock Transportation Committee at its organizational meeting in Topeka.

The committee will advise and assist the Office of Defense Transportation in directing the movement of motor trucks used in the transportation of livestock to and from points in Shawnee county.

Committeemen, representing every section of the county, were named by county producers, truckers, dealers and processors and include James I. McIntire, Charles Wilch, Clyde Dennon, J. C. Campbell, Allen Engler, J. H. Foltz, Leonard Wilson, William Coltus, Fred Zweible, Dale George, Howard French, Amon Dietrich and Frank Reyner.

Similar committees are being set up in other Kansas counties.

**Much Advertising**

Noting the high percentage of space devoted to advertising in this, the Christmas issue, of the Kansas Union Farmer, many members may well wonder if this is the result of a proposal accepted by the delegates at the annual state convention to allow the Salina Advertiser-Sun "to print and circulate the paper without cost for two years in exchange for space, not to exceed 40 percent of the total space in the paper."

No such contract, however, has been signed due to the inability to arrive at an agreement acceptable to both parties. All revenue for the ads appearing in this edition therefore will accrue to the Kansas Farmers Union.



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## Put Congress on The Air

With almost unbelievable disregard for the majority of Americans, our Congress continues to flout the public interest and conduct itself in a manner suggesting a spoiled brat who behaves badly not for the personal gain derived from such action but for the sick pleasure of an egoistic orgy which serves to provoke the disciplinary displeasure of authority—which is in the case of the child, the parents, and in the case of Congress, the will of the people.

It is for instance inconceivable that any adult persons, least of all, individuals named by the electorate to make the laws of the land, can honestly believe that the public good or the popular will is honored by the action which the Senate Finance Committeemen took last week in rejecting a proposal to tax race track betting while approving doubled taxes on movie tickets and admissions to other entertainment.

Such perverse behavior leaves the average citizen shaking his head and wondering what goes on in the minds of men (whose performance of their duties is that of running the greatest nation in the world's history) that justifies this action which, were it an isolated incident, could be excused as a mistake but coming as it does almost as the final straw in several weeks' of particularly contemptible legislative activity will stir many persons to resolve that 1944 must see some changes made.

If the reader of this has recently satisfied his being's more urgent needs and is not inclined to share the writer's indignation over the latest and not unexpected bit of tomfoolery on the part of our esteemed Senators, we beg to review with you a few of the high-water marks of anti-people's legislation committed by both the House and Senate recently.

Surely every believer in democracy feels that the men who have left their jobs, homes, children and wives to fight with their lives for the ideals and very borders of this land are entitled to the basic privilege of voting in our popular elections, especially one so important to their future and the future of the country as the national election in 1944.

But the polltaxers who sit in the seats of our legislative halls by the will of small fractions of the population in their districts and states have robbed millions of soldiers and sailors of this essential right by turning the whole job of arranging for voting back to the 48 states. Our soldiers are fighting fascists over all the world and are being stabbed in the back by anti-democratic forces in their own government. When the selective service act was passed to build up our Army, it was not done contingent on the approval of the various state governments nor should the voting procedure be handled through 48 different agencies.

Or take the proposed tax bill shot through

the house recently which as mentioned before taxes the people's recreation of movies at twenty per cent, but refuses to tax betting on "the sport of kings." This same nefarious bill taxes alarm clocks ten per cent, as if anyone wanted an alarm clock as a luxury. Perhaps our lawmakers have never had to bounce out of bed to the awful racket of one of the contraptions. Luxury, indeed!

This is the same bill that lays ground work for taxing cooperatives and labor unions by making both submit a statement of the year's finances. Both organizations have been specifically exempted from taxation because both are non-profit.

In its present form the bill will raise only one-fifth of the revenue sought by the Treasury Department. Our brothers in fox-holes, virtually deprived of the right to vote, will come home to pay the taxes that a sensible Congress could have raised in war time with taxes on the high incomes and profits falling in the laps of industrialists today.

Other reactionary actions taken by Congress for the apparent reason of striking against the administration without regard for the needs of the nation include elimination of funds for the Farm Security Administration with the consequently sabotaging of the food production program, the prohibition of subsidy payments which will provoke breaking the line against inflation, the defeat of bills providing funds for health and education, and more too numerous to mention while itching to make suggestions of what is to be done.

First, there's 1944. Nuff said.

Immediately, however, one of the best remedies for ending the bi-partisan coalition's monkey shines in the House and Senate is suggested by the National Farmers Union Washington representative, Paul Sifton, who suggests putting the proceedings of both houses on the air, broadcasting each day's business to the nation direct from both chambers.

Sifton points out that the Communications Act of 1933 states that the air belongs to the people and that six-month wave bands shall be made to serve "public interest, convenience and necessity."

"Congressional acts of commission and omission," he says, "are of such vital importance to people in the war and postwar period that use of two wave lengths throughout the nation for the few hours each day that Houses are in session plainly falls within the purpose of the Act."

"Public necessity requires bringing of Congress' business to the people; convenience will be served and, judging by the audience the New York City Council had when its sessions were on the air, the interest will be terrific, thereby assuring democratic participation in government. Radio can make the nation a colossal town meeting."

"Among opponents of the idea will be Congressmen who don't like public pressure, big broadcasters, lobbyists who do their best work after dark and some newspapers."

"Only people who can put through the idea are the people themselves."

"The Lea Committee investigating FCC and the Wheeler-White investigation won't go into this idea unless there's evidence of interest."

"Let's make Congress responsible to the people by letting the people listen in."

And remember radio's biggest advantage is that it can be so easily turned off.

## Can Be Saved

There may yet be a chance that the soldiers' vote bill may be saved by the House of Representatives. At press time, the issue was up for consideration by the House Privileges and Elections Committee, which has been called on to approve the Senate's action in shelving the Administration plan for a Federal ballot commission to supervise soldier votes.

Headed by Rep. Eugene Worley of Texas who has vowed to wage an uncompromising battle against the Senate's "mockery" of soldier vote legislation, the committee includes:

Worley (D., Tex.)	Koch (D., Pa.)
Rankin (D., Miss.)	Gamble (R., N. Y.)
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Gibson (D., Ga.)	Vursell (R., Ill.)
Klein (D., N. Y.)	Gavin (R., Pa.)

KUF readers are urged to write or wire any or all of the members of this committee or their own representative and tell them that the Green-Lucas bill, which sets up a bi-partisan Federal Ballot Commission to supervise service men's voting should be revived and passed because otherwise many soldiers will be robbed of their vote.

An example of co-op advertising: Tobacco is a relatively mild form of dope that gives pleasure to some and annoyance to others. Co-op cigarettes will not improve your wind, give you the biceps of a bison, the throat of a songbird, or the teeth of a photographer's model. Nothing new has been added, subtracted or multiplied (to our two brands) but sales are good. Maybe it's an accident, but if you are curious, and must smoke try co-op cigarettes. If you don't like one you may like the other.

## Day by Day with FUJA

by JOHN VESECKY

### Coal Shipments Slowly Resumed

The Farmers Union Jobbing Ass'n. recently received a letter from the Keystone Coal Co. from which we quote the following paragraph:

"Operations have again been resumed, east bound, on the Denver and Salt Lake Railroad as of today, December 1, 1943 and we will do the best we can in filling your orders as they come up in their proper rotation."

