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THE FARMERS EDUCATIONAL & COOPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA

A Farm Organization Which Has Always Been Found In the Front Line Battling for Better Conditions for Agriculture---An Organization Which Has Been Instrumental More Than Any Other Force in Bringing To the Attention of Congress and the President the Distress of Agriculture

C. E. Huff

Mr. C. E. Huff, President of the National Farmers Union, President of the Kansas Farmers Union, and Editor of the Kansas Union Farmer, is recognized today as the clearest thinker in the whole farm movement. While he is tolerant of the opinions of others, he is steadfast in his convictions that agriculture has not received the same treatment from our government that has been extended to other great industries. He is a fearless, agressive, untiring fighter for the cause of agriculture.

Note:—Mr. Huff is out of town this week and he will be unable through modesty to keep this out of the paper.
—A. M. K.

A. M. KINNEY
Secretary Kansas Farmers Union

A MILITANT FARM ORGANIZATION

"The Most Progressive Movement of All Agriculture Has Been the Upbuilding of the Farmers Own Marketing Associations" --President Herbert Hoover

Nature and Extent of the Organization

The FARMERS' EDUCATIONAL AND COOPERATIVE UNION OF AMERICA is a non-political, non-sectarian organization, composed entirely of men actually engaged in farming. As now constituted it consists of the NATIONAL UNION, twenty-six STATE UNIONS, several hundreds of COUNTY Unions, and about twenty thousand LOCAL UNIONS. The FUNDAMENTAL UNIT of the organization is the LOCAL UNION.

The Parent Organization Educational

The National Union is purely educational in its nature. It is chartered under the laws of Texas as a quasi-fraternal organization. It is not engaged in business for profit, has no shares of stock, does not deal in any article of commerce, declares no dividends and therefore does not pay a franchise tax. Its mission is to promote the organization of farmers to encourage them to form cooperative business organizations, to offer advice and assistance in their marketing problems, and to maintain a general friendly supervision of the organization activities.

The Dues System

The Farmers Union is strictly a farmers' organization. It neither asks nor receives any government or state aid, and its educational work is all financed by the farmers themselves out of the dues, which are so divided that each unit of the organization receives some of the dues. For example, the National organization receives out of the membership dues the small sum of twenty-five cents per capita. The State organization receives a share, the County organization a share, and the local a share. Each division of the Union, National, State, County and Local receives a share of the dues.

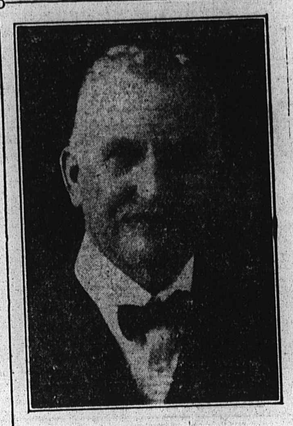
Lines of Activity.

The Farmers' Union learned early in the game that the mere fact of being organized would not solve the farm problem. Those honest souls who thought that when the world discovered the farmers were organized to ask for justice, it would march penitently up with the farmers' share on a silver platter, have had a rude awakening. A militant organization with sleeves rolled up and a gleam in the eye is the only sort of movement which may hope to demand and secure cost of production for farm products and a preferred seat at the council table of commerce.

The Farmers' Union is applying the principles of the self help movement, cooperation, in two fields of business activity, producer cooperatives and consumer cooperatives.

GEORGE HOBBS

Mr. George Hobbs has had charge of The Farmers Union Livestock Company since March first of this year, and he has shown a steady gain in business for that company. The savings per carload of livestock handled so far this year, are the largest in its history. Mr. Hobbs has shown himself a very capable manager.



C. E. BRASTED

Mr. C. E. Brasted, the President of the Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Companies, and also Chairman Board of National Dirtctors, needs no introduction to the farmers of Kansas. He has served the Farmers Union of Kansas as State Secretary several years and resigned the first of August because of ill health. Mr. Brasted has sacrificed his time, his money and his health in behalf of the Farmers Union of Kansas.

WELCOME TEARS

They were talking about women friends. "Do you see Emma often?" one inquired.

"Oh, yes, quite frequently," the other replied.

"Is she happily married?"

"Is she? I should say so. Why, that girl is so happily married she has to go to the theater for a good cry."
—Epworth Herald

H. E. WITHAM

Mr. H. E. Witham has been manager of the Jobbing Association since June 1927, and he has made an enviable record in handling the business of that institution. Every month since he has been manager, the business has increased over the preceeding month. The stock of the Jobbing Association is worth one hundred cents on the dollar, with over forty thousand dollars surplus at the present time.

THE FARMERS UNION AUDITING ASSOCIATION OUR AIMS

Simplify—In many offices there are too many books; in others too few. It is one of the duties of our auditors to examine carefully and advise the handling of business with as few books as possible, but with as many as necessary. This work is done with a feeling of a kind spirit of helpfulness.

Unify—It will afford the co-operative movement a large step forward in the unification of the methods of handling the business of the different companies. In a general way the fundamentals can be worked out so that a change in management may be wrought with much less friction and the expense of auditing much reduced. Our association can do much in this direction.

