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Boys' and Girls' Club News

CLUB CHAMPION FIVE YEARS.

Beryl Hix has been the Butler County, Kansas, club champion five years. His father started him out in business when he was 9 years old by giving him a small tract of land, which was during the season of 1918, and at the close of the year young Hix had a bank account of \$85 with which to buy clothes and pay a part of his school expenses. Beryl has had money in the bank every since then, and to meet his monthly expense bills. Every year since 1918 Beryl's father has turned over to him a tract of land to farm in an intensive way and has held him responsible for it. In 1922 Beryl raised one hundred bushels of potatoes and at the close of the year this product and others netted him \$186. For the last two years he has had two acres under his care. This line of work did not altogether satisfy Beryl and he wished to try his hand at the livestock business. Consequently he bought two Duroc Jersey gilts and began raising hogs. From these two sows he has been able to raise two litters each year for the last two years. Each sow averages seven to eight pigs per litter. These hogs have been marketed twice each year at the time they were ready for market. This fall Beryl topped the Wichita market. He has eighteen last spring's pigs that will be ready for market soon.

Beryl is 14 years old and is a sophomore in the Junior high school at Eldorado. He drives the round trip of eleven miles each day in order to take care of his school work and has his self-supporting work on the farm to look after between times.

MAKES GOOD PROFITS FROM CHICKENS.

Starting with 25 hens and 3 roosters, a 12-year-old poultryman in Washington County, Missouri, R. L. Norman Lewis, has developed a profitable business. He began in the spring of 1922 by joining the poultry club which the agricultural extension workers had organized in his community. That year he hatched and sold 113 broilers so that they were ready to sell while the market price was high. He kept 25 of the best pullets as a foundation flock for the next season. Norman found his work so interesting that he studied more about poultry at the club members' state camp. He learned that the season developed a good market for his capons. An important part of his club work is the keeping of records of all expenditures and receipts. Recently he finished his 1923 account, and according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture, finds that he paid out \$79 and received \$319, leaving him \$240 for his year's work.

SUCCESSFUL CALF CLUB WORK.

Following is an account of the successes of Alice and Edith Clarke, two Janesville, Wisconsin, girls 13 and 11 years of age, accomplished through the club movement and told by them through the December number of "American Sheep Breeders". "We started in club work April 1, 1921, with Holstein dairy calves. We won the first at our county fair and third at our state fair in 1922. We joined again and won first at three shows and the state championship cup for the best heifer calf, and then we went to the National Dairy Show at St. Paul and were placed third, showing our junior calf against seniors, with 48 in class. This year we took the sheep and pig project in addition to our Holsteins. In 1923 we showed two junior yearling Holstein heifers and one junior calf and won four first prizes, including the state fair. Our Chester White gilt won first at Janesville, with 32 in class, and fourth at the state fair.

"We purchased five Southdown ewes at the University of Wisconsin—two purebreds and three grades for \$103. They were bred to the International Champion ram of 1921. We raised seven lambs. We lost one ewe but saved her twin lambs, which sold at Chicago for 27½ cents a pound. We have exhibited at five fairs, including the state fair, winning 10 firsts, 11 seconds and 6 thirds on sheep alone. We bought three grade Shropshire lambs of a club member who was unable to show further, and fed and fitted them for the International, where in addition to the above, we got the first and champion pen of lambs in the junior feeding contest, fourth place in open competition for grade and cross bred lambs, first and second carcass of lamb and champion carcass of the show, and seven breed specials and a beautiful silver cup given by the Chicago Live Stock Exchange, which makes our third, having won each year the Champion Holstein silver cup offered by the Janesville Gazette.

"We feed our ewes roots, oats and as soon as the lambs come in April we made a little creep to feed the lambs away from their mothers. We feed them rolled oats, we were warned not to overfeed them during hot weather. We added a little bran and oil meal to the oats as they grew and in October we added cracked corn and more oil meal, cabbage and hay, till we went to the International. Our prize money won this year on sheep alone amounts to \$855.