With coal shipments restricted to the same mines, time of shipment and preparations as purchases in 1942, many of our communities were left short of coal when because of a burned out tunnel in Colorado, coal, going east over the Denver and Salt Lake RR, could not be delivered. The tunnel was finally repaired and now gradually, as the mine can fill the orders the shortage of coal in communities depending on coal from that district in Colorado will be relieved.

The Jobbing association still has a limited quantity of Colorado Lignite coal for sale. This coal will not stand outside storage, but does make a hot fire and is good in case other coal is not available. The shipment of Lignite is somewhat slow and the supply limited.

Kansas mines have been slow in shipments but we hope will do better now. The Broken Arrow Mines in Oklahoma are making shipments more promptly lately.

Mr. T. C. Belden, manager of the merchandise department of the FUJA is snowed under with requests from our co-operative elevators to hurry up the shipment of their coal. He asks all the FUJA coal customers to be patient with him and he will do his darndest to get shipment on the coal as nearly as is possible in the order the cars were booked. If pressure must be released, direct it at the weather man to give us a warm winter and at the Fuel Administrator to release more of the coal from our mine connection for civilian consumption.

### Check Property Tax

There is much talk among the business opponents of co-operatives about the advantages the co-operatives have over private business because a good many of our co-operatives do not have to make income tax returns. The fallacy of this claim of co-op advantage has been so often proven that we will not mention it further. We do, however, wish our co-operative elevator managers and officers would check up at the county court house on the amount of property taxes paid by their line or mill owned competitors. In many cases line houses so make out their property tax reports that they pay only a small fraction of the property taxes which their co-operative competitor cheerfully pays. It has been known that in some counties the influential business men's properties were assessed way below comparative assessments of property owned in the County by co-operative business associations.

### Poor Corn Crop In Argentina

Argentina had one of the poorest corn crops on record for that country in the crop year 1942-43. (They usually harvest their corn from December to March.) The 1942-43 crop was only 76 million bushels compared to an average crop of 300 million bushels. All export of corn and corn products is placed under government supervision and can be made only by special permit.

To many of our folks a bad corn crop in Argentina may seem to be a good thing for the U. S. farmers, but it does not prove out that way. Because of ceilings on the price of meat animals our feed grains are also put under ceilings so no advance in price of our feed

grains beyond ceilings was permitted. But because of shortage of exports of certain corn products, the additional demand for feeds from the eastern board and as a result, seed meal is almost a thing of the past as far as our Midwest livestock feeders are concerned.

### Co-ops the Answer

Chile, Columbia and South America have set up co-operative stores to act as a check on private dealers and to check soaring commodity prices.

Our Congress might well fit by their example and try to ride the business on both the back and the front to be both for the co-operatives and against the profiteers.

The best and only safe way to control the inflationary dancy of prices is to cut excessive profits, and that is done through the co-operative system of refunding all profits back to the producers and customers. Only in this way can buying power and production be kept in balance.

Co-operative, in returning earnings above cost of business and proper reserves creates a reserve among its customers can be to pay debts, buy supplies, now, if available be put into War Bonds to win the war now and afterwards furnish buying power absorb the productive ability of the returning service men, ed up corporation or private fits inevitably lead to inflation, and then a not so with co-operatives.

### Tax Estimate

When the writer called the Farmers Elevator in Salina, Kansas, Thursday, December 9, we found Mr. Samuelson busy helping farm customers make out 1943 Income Tax estimates according to law these must be in by December 15, 1943. The law is somewhat more lenient with the farmer than it is with the wage earner. It permits him an error in estimate of income of not more than 3 1/3 per cent against a 10 per cent under final returns.

Since it is the law, all farmers should obey the law and make out the estimate best they can and get the estimate in on time. However, we can see the sense of making estimate of income on December 15 and in March 1944, out the final Income Tax return, so to say "the real McCoy."

Farm folks should call the Farmers Union Standard Accounting Forms making the December 15 estimate to the attention of our representatives in congress and that in view of the acute shortage of manpower especially young men power able to do out the complicated Tax returns, the making of December 15 estimate be dispensed with and the whole income tax procedure be simplified.

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ESTHER EKBLAD, DIRECTOR, Salina, Kansas

Juniors 16-21

Junior Reserves 8-15

"He Loves His Country Best Who Strives to Make It Best"—Junior Motto.

## CHRISTMAS

... us, Lord, the grace to understand, all the striving and the anguish cease, and in two centuries, the sweet command, God will to men, and on the earth be peace."

Helen Rowe Henze.

## Jon's Greeting

This issue of the KUF is something of a one as it is the last and only before Christmas and the New Year. For this moment I want it to be a token of appreciation to Reserves, Juniors, Leaders, and all others who throughout the year have labored generously to Farmers Union educational work. Reserves and Juniors, your attendance at class and local meetings, when you've had to miss a good ball game, your favorite radio program, and your will to serve on programs and complete your assignments for achievements are taken lightly by the Kansas Farmers Union State President and all officials on up to the National see in your work of the "fruit of the Liveoak Tree."

Local and County Leaders and class members my personal gratitude is very sincere. I have been in your communities and observed double duty of getting home work done in order to have time left for Junior preparation and late hours at meetings, when camp time came along—well, only a understanding and appreciation of educational program could have prompted you to so many hours and so much hard work. Perhaps there are many times when you pause and wonder if the Union is worth the effort. It seems that so little is accomplished, and we meet with so many difficulties. Than fortunately, before giving way to impulses, we again catch a gleam from afar of abundant living for all farm families and working people of the land, and we give another meeting, and ask another Jun give a four-minute speech.

Our world has ever been built without dreams and visions that break into the monotony of everyday labor. No New Year can better than the old without the desire and determination of people to make it so. May Christmas and New Year give us the will and courage to ask and seek for the world as described by our Vice-President Henry

A. Wallace:

"The world is one family with one future—a future which will bind our brotherhood with heart and mind and not with chains—which will save and share the culture past and now aborning—which will work out the peace on a level of high and open cooperation—which will make democracy work for mankind by giving everyone a chance to build his own stake in it."

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Youth To Offices

A Junior grown-up and a Junior were elected to county offices this month. Niles Gibson was chosen president of the McPherson County Farmers Union, and Ralph Sjoström, a '43 Torchbearer, Education Director. These two young men have proven themselves worthy of positions of responsibility, and we commend the county membership for giving them an opportunity to serve.

At this election Mrs. Charles Olson, who is one of the outstanding Education Directors in the state, was re-elected by a good vote. Feeling that she would still have a chance to contribute her share, she resigned in favor of the other nominee, who was Ralph. It is not out of line, I think, to say that we are not in the mood to lose a leader with the understanding and experience that Mrs. Olson has obtained in her six years of service. This election, however, does not give us that impression. We are confident that Mrs. Olson will be a ready assistant to the new Education Director, and that she will always find sufficient to do in making the educational work of the Union click. To Mrs. Olson we say, your accomplishments are known and respected by both Juniors and adult members. To Ralph we say, welcome to the family of Local and County Leaders, may you enjoy every part of the work.

Niles and Ralph, you are accepting important responsibilities, and we have confidence in your ability to shoulder them.