Rectify—A busy manager can scarcely do more than give his work "the once over," and with the most honest, intelligent effort possible he is liable to overlook errors, even when a trial balance is maintained. It is our policy to make corrections, with a minimum amount of ado about it. We aim to preserve harmony between manager and company, and at the same time make correct reports.

Ratify—Even though a report by a manager is absolutely correct in every detail and all are satisfied with it, yet it affords a strengthened confidence which will be more enduring if it has the ratification of our expert service. It strengthens the confidence of the manager, the board, and the stockholders, if the services of such expert accountants as we have to do the work are obtained.

We can reduce the cost of auditing from year to year as co-operation in this field increases. Our service is dependable.

THE F. U. AUDITING ASS'N.

THOS. B. DUNN

Mr. Thos. B. Dunn, the Secretary-Manager of the Farmers Union Auditing Association, has built up a wonderful Farmers Union accounting company. This company has been one of the largest factors in the success of the Farmers Union institutions. When Mr. Dunn or one of his auditors get through with an audit of a business, that business knows exactly the condition it is in.

JOIN THE FARMERS UNION

If you are a farmer, and do not belong to some farm organization, how can you reconcile your self respect with the fact that you are allowing your neighbor farmers to carry the load, while you are bumming a free ride and receiving the benefits which organized farmers have made possible for you to enjoy.

The Kansas Farmers Union extends to you a very urgent invitation to join with us in our efforts to bring back to this country a prosperous agriculture. The present condition of the farming industry is driving the choicest of our boys and girls into the industrial cities, and the farmers are fast becoming a class of old men and tenants.

There is a Farm Problem. No one will deny it. Our President and our Government has recognized it. A Federal Farm Board has been appointed to bring relief to the farmers, which proves it. This Farm Board has stated in no uncertain terms, the only way in which the farmers can be helped, is through our farm organizations and our cooperative institutions.

Of course you can stay on the outside if you wish; but when, through our cooperative institutions and our national marketing organization, we have helped to place agriculture in a more prosperous condition, will you be able to look back with pride, and say, "I had no hand in this great work."

tieth of the car that was out of condition. Now if we had had our own Terminal Elevator the shipper could have said to us, "Take that car down to my elevator and put it in condition, then offer it for sale," which would have been very easy and very little expense. That man had to take 10c a bushel less for that car because of two wagon loads in the car that was out of condition, whereas it would have taken about two or three cents a bushel to put it in condition.

To Our Readers

This issue and the one next week are special issues made up for the Kansas Free Fair at Topeka and the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson.

The front page material will be for the most part the same in both issues.

These papers will be especially valuable to all who wish to participate in the membership drive that is now on.

We are prepared to furnish these papers in bundles to any one sending for them. We are asking that you send 1c apiece, for postage and that you send in your request this week.

W. P. LAMBERTSON

Mr. W. P. Lambertson, Vice President of the Farmers Union of Kansas, Congressman from the first Kansas District, is a thorough cooperator, a successful farmer. The farmers of Kansas are to be congratulated on having such a fearless representative of their interests in Congress.

FARMERS UNION COOPERATIVE CREAMERY ASSN.

In relating the history of the Farmers Union Co-operative Creamery and Produce Association of Kansas is in fact reviewing a ten year struggle by a loyal group of Farmers Union workers to establish a marketing organization for the dairy products of the farmers. Suffice it to say that since its inception, the history of the Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery and Produce Association is a record of steady and consistent growth. From small beginnings it has attained a deserved position of prominence among the Farmers Union activities of Kansas.

Perhaps [illegible] form of enterprise was more badly needed and perhaps no other organization has proven more beneficial to a large representative group of farmers that the establishment of this Creamery. Its service has extended to the small producer as well as to the large one and its membership has spread to all quarters of the State.

During the four years of operations the Creamery has converted more than ten million pounds of butterfat and has handled more than six million dozens of eggs for the producers of Kansas. Going into different parts of Eastern United States these products have found a ready market, and have become established with similar goods of excellent quality.

Through the wisdom and foresight of its directors and management and with the loyal cooperation of its members, will undoubtedly insure for the Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery and Produce Association continued growth and a larger scope of useful service in the future.

ESTABLISHED A NEW RECORD FOR EARNINGS

With average net earnings of $5 per car of live stock handled during the first seven months of this year, the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. is establishing another new record. The average net earnings per car last year, for the entire year, were $3.86.

The total number of cars handled, including purchases and drive-ins reduced to carloads, for the seven months' period ending July 31, 1929, is 3,368. The corresponding total for the entire year of 1928 was 5.657. The total number of head of live stock handled before August 1, this year, is 217,487. The total for the entire year of 1928 was 386,072.

The total valuation of the live stock handled during the first seven months of this year amounts to $6,785,460.17. The net earnings for the period mentioned are $16,837.18. The prospects for a very substantial dividend to stockholder patrons again this year are very bright.