"Our stock, now all paid for from our own money, includes: 2 registered Holstein cows, 1 registered Holstein yearling, which won the state honors last year; 1 registered Holstein heifer calf; 2 registered gilts; 4 Southdown ewes, two registered; 2 Southdown ewe lambs, registered; 1 Southdown ram, registered; 1 Southdown wether lamb. We estimate the value of our stock today at \$700. Cash \$983. Our three year's work shows a profit of \$1,682."

Holstein-Friesian Register.

CLUB STOCK SHOWS \$7,000 INCREASE

The pigs or sows and litters belonging to the boys' and girls' 4-H club members in West Virginia, which cost about \$5,000 when purchased, are now estimated worth over \$12,000, according to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture. This includes the holdings of the club members, who are feeding one or more pigs by the best known methods, and those of older boys and girls who are learning the latest methods of management of sows and litters in addition to feeding practices, under the direction of their agricultural extension agents.

Pool News

SAY IT WITH CONTRACTS

The last two days of the month have seen a great stirring among those interested in wheat marketing in Kansas. Thousands have been solidly converted to the pool and thousands of others have had their faith more firmly established, if that were done. Signed contracts have got to be secured. The pool has to be over the top before harvest begins. There is no substantial reason in the world why this should not be accomplished. The reason is because of the apathy of those who have regarded themselves as supporters of the pool. Just apathy, precisely that. We must rid ourselves of that mental kink which makes us regard the pool as something outside of our own affairs. The pool is the personal and private business of each individual farmer and concerns him just as intimately as covering his seed and harvesting his crop. Now, he does not want for somebody to come around to tell him when to seed or to instruct him in any of his own particular work. Just as he jumps in, for instance, with his neighbors to fight grasshoppers; just so should the farmer jump in behind this pool, which is his own private job. The last few weeks provide evidence beyond question that there is ample support of those who have grasped the pool idea to carry the message to their localities, to get their own shoulders to the wheel; not to wait for contracts, but to get them; not to be content with signing their own, but to get others to sign as well; not to be content when they have signed until their contracts are recorded at headquarters—not, in short, to regard this as anybody's business, but their very own. For the next few weeks, "Say it with contracts"—that are the things that count!—Wheat Growers Journal.

From a recent letter sent out by the Farmers Union Cooperative Stockyards Company, it is estimated that the 87,000 lambs passed over the scales at the Fayette County Cooperative Sales Association from May 16 to September 26, 1923. This sales organization was organized under the auspices of the Farmers Union in an effort to increase the returns to livestock producers in the central counties. From the experimental form, this auction sale plan has developed so successfully that the Farmers Union Stockyards Company was formed to carry the good work even further. Under the new organization the livestockmen will own and manage their own yards, will eliminate certain former commissions, rent and other expenses. The lambs sold during the past season averaged \$13.49 per hundred at an average weight of 74 pounds. This gives a total value of approximately \$4,000,000 in lambs alone. These sales will be held during the coming season at the New Farmers Union Stockyards, on the Old Franklin Pike, Lexington, Kentucky.—Kentucky Union Farmer.

COOPERATIVE WHEAT MARKETING

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world, and how and where and when shall that flow of supply go? Over-Production.

Just remember this! It is being done today. It is being done, however, by the dealers instead of by the growers. This year they talked all over the United States and Canada about this terrible over-production of wheat. Yet, every bushel of wheat that has been raised on the farms of the United States or Canada is being bought by the dealers at some price. You will sell every bushel of that crop at the price for which the dealers will take the entire so-called over-production; and their hope for profit is what? To control the flow of supply so that the world will get now only what it will eat. The world will actually consume only a normal supply, only a normal crop; and that will be sold to the world at a price based on that normal supply as though it is a normal crop. The balance the dealers will carry over until next year. In the meantime that so-called excess surplus has broken the price of your entire crop to you. Why? Because you let the control of the flow of the thing go into the hands of the dealers instead of the hands of the men who produced the wealth. Remember, it is being done today, but it is not being done by you; it is being done by the men who exploit you.