## Torchbearer Weds

Ida Mae Olson, McPherson County Junior and 1943 Torchbearer, was married Sunday, December 12, to Robert Vance of the U. S. Army. The bride and groom have the very best wishes of many Farmers Union friends.

versity of Colorado. On the panel were a Negro, a Jew, a Mexican, and American-Japanese, and Mrs. Edwards representing the minority group of organized farmers. Discriminations against these various groups at the present time were pointed out by each one, but the major task of the panel was to emphasize that all minority groups have been discriminated against—not to emphasize any one group.

In line with this very thing, a study packet on minority groups and racial discrimination is now in preparation. It will have some excellent references in it, among them the new Public Affairs pamphlet, "The Races of Mankind."

## "FROM MANY LANDS"

This book by Louis Adamic is the stirring story of immigrants to our shores and their American-born children who through success and failure have set their distinctive mark upon our national life. It is one of the most exciting stories in the world—of Tone Kmet, a Slovenian peasant immigrant, now a "sort of American" though not a citizen; of "Ma" Karas from Bohemia, now a leading citizen of Escanaba, Michigan.

Through the books runs the powerful implication that America's greatest spiritual resource lies in the emotions, motives and impulses that have brought successive waves of immigrants to these shores from all corners of the earth.

This is a very timely as well as a very stimulating book. It may be ordered from this office for \$3.50, or borrowed through our rental library.

## To Have Christmas Party

The Junior and Reserve members of the Black Wolf local, Ellsworth county, met at the Joseph Toman home on Monday evening, December 6.

The meeting opened with group singing after which the Creed was recited. Mrs. Shanalee acted as chairman; Clare Mog as secretary. Roll call was answered by giving a news item from the Farmers Union paper. Fourteen members responded.

It was decided to hold a Christmas party at the Fred Mog home on December 19. The adults are to be guests.

After the business meeting, the classes were held. The Reserves are studying "Everyday Insects", and the Juniors, "Over All the Land", and the packet that goes with it.

After the classes were over, the Juniors adjourned to the adult meeting where they were presented with their first year awards by the president, Mr. Frank Holacek. Hubertine Mog received the Junior award and a Leader's Award. Frederick Mog received the Reserve award, and Franklin Steiner, Billy Toman, Gladys Toman, Tommy Foote, and Dorothy Foote all received Juvenile awards. Mrs. Shanalee and Mrs. Mog also received Leader awards.

More discussion about the party followed the presentation ceremony after which the meeting adjourned.

MRS. FRED MOG,  
Local Leader.

## Special Award Meeting

It was a long to be remembered party, November 24, at which the Reserves and Juniors of the Rose Hill Local, Jewell county, received their achievement awards. All joined in the activities by singing the new and well-liked song, "Soldiers of the Soil", and by giving something about Thanksgiving. A short Tonette concert preceded the presentation of awards.

Bingo and refreshments followed. Those who received awards were Joan Reed, Darrell Reed, Paul Dahl, John Dahl, Mary E. Dahl, Ila Salvage, Naomi Rothchild, Junior Dahl, Melvin Graham, and the local leader, Mrs. Doris Graham.

## Attendance Good In Spite of Snow

Kaw Valley local No. 1935 held its last meeting for the year, Dec. 10, 1943. In spite of the snowstorm the day before, a crowd attended. Several families came together in a wagon.

Our meeting was called to order by our president, Mr. Bert Wilson. For opening songs we sang "The Weggis Songs" and "Polly Wolly Doodle All the Day." A Christmas greeting was read by Miss Lucille Soelter. A Christmas poem was read by Maxine Seele. Roll call was answered by 17 members present. Miss Irene Soelter read an article, "Over the Editor's Desk" from the Weekly Kansas City Star of December 1, 1943.

At this time we held election of officers for the year 1944. President Bert Wilson; vice-president, Frank Seele; secretary, Albert Clawitter; doorkeeper, Zeke Raines and reporter, Irene Soelter.

We voted on the referendum ballot and the majority was in favor of the dues increase.

Some fruit will be sent to Mr. Jerome Vanhole who is ill and Mrs. George Seele, Mr. and Mrs. George Seele are the proud parents of a girl. Mr. and Mrs. Rezac of St. Marys played several piano and violin pieces.

At this time we were happy and proud to have our State President Mr. Dean to give another one of his splendid talks which everyone always enjoys hearing. Misses Irene and Lucille Soelter received their Junior Achievement awards. Everyone agreed on having a New Year's Eve dance at the Henry Holtz home. Our next meeting will be January 7, 1944. Lunch will be served. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned and pie and sandwiches were served.

IRENE SOELTER,  
Reporter.

## Sherwood Local Elects Officers

Singing by the group and a violin solo by Junior Reserve Doris Meenen, opened the Sherwood local meeting, Clay County, December 3.

The legislative report by Philip Young brought much discussion, and it was voted to send air mail letters to the District Congressman and to Senators opposing the filing of income taxes by cooperatives. A report on cooperatives was given by Mrs. Young. She told of the CCA Annual meeting and the paying of the loan on the Farmers Union Terminal Elevator at Topeka.

In the election of officers for 1944 Earl Griffiths was named President, Paul Jepner, Vice-President, and Walter Bergin, Secretary - Treasurer. It was decided that the secretary would act as business agent for hybrid seed corn orders.

The voting on the proposed changes in the By-Laws indicated that the members are in favor of the increase in dues. Comments and reports of the State Convention showed interest in the further development of organization and educational programs within the state.

Esther Ekblad was present to speak briefly on Junior and membership education programs.

Before the meeting closed a saxophone solo by Donald Meenen was enjoyed. Coffee and doughnuts were served.

## At Your Service

Monthly Service To Farmers Union Papers from the National Farmers Union Education Service, Denver, Colorado.

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## ROOTS IN THE EARTH

... like to have something to do in the winter when farm work is slack," say Walter Tell and Alston Waring. So last year they decided to write a book on what is happening to small farmers. Walter Tell and Alston Waring are Farmers Union members in Bucks County, Pa. Their "Roots in the Earth" is a book you will want to read. The Warrings and Tell are family farmers—not big farmers. Their farms are 5 acres, a ravage for the son of the country in which live. Like so many farmers they started out in debt.

Their farm buildings were run down, their equipment and livestock were very limited. Their plan was to do in order to build their farms and improve their living, and yet do enough farming to pay off their debt. They solved the problem of soil erosion, not by themselves, but by cooperating with neighbors and the Soil Conservation Service.

Their neighbor, James Smith, expresses his philosophy of the book. "This farm is going to be here after I'm gone, and I have a responsibility to those who will farm it then to keep the soil from washing away in the creek while I'm in it."

A family farmer should miss this book. It may be ordered from the National Farmers Union Education Service for \$2.50.

## SONG BOOKS

Favorite songs of the Farm-

ers Union, words without music, is now available at 10 cents a copy. The book is made to correspond with the Farmers Union song books, with music, so that the page numbers correspond, which adds to the ease in using them.

Someone asked us at the Rocky Mountain convention why we do not have all of our songs published in sheet music size. This is the answer. Our song book with music was published by the Cooperative Recreation Service, Delaware, Ohio, because they have the copyright clearance of the music which is used in it, and which we do not have. We don't believe the members of the National Farmers Union would be happy to have the Union a defendant in a law suit over music copyrights. That is one reason. The second reason is that sheet music costs 35 cents a copy. At that rate, the songs you get in the 25 cent song book with music would cost you \$13.30!