My whole purpose this morning is to show you how YOU can organize, tear a page out of their books and do for yourselves the very thing that these dealers today are doing for themselves at your risk and at your cost; and at the hazard of lowering the standard of living on all your farms.

Let's talk wheat from another standpoint. Wheat is a peculiar product. All over the world, every civilized country under the sun produces some wheat. Some countries produce more than they eat. Canada leads all the rest in so-called surplus home production; then comes the United States and Argentina, Australia, India, Roumania, and, in normal times, Russia. Some countries produce less than they eat, for example England, and have to import enormous quantities of wheat so that the people shall have bread.

At Liverpool there is a little hand full of the smartest commodity merchants in all the world; and they know exactly what is happening with wheat all over the world. They study what has been planted in India, Argentina, Roumania, as well as I, and better than I, that there is not a day under the sun in which wheat is not being harvested at some point in the earth. North Dakota; there is not a day when it is not being harvested somewhere. These men at Liverpool, Chicago, Winnipeg, send out their news

service all over the world and have their agents to tell them how the wheat is growing; whether too much sun is hurting it; to tell them all the things that are keeping back or making for the progress, growth and development of the wheat that has been planted. They attempt to get that information from all over the world. They ignore no point. Then they try to figure out what the supply of wheat is going to be; next they try to figure out what the price is likely to be.

A Relative Price. Now, there is no such thing as an arbitrary fair price on wheat. The only thing there is on wheat is a price in relation to the previous price; that is, as to the present price of wheat today. These men figure, how will that price be affected either by the news of coming crops or by the thing we can make look like news of coming crops. The only thing that is a fair price on wheat is a price in relation to the present and past price on wheat.

These men at Liverpool sit around and figure what is coming up in wheat, so that they can try to guess or calculate the future price of wheat. And what do they know? Well, for example, they know that in India wheat can be produced much more cheaply than it can in the United States, because the land is cheap, because the labor is cheap. They know that in Argentina it can be produced more cheaply than in the United States, because the land and labor are cheap and the ship rate for carrying the wheat over into England is incomparably less than we have to carry wheat from Minneapolis down to Galveston.

They figure on how can they get the good wheat of Canada, of the United States, and pay for it on the basis of competition with the wheat of Argentina and with the soft, cheap wheat of India. And they do it. They calculate around; they get you folks, for example, thinking in terms of tariff; they get you to put a tariff on your wheat down to about twenty-two cents below our level. The Canadians can't send much wheat over here anyhow; and for every bushel they send here we have to export another bushel out. Then all our wheat roots down to the level created by the broken price in Winnipeg and in Liverpool.

Then they begin to buy at Winnipeg and sell here at Chicago and play the game backward and forward alternately.

(Continued next week.)

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UNION MEETING NOTICES

Notices of Farmers' Union meetings will be printed under this heading without charge. Secretaries should send in their copy at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.

The regular meeting of the Crawford County Farmers' Union will be held on the last Tuesday of each month throughout the year except when this date falls on a Legal Holiday.

A. C. BROWN, Co. Pres.

UNION LOCAL NO. 273.
Regular meetings on second and fourth Thursday each month.
Charles Crossard, Sec.

SILVERDALE LOCAL NO. 2051.
Silverdale Local No. 2051 meets every second and fourth Wednesday in the month at the Silverdale School House.
J. F. Lewis, Sec.

NEWBERRY LOCAL NO. 1922.
Newberry Local No. 1922 meets regularly, the first and third Monday nights of each month. The members make the union what is in. You help make it a success in every way by doing more than your part and attending these meetings.
R. J. Muckenthaier, Secy-Treas.

UNION LOCAL NO. 2019.
Regular meetings on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, at 7:30 p. m.
Geo. Speed, Pres.
Alice Kendall, Sec.

CARLETON LOCAL NO. 1911.
Regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month.
J. Humberger, Pres.
R. J. Logan, Sec.

CLEVELAND LOCAL NO. 364.
Cleveland Local No. 364, Neosho County, will hold their regular meetings on the third Tuesday of every month. Come out and boost. Don't stay home and kick.
George J. Schoenhof, Sec.

PLEASANT VALLEY LOCAL.
Pleasant Valley Local Union No. 1309 meets every first and third Wednesday evening of each month.
E. J. Kissinger, Pres.
W. T. Elmer, Sec-Treas.

NEOSHA COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETINGS.
The regular quarterly meetings of the Neosha County Farmers Union will be held in the L. O. O. F. hall in Erie, Kansas on the second Saturday of the following months: March, June, September and December.
J. O. Clark, Pres.
J. O. Clark, Sec.

AT CLEMENTS APRIL 12th.
The Chase County Farmers Union will hold their regular quarterly meeting at Clements, Kansas on Saturday, April 12th. This will be an all day meeting and there will be a big basket dinner at noon. Pres. John Tomble of the State Farmers Union and Manager E. E. Woodman of the Live Stock Commission will be with us on that day to deliver addresses. It is earnestly hoped that all members will turn out for this event.
M. W. Greene, Co. Sec.

LIVINGSTON LOCAL NO. 1984.
Livingston Local No. 1984 meets regularly on the first and third Friday nights of each month at Livingston School House. A short program is prepared for each night.
Clyde B. Wells, Sec.

GIRARD LOCAL NO. 494.
Girard Local No. 494 meets in Union Hall over the Crawford County State Bank in Girard, Kansas on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p. m.
W. D. McClaskey, Pres.
Roy W. Holland, Sec.

HONOR ROLL.
The following secretaries of Farmers Union Locals have reported to the state office every member on their rolls paid up in full for the year 1924.
Ballview — 2042 — John T. Anderson, Sec. 52 paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Burmeister — 948 — Roy Hunter, Ellsworth, Sec. 24 members paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Athelstone Central — 1171 — Ralph Heikes, Wakefield, Sec. — 12 members paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Summit — 1674 — Mrs. Alice Ames, Madison, Sec. — 30 paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Pleasant Valley — 4304 — Frank R. Ebert, Ellis, Sec. — 18 paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Fairdale — 827 — Carl W. Mayer, Brewster, Sec. 18 members paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Bydal — 763 — G. S. Duncan, Belleville, Sec. 22 members paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Prairie College — 1227 — I. P. Bruening, Robinson, Sec. 29 members paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Catherine — 884 — Wm. R. Staab, Sec. 7 members paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Hays — 1180 Mrs. Everett Alquist, Sec. — 76 members paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Sylvan Grove — 1555 — J. A. Reichard, Minneapolis, Sec. — 11 members paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Point Lookout, 1072, Jno. Hoffines, Eabon — all members paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Neutral, 308, John Costello, McClure — 11 paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Independence, 1419 — Hugh Winslow, Sec. — Wellington, Kans. — 19 paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Liberty, 925 — Ed. Mog, Sec. — 42 members paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.
Twelve Mile, 2002 — R. L. Pearce, Sec. — Downs — 12 paid for 1924 — 100 per cent.

Walnut Grove — 1308 — Robert J. Meyer, Girard, Secretary — 100%.
Victor — 1516 — W. G. Harris, Burton, Secretary, 5 members — 100%.
New Hope — 1834 — S. Tibble, Cedar Point, Secretary, 8 members — 100%.
Gem — 1689 — G. E. Weir, Pittsburg, Secretary, 10 members — 100%.
Survey — 34 — Grant Bliss, Woodston, Secretary, 9 members — 100%.
Star — 851 — Willis J. Billings, Lima, Secretary, 6 members — 100%.
Olive Hill — 1120 — A. F. Braun, Clay Center, Sec. — 38 members, 100%.
Coin — 1657 — S. M. Beason, Orion, Secretary — 7 members, 100%.
Bushong — 579 — H. C. Harder, Dunlap, Secretary, 10 members, 100%.
Hunt — 1107 — J. J. L. Kongs, Corns, Secretary — 19 members 100%.
Santa Fe — 1717 — Marion Johnson, secretary, Lyons, Thirteen members — 100 per cent.
No. 5 — 761 — Clarence W. Smith, secretary, Phillipsburg, six members — 100 per cent.