## SPECIAL

If you haven't already read "The Nation" for November 27, 1943, write us for the reprint of the special supplement prepared by Thomas Amlie on post-war planning.

Mr. Amlie is specially qualified to write on this subject since, in addition to being a lifelong student of economics, he has had many years of practical experience in politics. He has been a representative of Wisconsin in Congress for three terms, and an originator of progressive movements, particularly in the Middle West. Now,

he sees the coming struggle not in the usual class terms but rather as a contrast between big business and the rest of the community.

Also on post-war planning is the excellent pamphlet "The Right to Security—A Survey of New Plans." What do you know about the Beveridge Plan, the Wagner Plan, the Australian plan for post-war, the National Resources Planning Board plan? Their main points and differences are brought out in this leaflet. A copy may be obtained from this office for 10 cents.

The UAW-CIO also has a post-war plan which you will want to know about. They have published a pamphlet, which may be ordered from this office, explaining in detail the post-war program of the UAW-CIO.

## LET'S TALK

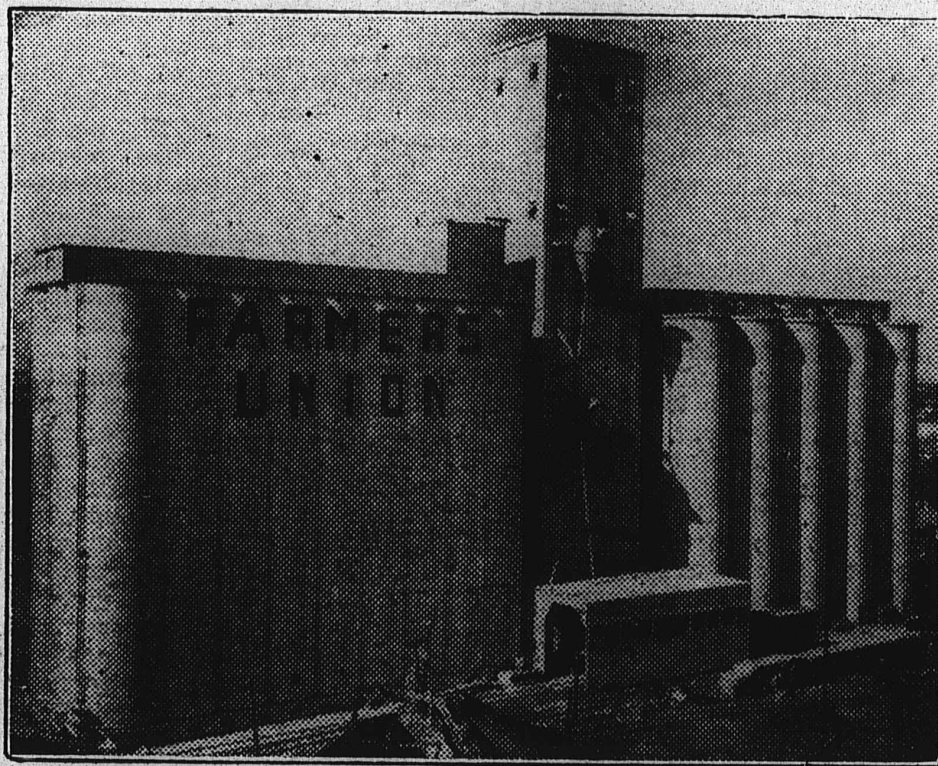
"Let's Talk About Milk Production For a World at War" and "Let's Talk About Farm Labor for the Wartime Job". These are two discussion guides put out by the Department of Agriculture that will give you valuable information. The victory milk goal for 1943 has been set—122 billion pounds for the nation. What are we up against? Will some cows do the trick? How can we reach our goal? These are some of the questions the discussion guides suggest. The guide offers helpful material to supplement your local discussions. This may be ordered from the Office of Information, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., by number DS 23.

## MINORITIES

One of the highlights of the Rocky Mountain Farmers Union annual convention was the presentation of a panel on minority groups. This panel was chaired by Mack Easten, Professor of Economics at the Uni-



# Christmas Greetings



FUJA Terminal Elevator Topeka, Kansas

The directors and employees of The Farmers Union Jobbing Association join me in expressing sincere appreciation for your patronage and in wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday Season and many good things for the coming year.

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## Kansas Union Farmer Initiates Campaign Against Extension-F.B. Tie-up

For many months the National Union Farmer, sent out from Denver, Colorado, has been publishing accounts and proof of violations of rules of the United States Department of Agriculture and the United States Post Office Department by Extension Service employees in their relationships with a private pressure group, the Farm Bureau.

For more than six months the evidence presented by the National Union Farmer brought virtually no results in spite of numerous photostatic reproductions of letters mailed free under frank by county agents, home agents and other Extension Service staff members, in which they sought to build Farm Bureau membership.

By such action the Extension Service agents were disobeying two laws:

(First) They were subject to the penalty of using their franking privilege for private uses of a fine of \$300.

(Second) They violated the Extension Service rule which states that county and home agents are "public teachers" and that "They may not properly act as organizers for farmers' associations; . . . or take part in any work of farmers' organizations."

Only recently has the intensive campaign of the Farmers Union national publication borne fruit. Results are, however, beginning to be seen. Some time ago the United States Extension Service "sent out a letter" to state Extension Directors concerning the misuse of the frank.

Now the Extension Service has established a rule that county agents who knowingly misuse the frank will be suspended for not less than six months.

Promulgation of the rule was a definite result of months of publication of Extension Service abuses. Another action was that County Agent L. C. Rew of Georgia was suspended for six months for improper use of the franking privileges to call a Farm Bureau meeting.

Both actions by the Extension Service were in relation to violations of post office department regulations. No action toward the enforcement of the department of agriculture's own regulations have been reported.

### Major Evil

That any results at all have been effected proves the successful role that a publication can play in continually and constantly hammering away at social evils and the unholy tie-up between the Extension Service and the Farm Bureau is an evil of major importance to farmers and tax-payers of America.

Realizing the necessity for correcting such conditions and believing in a policy of persistence, the Kansas Union Farmer will henceforth devote this page to exposing the abuses of the Extension-Farm Bureau Axis and to keep in the minds of Kansas Farmers Union members the bill introduced in the last Kansas legislature which would have divorced the Extension division from the control of the Farm Bureau.

That bill, House Bill No. 286, was described as an act relating to county extension service associations and county extension agents, providing for state and county appropriations for the support of such associations, prescribing and limiting the purposes, activities, powers and duties of such associations and agents, and repealing sections 2-601, 2-604, 2-606 and 2-607 of the General Statutes of 1935, and sections 2-602, 2-603 and 2-605 of the General Statutes Supplement of 1941.

Making such a bill law would not only change the name of the existing farm bureaus specified under the present state law to county extension service associations with consequent revisions of constitutions and by-laws but would allow new extension service associations to be formed for the purpose of giving instruction in agriculture and home economics and to em-

ploy a county agent or agents to prosecute such work.

### Forbids Affiliation

Further the proposed bill which had the support in the last meeting of the state legislature the Kansas Farmers Union, provides that no county extension service association shall in any manner, either directly or indirectly, affiliate or federate itself with any county, state or national farm association or organization for any purpose whatsoever.