1808 — Maple Grove — Howard Timmerman, secretary, Hepler, Five members, 100 per cent.
1935 — Kaw Valley — Jerome Van Hols, secretary, Belvue, 10 members, 100 per cent.
1669 — Highland — Roy L. Lee, secretary, Paola, 30 male members, 56 female members, 100 per cent.
1684 — Prospect, Martin Rohs, Jr., Secretary, 29 members, 100 per cent.
Prairie Star — 944 — E. W. Podena, secretary, Wilson, 15 members, 100 per cent.

Find the Co-operative clip. Read it; Study it; There's a reason.

POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY MEETING POSTPONED.
On account of the condition of the roads the first quarterly meeting of the Farmers Union of Pottawatomie County has been postponed until Thursday, April 17. All delegates are requested to be present. We will hold an open meeting after 8 p. m. and all tax payers in the county are invited to attend this session.
T. P. Hepfig, Co. Sec.

OSAGE COUNTY MEETING APRIL 10th.
"The Osage County meeting has been twice postponed, but will be held on Thursday evening, April 10th, if the weather permits. Everybody try to be there early so that we can start the meeting promptly. The place is the new Community hall in the northeast part of Overbrook.
Roscoe, E. Hey, Secy.

NOTICE OF QUARTERLY MEETING.
The first quarterly meeting of the Phillips Co. F. U. & C. U. of A. No. 27 will be held at Logan, Kans., Saturday, April 12, commencing at 10 o'clock. Our State Lecturer or some other representative of the Kansas Co-op. Wheat Marketing Ass'n will lecture in the afternoon on the Wheat Pool. Every Local is urged to send full delegation.
J. P. Johnson, Co. Sec-Treas.

TREGO COUNTY MEETING APRIL 12th.
Trego County Farmers Union No. 34 will meet in regular session on Saturday, April 12th, commencing at 2 o'clock, at Wakeeney, Kansas. All locals are requested to take due notice hereof and send a full delegation.
W. J. Beardwell, Pres.

AT CONCORDIA APRIL 22.
The second quarterly meeting of the Cloud County Farmers Union will be held in the City Hall at Concordia, Kansas, Tuesday, April 22nd, commencing at 1:30 p. m.
Frank McClean, Pres.
Clark Green, Sec-Treas.

BROGAN LOCAL NO. 226.
Brogan Local No. 226 meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. Visitors are always welcome.
George Baumgartner, Sec.

PRETTY CREEK LOCAL 1652.
Pretty Creek Local No. 1652 meets every first and third Wednesday of each month at the Hinerville School house. Come out. Don't stay home and kick.
H. C. Mathies, Sec-Treas.

BROGAN LOCAL DISCUSSES POOL.
Brogan Local No. 226 held their regular meeting Thursday night with President Tom Casey presiding. After the regular business was transacted there was a lengthy discussion of the wheat pooling subject.
The welfare committee gave a good report on happenings in the county.
W. M. Casey, Cor. Sec.

KANSAS GRAIN DEALERS WROUGHT UP OVER CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING.
It seems that the Kansas Grain Dealers Association are becoming very much wrought up lately and are "viewing with alarm" the present growth of real cooperative marketing, the 100 per cent compulsory pool.
Mr. Smiley even deposes and offers to promise to handle the farmers' wheat through their 1,100 elevators that they say they control. Now Mr. Farmer what do we know about the Kansas Grain Dealers that pose so openly as a champion to the farmer in his recent growth in marketing lines. Did they ever offer or any such inducement before to get the farmers to market their wheat through these elevators?