Further, the office of any extension service association shall be separate and apart from the offices of any general farm organization, either county, state or national, and no county extension service agent, any assistant of such agent or any paid employee of any such county extension service association shall at any time be an officer or employee or do any work of any kind or nature for any general farm organization, nor shall they advise or make any recommendations for membership or solicit membership in any such general farm organization.

The need for this bill still exists. So that the men who will be elected next year to our state House of Representatives and Senate shall be familiar with the situation and in order to inform the membership of the Farmers Union that they can better select as their law-making officials those men who will support legislation that will free the Extension Service from the control of a private pressure organization, the Kansas Union Farmer proposes to record in each issue the ill effects of Farm Bureau domination of this tax-supported service.

### Report Abuses

This, your newspaper, urges you to participate in this crusade by remaining ever vigilant of abuses of both the law and common decency on the part of the Extension Service and Farm Bureau Axis. Many citizens, even farmers, do not realize that the Farm Bureau is a private organization which properly should be distinct and separate from the Extension Service division of the department of agriculture. Enlighten your neighbors and report all incidences of the abuses to your official state paper that the clear light of publicity can further serve to inform others.

National Farmers Union Pres. James Patton told the National Association of County Agents in Convention at Chicago recently that they as a group have a responsibility to see that their agency and their profession hold to the educational purposes of their service and avoid abuses and private pressure politics.

He read in detail the "Understanding of Agreement" between the American Farm Bureau Federation and the Department of Agriculture, and subsequent regulations to keep county agents from doing the work of a private pressure group.

"As you men well know," Patton said, "the agreement and the regulations have been widely disregarded and violated. The AFBF has become an increasingly active pressure organization. And it has moved forward into other fields, its business and legislative programs have been made an obligation of the county farm bureaus, which in many instances insist that the county agent serve as their executive director and errand boy or subject himself to dismissal."

"Officials of the AFBF have openly urged you to violate the department's understanding and the department's regulations. Remembering the regulations and agreement, let me ask you to consider the propriety of this

incident:

### O'Neal Urges Violations

President O'Neal, in his address before your association in 1938, said:

"Let me urge the county agent to organize his farmers. He should have at least enough interest in his work to do that. He should do that for his own sake."

"Did anyone, I wonder, hear the crack of a blacksnake whip behind those words?"

"Thus, you have been goaded to violate standards, since many agents are conscious that the county farm bureau boards—as in Iowa—have power of dismissal."

"I here and now assert—and I believe the Grange and certain Farm Bureau federations will concur—that the Extension Service will never decline, if it sticks to its educational job, and if it pursues the course outlined by Director Crocheron. Let me repeat one paragraph of his statement in 1941:

"The character of the Extension is plain. It is the discovery and diffusion of knowledge to which Extension was dedicated. We need to return to that field of human advancement and with a dynamic program of rural education turn our force toward that field for which we were intended."

In conclusion Patton made the following direct appeal which might well serve as a program of action of all persons who believe the public good is better respected when the important educational agency that the Extension Service should be and to a degree is when not encumbered by the reactionary anti-democratic organization—the Farm Bureau:

"We believe that even those agents innocent of abuses who see the dangers of Extension participation in improper activities have a duty—a duty which you can perform through this association—to help stop abuses and redirect your agency toward its proper field."

### Responsibilities

The University Professors of America have recognized and accepted a similar responsibility—responsibility to guard academic freedom in their field. I believe that the time is at hand when your Extension agents as a group should provide all possible protection to individual agents who are subjected to improper demands, and dismissal, if they do not accede to them. It is not enough to say that assignments given to you, or to your associates in other counties or states, are odious. As public employees, responsible to all the people and not to a minority group, you have some responsibility for the maintenance of the basic ideas and ideals of Extension.

"As Americans, we all have a basic responsibility to the maintenance of democratic institutions. Free education, unbiased by the viewpoint of special interests and special pleaders, is the very keystone in the arch of our form of government and you are the joint custodians of that keystone."

### Capper, Reed On Co-op Tax

(Continued from Page 1)

profit associations to file income tax returns, said the provision "strikes at the heart of the co-operative movement." He stated that the provisions had been "inserted by the House Ways and Means Committee without hearing or public discussion."

Smith challenged the provision by stating, "If the government at any time thinks that a cooperative is violating the spirit or intent of the law, the Bureau of Internal Revenue already is armed with power to investigate. The intent not only of the revenue laws but of numerous other statutes, enacted by Congress over a long period, is clearly sympathetic to farmer cooperatives. If there have been any instances where the government feels that cooperative operations have not been properly carried on, it can reach those cooperatives without any enactment by Congress that strikes at all cooperatives."

A short history of the legisla-

tion favorable to farmers cooperatives is contained in a speech by J. D. Lawrence, deputy cooperative bank commissioner made in Kansas City December 7, before the annual meeting of the National Cooperative Elevator association.

### LAWS FAVOR CO-OPS

Lawrence related that the Capper-Volstead Act, which became law in 1922, established once and for all the right of farmers to organize and operate their own business institutions. He further lists the principal act of Congress that hold the welfare of farmers' cooperatives a major objective, or otherwise recognize their interests, as follows:

Capper-Volstead Act  
The Cooperative Marketing Act of 1926.

Agriculture Marketing Act—amended.

Income Tax Laws:  
 Packers and Stockyards Act.  
 Grain Futures and Commodity Exchange Act.

Robinson-Patman Act.  
 Motor Carriers Act.

Bituminous Coal Act.  
 Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act.

That the intentions of the provision in the proposed tax bill is to pave the way for requiring co-ops to pay income tax is clearly stated by the House Ways and Means Committee which said, "... it is the intent of your committee to make a thorough study of the information contained in such returns with the view to closing this existing loophole and requiring the payment of tax, and the protection of legitimate companies against this unfair competitive situation."

### COINCIDENCE?

Smith told Senate committee-men that the writing of the provision has coincided with an open campaign outside of Congress for taxation of cooperatives.

Chief aim of the anti-cooperative lobby is to "equalize tax laws between co-ops and private enterprise." Co-ops admit that their paying of patronage dividends, or rebates, is just about their biggest economic advantage, and they like to suggest to private businessmen that they are free to follow co-op policy of turning profits back to consumers, which is essentially what the patronage dividend is—a division of profits in which co-op members share on the basis of their purchase of goods and services from the Co-ops.

Included in Smith's brief for co-ops was a telegram from James Patton, stating, "Although the bill as reported does not call for tax payments by cooperatives, the requirement for filing of returns is the first step desired by enemies of cooperatives who have announced determination to bring cooperatives under taxation, despite the fact that individual members of cooperatives receiving patronage dividends pay income taxes. Taxation of cooperatives in addition to their individual members would amount to double taxation. The National Farmers

Union urges amendment of the bill to strike out the provision requiring cooperatives to file income tax reports."

### CORRECTION —

Raub NOT Ralph Snyder  
New NFU Co-op Chief

In the December 2 edition of the Kansas Farmers Union we meant to inform you that Raub Snyder, formerly head of the co-operative division of the Farm Security Administration, has become director of the National Farmers Union's co-operative division. Our story, however, erroneously stated that Ralph Snyder, a familiar name to Kansas Farmer Union members as head of the Wichita Bank for Co-operatives, would become the NFU co-op chief. Raub Snyder was born in Kansas, reared in Comanche county, and attended Kansas State College.

Mr. Ralph Snyder is currently newsworthy, having in October celebrated with Mrs. Snyder, formerly Nellie Phinney, their golden wedding anniversary.

### Black Wolf Local No. 952

At our December 6 meeting we had a small attendance as there were only seven members present. We had election of officers and Frank Holecek was re-elected president; Frank Toman, vice-president; Jos. A. Shanale, secretary; Frank Skaliky, doorkeeper, and Frank Svoboda, conductor. The two last named are new officers.

It was decided to take up some of the discussions as outlined for Ellsworth County at our meetings this winter in order to have more interesting meetings, and as encouragement for more members to attend. We would wish to hear from some of the other locals in regard to getting members out to their local meetings. We have added quite a number of new members the past year, but there are a lot more who should join, and we hope to increase our membership considerably the coming year.

After our regular meeting our president gave the awards to the Juniors and Junior Reserves who completed their projects for the year. The Juniors plan on having a Christmas party at the home of Fred Mog on December 19, and have invited the adult members to be their guests.

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# What the Locals Are Doing

"I Will Attend My Local Meetings"

## Allen Center Elects Officers

At the regular meeting Dec. 7, the Allen Center Local No. 2155 entertained several members of the North Fairview Local. We had a very interesting meeting and program which we all enjoyed very much. We had election of officers. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—Mr. Fred Geer.  
Vice President—Mr. C. S. Bash.

Secretary—Mrs. John Roedel.  
Conductor—Mr. James Moore.  
Doorman—Mr. John Roedel.

After the meeting we all enjoyed a Christmas grab bag. Mr. Ed McVey of the North Fairview local was appointed agent for the hybrid seed corn. Our next meeting will be a supper at 7:30 Jan. 4. We enjoyed having the members of our neighbor local with us and hope to have them with us again some time. Refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were served.

—Gertrude Crowell  
Reporter.

## Mankato Local Sends Resolutions

Mankato local 1848 met at Rebecca Hall on December 1. Following the opening of the meeting by President Pair, several songs were sung by the group.

Mrs. Wharton read a letter received from State President Dean on double taxation of members of co-operatives. The executive board decided to send letters to congressmen.

On the program were Mr. McNabb who read "How to Make Friends", Mrs. Bolinger, who read a poem, Mrs. Pair, Will Largen, Mr. Bolinger and Mrs. James McKenzie who gave talks and readings.

It was decided by the group to have a Christmas party to which each person is to bring a ten-cent gift for a grab bag. On the Christmas committee are Mrs. Pair, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Henningsen had her class meeting. The election of next year's officers was held.

Mr. Pair was re-elected president. Other officers are: Paul Heinman, vice-president; Mrs. Elmer Alexander, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. George Wharton, reporter; Mrs. Henningsen, educational leader; George Wharton, business agent; Mr. McNabb, conductor and Dick Neilson, doorkeeper.

The executive board members are George Nichols, Elmer Alexander and Dick Neilson. About midnight we all departed for home.

Our next meeting will be in Rebecca Hall at Mankato December 15. On Eat Committee are Mrs. George Nichols, Mrs. James McKenzie and Mrs. Bryan McNabb. Please bring sandwiches, cookies or cake.

Mrs. George Wharton,  
Reporter.

## Excelsior Local

The Farmers Union Excelsior Local No. 606 at a meeting Monday, December 6, elected the following officers for the coming year:

Frank G. Erbert, president; Wengel Neuburger, vice president; William Honas, secretary-treasurer; Sylvester Belker, doorkeeper; John N. Gaschler, conductor; Fred King, Wengel Neuburger and Joseph L. Weber, executive committee.

After the meeting at the Memorial hall basement, refreshments were served and the evening was spent at cards.

Joseph L. Weber,  
Secretary

## Headquarters Local Elects

Headquarters local met December 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lear where a pot

luck supper was served.

Alfred Rensmeyer was elected to succeed himself as president of the local. Art Riley as vice-president. Rex Lear as doorkeeper and E. C. Broman as conductor were also re-elected. Mrs. Rex Lear was elected to succeed Mrs. E. C. Broman as secretary-treasurer.

Two new members were accepted into the local, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nichols. He is a recent addition to the staff of the Kansas Union Farmer.

## North Side Local Elects Officers

The election of officers for 1944 was held at the North Side Local meeting, McPherson, Co. Monday evening, December 13. President, W. F. Tarnstrom, and Secretary, George Babcock, were re-elected. Fred Sunberg was elected vice-president, and Frank Shields and Mrs. Carl Sundberg were named reporters. Refreshment committees for each of the three school houses in which meetings are held were elected.

After voting on the referendum, the meeting was given over to Esther Ekblad for a discussion on the local Set-up Plan and the Babcock sisters were enjoyed as a part of the evening's program. At the close of the meeting coffee, rolls and cookies were enjoyed.

## Jewell County Locals Meet

The Iona Local enjoyed an oyster supper on Friday, November 19, at the Clomer Sipe home. The regular meeting was held after supper and included voting on the raising of local county, state and national dues, and discussion of some of the plans made at the state convention. It was decided to have the next meeting Sunday, December 12, at Rollo Henningsen's with a pot luck dinner at noon.

Two locals in this county have presented awards to Juveniles and Junior Reserves for the completion of last year's work. Following is a list of their names: Rose Hill Local: Ila Selvage, John Dahl, Paul Dahl, Darrell Reed, Melvin Graham, Naomi Rothchild, Mary Ellen Dahl, and Junior Dahl, juveniles; and Joan Reed, a reserve. Mankato local, Raymond Wharton, junior reserve.

The Rose Hill local held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, November 24. Besides the business of the meeting, pins were awarded to the Juveniles and Junior Reserves who had earned them. Everyone enjoyed a short program and lunch afterward.

—Mrs. Ruby Henningsen  
County Education Director

## McPherson Elects Youthful Officers

Youth will hold the reins in the McPherson County Farmers Union in 1944. At the county's annual election held at the Morning Star schoolhouse on December 6, Niles Gibson was elected president and Ralph Sjostrom became educational director when Mrs. Charles Olson, re-elected for a fifth time, resigned in favor of Ralph who was runner-up in the voting.

Niles succeeds David Train, who has held the presidency for several years. Homer Spence was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Reuben E. Peterson becomes vice-president.

The meeting, which State President E. K. Dean termed one of best county meetings he had ever attended, opened with a covered dish dinner in the basement of the schoolhouse.

Particularly able reports of the activities of the past year were made by Mrs. Olson and Mr. Spence. Julius Gibson as delegate to the state convention reported on the meeting held

in Clay Center and pointed out that a county delegate was at a disadvantage in reporting the conference because reports had been made in each local and all proceeding, speeches, resolutions and programs of the convention had been published and read, he hoped.

President Dean addressed the group and explained the position of the Farmers Union on the subsidy issue as well as explaining the proposed pig project, in which many are interested and ready to go, as soon as the details of the project are worked out.

## 1944 Officers

The 30 members attending the election meeting of the Kellogg local in Cowley county this month elected officers for 1944 as follows: Lionel Fife, president; Merle Tribbey, vice-president and Carl O'Neil, secretary.

## Resolutions Of Sympathy

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our brother, T. H. Arnold and whereas we the members of the Farmers Union and Fancy Creek local 1610 recognize that we have lost a very loyal and unselfish member and the community a good citizen; Therefore, be it resolved that we extend to the bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement and sorrow.

Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst a faithful and true brother, T. H. Shellenbaum; Be it resolved that we, the members of Fancy Creek local 1610 extend to the members of the bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement and sorrow.

CARL VALINE,  
J. A. AMNELL,  
OSCAR CARLSON,  
Committeemen.

Whereas, our Allwise and Divine Father has called from our midst our beloved president, J. H. Stover, it is now our purpose

to permanently record our esteem, and our expression of loss in his passing.

Be It Therefore Resolved, that for and in behalf of the shareholders of the Farmers Cooperative Association of Page City and for this body directorate, we express our profound sorrow and deep sympathy to the bereaved family.

In his passing this association has lost an able executive, a wise counsellor, an ardent champion of a great cause, a true friend.

Respectfully submitted and adopted by the Board of Directors in convened session this 10th day of December, 1943.

Signed: Frank Koons, L. A. Gfeller, Roy A. Kistler, Harry Garoutte, H. A. Nielsen, E. J. Gfeller, directors and Emil Gustafson, manager.

## Resolutions Made By Clay County

Harold Swanberg was re-elected President of the Clay County Farmers Union at the annual meeting held December 2, in the City Hall, Clay Center. Erwin Oelschlager, secretary-treasurer, and all other officers, Alfred Woelhoff, vice-president, Fred Meek, Phillip Young, and Fred Schoneweis, executive committee, were also re-elected.

Fritz Meenen, delegate to the State Farmers Union Convention and the CCA Annual Meeting, gave a very descriptive report of the two meetings emphasis on education programs, and urged members to vote for the increase in Farmers Union dues.

Two resolutions were presented and adopted at the meeting. 1. "The Clay county Farmers Union recommend that our Senators and Congressmen actively oppose the provision of the tax bill now before the Senate in which it is proposed that cooperatives be compelled to make out and submit income tax reports. We also recommend that they continue to oppose all attempts to force cooperatives to pay income taxes in as much as the individual members pay their own income taxes."

2. "We are opposed to governmental rollbacks and price subsidies in relation to agriculture. We favor a fair price on an open market."

Erwin Oelschlager was chosen as delegate to the State Board of Agriculture meeting which will be held in Topeka some time in January. In the order of

business there was further discussion of education, at which time President Swanberg appointed a County Education Committee of the following members, Mrs. Roy Bumsted, George Young, Mrs. Fred Schoneweis, Mrs. Hilton King, and Fritz Meenen.

These appointments were followed with a talk by Esther Ekblad, State Education Director, on possibilities for adult and junior education programs for Clay county.

The meeting was well attended by delegates from five locals who came early for a covered dish supper. The meeting started off with group singing, and of much interest to all was the piano solo by Elsie Carlson, and the piano duet by Jo Reese and Janet Bumsted, all of Fourmile. Jo Reese and Janet played an original composition by their local leader, Mrs. Castle Stromire, and their own arrangement of "Jingle Bells."

## Games, Election At Bunker Hill

Enjoyed the evening? Well, I guess we did: everyone surely ought to have been there! It was the night of November 16, 1943, that our Juniors and Reserves of the Bunker Hill local, had our first meeting. To add to our enthusiasm and interest we met in the cloakroom of our schoolhouse while the local meeting was gaining progress in the schoolroom.

To start the meeting off with a bang, our leader, Mrs. Floyd Rominger, led us in a game in which both large and small could take part. It was a game called, "Bird, Beast or Fish". We played this for a short time, and then she showed us our books, ("Destroy Weeds") in which our lessons will be, and we had a short discussion on the next lesson. We have our curiosity aroused because she asked us to bring some pretty wallpaper, cardboard, and a blank shoe-string—wait and see, is all Mrs. Rominger would tell us.

We elected our officers, and they are as follows: President, Joy Munsey; Vice President, Garold Carpenter; Sec-Treas., Joan Porter; Janitor, Bill Weidenhaft; and Reporter, Lois Porter.

Twelve members were present. The next meeting will be December 21, 1943, and everyone can hardly wait to really get things rolling.

—Lois Porter, Reporter.

## One Single Purpose

We Americans will celebrate this 1943 "Holiday Season" of wartime, with one single purpose—a determination to concentrate all of our effort and energy on ultimate Victory.

That day will come soon—We're all working so that we may return to a peace time world, and as each day passes, we can remember that we are twenty-four hours closer to Victory!

And so — we would like once more to send you the Season's Greetings, from the

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# LIVESTOCK MARKET NEWS

by the FARMERS UNION LIVESTOCK CO-OPERATIVE, KANSAS CITY  
and  
FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION, SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, MO.

## RECENT REPRESENTATIVE Live Stock Sales Of Farmers Union Livestock Co-operative KANSAS CITY

CATTLE		
Virgil Schwartz, Shawnee Co., Kans., 14 steers	1045	\$14.00
Henry Oberle, Osage Co., Kans., 30 steers	1270	14.00
Chas. Desque, Osage Co., Kans., 32 steers	1117	13.75
Milton Stuewe, Wabaunsee Co., Kans., 22 steers	1024	13.60
Lawrence Davis, Osage Co., Kans., 36 heifers	827	13.60
Chas. Desque, Osage Co., Kans., 35 steers	1050	13.50
H. M. Schoepflin, Osage Co., Kans., 25 steers	1060	13.40
Herbert Niles, Coffey Co., Kans., 18 heifers	880	13.35
R. D. Mochamer, Osage Co., Kans., 15 heifers	837	13.25
L. E. Michaels, Osage Co., Kans., 17 heifers	940	13.25
Lawrence Davis, Osage Co., Kans., 23 heifers	805	13.25
Geo. Hopkins, Coffey Co., Kans., 20 heifers	785	13.00
Arnold Thowe, Wabaunsee Co., Kans., 17 steers	1030	13.00
Earl Bullock, Pottawatomie Co., Kans., 22 steers	1025	12.75
Will Bishop, Osage Co., Kans., 45 steers	1036	12.75
Leroy Stuewe, Wabaunsee Co., Kans., 26 steers	940	12.65
Earl Rogg, Russell Co., Kans., 30 steers	825	12.65
E. A. Sdagle, Ness Co., Kans., 20 steers	962	12.50
C. T. Linsey, Coffey Co., Kans., 38 steers	724	12.50
Dewey Sims, Saline Co., Mo., 26 str and hfs.	712	10.25
Geo. Rudd, Wyandotte Co., Kans., 31 steers	707	10.15
Chas. Burton, Johnson Co., Kans., 37 cows	1017	9.90
J. E. French, Johnson Co., Kans., 50 heifers	807	9.65
F. E. Finley, Clay Co., Mo., 23 cows	716	8.75
H. E. Derr, Clay Co., Mo., 22 cows	807	7.85

HOGS		
Ernest Kohlenberg, Miami Co., Kans., 32	235	\$13.50
J. R. Adams, Saline Co., Mo., 21	241	13.50
Robt. Clark, Clay Co., Kans., 24	249	13.50
Oscar Leffman, Lafayette Co., Mo., 32	292	13.50
Joseph Jenkins, Saline Co., Mo., 36	262	13.50
F. J. Zeigler, Trego Co., Kans., 21	227	13.50
W. R. Mochamer, Osage Co., Kans., 23	283	13.50
D. A. Burch, Henry Co., Mo., 29	208	13.50
Puis Weissbeck, Trego Co., Kans., 57	211	13.50
Geo. Vohs Jr., Miami Co., Kans., 45	248	13.50
Elza Lockard, Nemaha Co., Kans., 30	222	13.50
W. H. Flentie, Nemaha Co., Kans., 27	218	13.50
Harlan Conrad, Linn Co., Kans., 25	265	13.50
W. L. Sparks, Linn Co., Mo., 32	238	13.50
Chas. M. Evans, Coffey Co., Kans., 35	207	13.35