What is the Kansas Grain Dealer's principal function? The one big thing they do is to draw a yearly membership fee from the farmers' elevators. They state who see fit to join their association. Now if Mr. Smiley and Mr. Russel Lawrence of the other so-called co-operative as-

sociations of Kansas were so much moved and desire so much to patronize the farmers' needs then they might as well dissolve these so-called cooperative associations as they have already passed their stage of real usefulness if there ever was any real need for such an organization. Mr. Smiley, I know just exactly how much you are really concerned, 1,100 times \$25 equals \$27,500.

The Kansas farmers' tribute to your organization is what you are mainly concerned about. Now don't forget that the world doth move and sometimes the old order ceaseth; we farmers feel that at last we are at the parting of the ways, so bye-bye Mr. Smiley—Mr. Lawrence, farewell to thee. Thy continued raving through the press cannot avail you anything and your unwarranted attack on real cooperative marketing will get you nowhere at last.

If you had the real interest of the farmer at heart you would not attack any of his moves to better his condition. It is organization you fear, organization of real farmers into a real farmers organization.

Why did you organize the Grain Dealers of Kansas? To gain strength? As an individual, and just as soon as farmers really start to organize you fellows take cover and try to break our arrangements. If you really thought for a minute that the pooling proposition was a failure you wouldn't be spending your money and valuable time to defeat it; you would do all you could to hasten the day when we could try it out and be satisfied it was a failure. Now again bidding you au revoir and admonishing you to use the talents God has given you in real cooperative movement, I beg to remain.
Yours cooperatively,
J. C. FELTS,
Winfield, Kansas.

"WHY SHOULD THE FARMER TELL HIS FUTURE PLANS OR BUSINESS FOR THE YEAR YET TO COME?"
It has often occurred to me that we farmers make a great mistake by telling the assessor and by filling out circulars that the government sends out. It looks to me like it is not right for the government to expect this from the farmer. As it is the farmers business and his only. You never hear of them trying to find out how much meat the packers are going to try to put up during the coming year or some manufacturing concern how many wagons or how many binders they were going to build in the coming year. What if the government would ask them those questions. I have an idea they would get a short answer and get it very quick too.

I think it is all right to tell what we sowed and reaped the past year but when it comes to the future. Just No. Nothing doing, that is our business. Now how could the government get any statistics from this way of doing. Now for example, I will say John is going to plant 100 acres this spring, 40 acres to oats, 50 acres to corn, 10 acres to kafir corn. The weather gets bad and gets only 20 acres of oats; and we have a lot of rain and get only 40 acres of corn. Well then it would be 40 acres to kafir or something else. So you see how incorrect it could be for government statistics.

On the other hand suppose he got everything sowed or planted as he intended which is most likely to be the case. Suppose some of the grainmen or the packers got a hold of this information. Did you ever stop to think how easy it would be for them fellows to make future prices

on this information. Just stop and think. Now if this information was given in for the past year instead of the future the government would get an almost accurate report and the gamblers would not have these figures to work on until it would be too late. Now if the government will not ask us for this future information I think we farmers will be able to take care of ourselves at an earlier date.

Signed,
Henry E. Sevart,
Brogan Local 226, St. Paul, Kans.

ST. PATRICK PARTY AT FRANKLIN LOCAL, ELLSWORTH CO.
Franklin Local, No. 1301, Ellsworth county is certainly hopping things up of late.

On March 31, our belated St. Patrick's party was the biggest kind of a success. There were upwards of fifty present, including Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Emler, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rofis, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Droege, Mr. R. N. Friesen, Miss Bertha Friesen and Miss Clara Lawrence, not members of our Local.

There was about everything calculated to give every one present a good old-fashioned time. The old Irish motto "Gaid Mille A Faidhe" greeted the guests as they arrived. Shamrocks, potatoes, pipes, Irish hats and card-table harps and pigs were used as decorations. True Irishmen were made of the guests, by giving them an opportunity to kiss the "Blarney Stone" (made of candy kisses), the first thing.

The program of entertainment, consisting of readings, contests and a solo, was one of interest for the more mature people, seasoned with features that were enjoyed by the young; with "Pinning the tie on Pat" and "Potato race" as favorites. Mrs. L. C. Heitschmidt's drawing of "Pat" was a work of art.

Souvenirs were won by Mrs. Chester Turner, Miss Melba Caldwell, and Ernest Droege. Refreshments consisting of Blarney sandwiches, sod sandwiches, shillalahs and Irish greens with accessories most inviting and digestible were enjoyed by all.

It was the regret of all that our esteemed friends, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Hawkins could not be present. They are still at Abilene, while Mr. Hawkins is gaining strength he is not wholly free from pain. Mrs. Hawkins has also been quite poorly lately. May they both speedily recover.

During the social hour there was much said about the wheat pool. Let us all THINK POOL, DREAM POOL, TALK POOL, WRITE POOL, WHISPER POOL, and then let us ride pool until it squeals like Pat's pig and then some more pool!
Mrs. O. W. Holmes, Cor. Sec.

CLOSE COOPERATION
I have read a little verse entitled "Let's Pull Together," and because I believe it voices a fundamental truth, a truth that every farmer should understand and practice, I herein copy it:
"It ain't the guns or armament
Nor the funds that we can pay,
But it's close co-operation
That makes us win the day.
It ain't the individual
Nor the members as a whole,
But the everlasting teamwork
OF EVERY BLOOMING SOUL."
The above seems to me to embody the spirit of co-operation; however such co-operation to be true to the teaching of our order must not be entirely selfish, but should ultimately lead all people into a closer and better brotherhood, a brotherhood that practice toward each other principles of Equity, Justice and the Golden Rule.

The Farmers' Union was never intended to be, and never should be, a selfish institution, and if we teach

and exemplify the Golden Rule it never will be. However, there is nothing taught in the Golden Rule that prevents us from protecting ourselves, as farmers, from the greed and selfishness of predatory wealth. In fact, it is our duty not only to protect ourselves, but also all others, from whatever evil that threatens the whole people. We should be ever ready to lend a helping hand to all worthy efforts made for the uplift of our entire citizenship.

Doubtless we have lost, and are still losing, members of the kind that join our order without considering as binding the obligation of the Golden Rule when it conflicts with their personal desires. Others, perhaps, fall away because they do not immediately receive financial help. Such, seeming to think if they join the union, all they will have to do is to open wide their mouth and the union will drop into it a big, fat sugar plum. Such members are disappointed, and soon drop out, and it is well, as it is for the good of the order that they do so.

Our union at Banner has had a few such members, but at this time we have none. Our union is composed of true knights of the Golden Rule, who believe in a square deal for everybody, and are boosting every worthy undertaking. Our members don't knock, but seek to build up their communities, willing to teach and work to the end that all may have their share of the good things of this life as measured by the Golden Rule.

We think no class of people should want more. Our union at Banner has organized a Farmers' Union Mercantile Company, with J. J. Brock as manager, which proves that real farmers can co-operate and are getting ready to do so.
GEORGE S. WADE.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY
Whereas, the Giver of Life has seen fit to call home our friend and brother Henry Drier;

Resolved, That in his death Olpe Union has lost a faithful and useful worker, the community a good citizen and neighbor and his family a loving husband and father, and we extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved that this resolution be spread upon the record of our local, a copy of it sent to his family, and another copy sent to our state Union published.
Committee: Joe Rossillon, Jake Brown and J. E. Haag.
By Jno. E. Mulroy, Secy.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY
Whereas the Heavenly Father has called to his home our sister and beloved wife of Carroll Barr;
Be It Resolved That we the members of the Pleasant Run Local No. 1290 extend to the bereaved husband and family our sincere sympathy.
Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to our Farmers Union paper for publication.
Reginald Harvey, Secretary and Treasurer.

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