SHEEP		
C. F. Dixon, Osborne Co., Kans., 10	91	\$14.00
O. F. Young, Neosho Co., Kans., 32	82	14.00
W. R. Mochamer, Osage Co., Kans., 12	84	14.00
H. C. Hufford, John Co., Kans., 9	88	14.00
Elmer Lutz, Franklin Co., Kans., 45	115	14.00
E. H. Pearson, Bourbon Co., Kans., 15	79	14.00
Earl Dearing, Sullivan Co., Mo., 10	87	14.00
Clark Aaron, Leavenworth Co., Kans., 8	90	14.00
V. J. Reedy, Franklin Co., Kans., 56	71	14.00
Glen Clark, Grundy Co., 30	82	14.00
F. H. Gledhill, Osborne Co., Kans., 23	77	13.75
Stafford County, Stafford Co., Kans., 171	90	13.75
Harry J. Kimber, Livingston, Mo., 11	78	13.75
Robt. Riesmeyer, Lafayette Co., Mo., 11	78	13.75
Eldon R. Nickelson, Graham Co., Kans., 14	75	13.50

## Kansas City Livestock Markets

December 13, 1943.

Dear Friend:

Cattle receipts were 21,000. We had a very heavy run of killing steers on today's market and our market is slow but about steady on most all kinds. Stockers and feeders about steady with last week's decline. The killing cow and heifer market today was fully steady with last week's close. The demand from the packer as well as the outsiders was active. Canners and cutters continued to be in just a little better demand than beef cows. Fed heifers and mixed yearlings were scarce and steady. Bull market continued along the same lines of last week. Stock cows and heifers 25c higher than the mean market last Thursday. Killing calves are fully steady showing a little strength on heavies. Veal top \$14.00. Good to choice veals \$12.50 to \$14.00. Good to choice veals \$12.50 to \$14.00. Medium to good \$10.00 to \$12.00 with plain junk kinds selling as low as \$7.50. Medium weight selling from \$10.00 to \$12.00 with a few outstanding kind \$12.50 to plainer junk selling down as low as 7c per lb. Stock calves are slow especially on odd bunches. \$13.00 for the best steer calves in carload lots.

Hog receipts were 6,000. Market fairly active and quotable fully steady with last week's close. Practical top \$13.50, with several small lots to yard trade at \$13.55 but barely enough these to make it a quotable top for the market. Desirable kinds of good to choice 200-

270 lbs., \$13.40 to \$13.50. 170-170 lbs. Good butcher weights 280-300 lbs \$13.40 to \$13.50. 190 lbs \$12.60 to \$13.40. Fat underweight lights 140-160 lbs. \$11.25 to \$12.40. These weights in just stocker flesh selling around \$10.00. Plainer quality kinds and lighter weights sharply discounted.

Sheep receipts 8,000. Fairly active and lambs are fully steady. Ewes around 25c higher. Top fed lambs \$14.50. Good and choice truck-in natives \$14. Shorn yearlings with No. 2 skins \$11.00. Top ewes \$7.25. Medium kinds down to \$6.25. Thanking you for this good business and trusting the sale and weights are satisfactory, we are

Yours very truly,  
FARMERS UNION  
LIVE STOCK CO-OP.

## St. Joseph Market Letter

December 11, 1943.

Medium and good shortfed and warmed up steers and long yearlings made up a good share of the steer receipts and they show a decline of 25¢ 40¢; better finished cattle scarce, strictly good and choice kinds, also, common grades, steady to 15c lower; best steers \$15.60, bulk of strictly good and choice kinds \$14.25@15.25, medium and good shortfed steers \$11.50@13.85, common to medium kinds \$9.50@11.25.

Light yearlings and heifers are steady to weak, best mixed yearlings and also heifers \$15.25, strictly good and choice kinds \$14@11.25, light cutters kind of yearlings down to \$8.50.

Cows are steady to 50c higher, canners and cutters and low beef cows showing the most advance, a few good cows \$11@12.25, bulk of beef cows \$8.50@10.50, canners and cutters mostly \$6.50@8.25, a few shells at \$6 and below. Bulls are fully steady, odd beef bulls up to \$11.25, best sausage bulls \$11, bulk \$8.50@10.50.

Replacement cattle sold lower the fore part of the week, but with light receipts are closing about steady.

Veal calf market steady, top \$13.50, bulk \$11@13, good and mediums \$9@11, culls \$6.50@9.50; choice heavy calves, a

round 50c higher for the week, choice heavies bringing \$12.50, good and medium \$9.50@11, common \$8.50@9.50, culls \$6@7.50.

Hog market is very active, steady \$13.55 paid sparingly, bulk of good hogs 200 @ 280 lbs. \$13.50; sows \$11.90@12; stags \$11.75@13.

Top on native lambs \$14, few choice fed western woolled lambs \$14.25, best sheared lambs \$13.85. One bunch of fancy, fat, light ewes brought \$7, practical top \$6.75.

We have a customer who is interested in 100 head of good, thrifty stock pigs. Advise us

if you have them for sale.

There is no embargo against hogs on the St. Joseph market—it is advisable to have them in as early as possible, however; and it is also advisable to ship them to the Farmers Union.

FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION

One of the members of the McPherson County Farmers Union said it. "At first I was against subsidies, but then I read that Congress was against them too, so I decided subsidies must be all right, because Congress is never for anything that helps the little man."

## CHRISTMAS - 1943

This year, the real Christmas spirit is stronger and brighter than in many years past. Out of the sublime meaning of the season we can grasp new faith and courage — with the glorious promise that **Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men**, will come in a future that becomes nearer each day. So, to all of our customers, their families, and their distant loved ones, we send greetings, with the sincere wish that, war and its separations notwithstanding, this Christmas will hold for you many good things . . . and that our united efforts in the year that is to come, will hasten the day when our dreams of victory, reunion, and happiness will come true.

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## One Thing Unchanged By War --

The Christmas Star which shines as brightly today as it did one thousand nine hundred and forty-three years ago.

IT IS A PROMISE OF HOPE—of the peaceful tomorrow for which we are all working.

NEXT YEAR may be different—Let's keep watching that Star with its promise of Peace and Reunion.

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...And in despair  
I bowed my head;  
"There is no peace on  
earth," I said,  
"For hate is strong  
And mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good  
will to men!"

Then pealed the bells  
More loud and deep:  
"God is not dead, nor  
doth he sleep!  
The wrong shall fail,  
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With peace on earth,  
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—Longfellow



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Happily, the passing years keep bright the custom of remembering friends at the holiday season. In these disturbing days may we never forget that friendship and kindness still exist. At this Christmas season, the makers of RUSSELL'S BEST FLOUR would like to express the appreciation we feel for your friendliness and good will — and wish an abundant measure of them for you this Christmas-tide and through all the years to come.

Please let us say again this year—  
"A Merry Christmas and A Happy  
New Year To You."

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