The number of head of live stock handled each month this year, together with the total valuation for each month, are shown below:

Month	No. Head	Valuation
January	40,605	$1,239,601.12
February	27,588	838,317.60
March	21,875	819,802.59
April	28,271	985,035.52
May	33,659	1,011,859.69
June	29,453	932,031.37
July	29,453	932,031.37
Totals	217,487	$6,785,460.17

A. W. SEAMENS

Mr. A. W. Seamens, the manager of the Farmers Union Produce Company, made the dream of a Farmers Union Creamery come true. This is one of the most successful cooperative creameries in the country. It has had a steady growth from the start, and to Mr. Seamens' untiring labors as manager, is due to a very large extent, the success of this cooperative venture.

JOBBING ASSOCIATION HAS RECORD BUSINESS

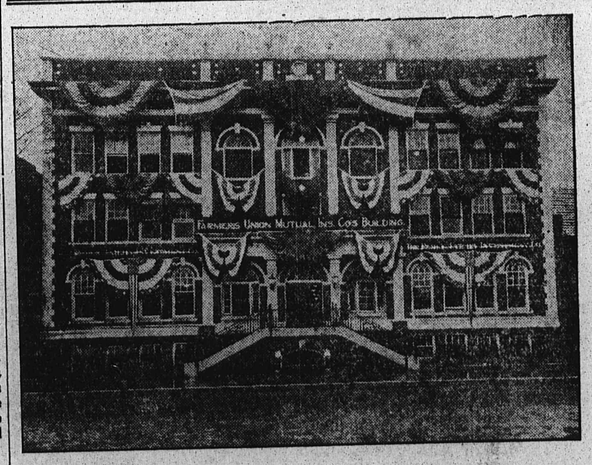
August 13, 1929.

The Farmers Union Jobbing Association handled the largest volume of business in July in its history, for one month. Approximately 1,500 cars of grain on consignment between the Kansas City office and Salina office. We know that we have been the source of a lot of good to the elevator and farmer in regard to grades and conditions that prevail here.

We are looking forward to a Terminal Elevator in this market that will belong to you, for I know that this will be a great advantage to the farmer in having his own Terminal Elevator here. For instance: Just recently we had a car of corn that came in here and graded sample heating. We got a Federal grade on this and found that there was only one-twen-

THE FARMERS UNION TERMINAL GRAIN COMPANIES LEAD IN THE AMOUNT OF GRAIN HANDLED

The Farmers Union Grain Commission Company of Omaha, The Farmers Union Terminal Company of St. Paul, and the Farmers Union Jobbing Association of Kansas City, will handle more wheat this year than all of the other terminal cooperative associations in the United States. Their business is steadily increasing.



A group of farmers borrowed $50 a few years ago to set up an insurance company. The only reason millionaire insurance companies didn't get a hearty laugh was because they didn't even notice it.

Yet since January first, 1929, the Farmers Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company has added 3½ million dollars to its risks, bringing the total up $66,000,000—a fairly respectable growth from 50 borrowed dollars!

Premiums collected since January first are $106,863.42, compared to $97,091.81 for the same period last year—a gain of $9,761.61 in premiums. Losses for the period are about the same as a year ago. For this great growth, for the soundness of the institution and for the great saving made through it thousands of loyal members, a good board of directors and an efficient management are responsible. With full recognition of all that others have done, and with appreciation for it, it may yet fairly be said that C. E. Brasted, president of the company, is more responsible than is any other one man for this outstanding successful enterprise.

Hail Insurance Company Mails Loss Checks

The Farmers Union Mutual Hail Insurance Company has just put the checks in the mail, paying the 1929 losses at 100 cents on the dollar. For 1928 it was the only mutual in the state paying in full. The next nearest paid 50%.

With a premium income of just under $40,000 for this season, the company experienced losses of $20,644.72. Old line companies show that it costs about 55 cents out of each dollar collected to cover expenses. The Farmers Union makes the best showing in overhead costs of any company in the field, and is able to add nearly $10,000 to the surplus account out of this year's showing. Last year's experience was so disastrous that it reduced the surplus materially and it is most fortunate that it could this year be increased again. Congratulations to everyone who has had to do with this splendid showing for 1929!

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Notice to Secretaries and Members of Farmers Union of Kansas. We want all the news about the Locals and what you are doing. Send in the news and thereby help to make your official organ a success.

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Communications and Questions—Communications are solicited from practical farmers, members of the F. E. & C. U. of A., are at liberty to ask questions on any phase of farm work. Answers will be either published or mailed.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1929

CHAMELEONIC?

(Ralph Snyder, in Kansas Farm Journal)

The real opposition to schemes like the McNary-Haugen bill comes from the ultra tariff protectionists".—Wm. Allen White in Emporia Gazette.

The above probably wouldn't be worth the space were it not for the fact that the author was largely responsible for a resolution adopted by the Kansas delegation at the last National Republican Convention, in which they said McNary-Haugen bill was vigorously assaulted. Now the same author goes on to lay the blame for the defeat of the equalization fee plan where it probably belongs but fails to add that the "ultra protectionists" were aided and abetted by just such men as he, who, we have a strong suspicion, may have been inoculated by the virus of political expediency.

WHO PAYS?

(Editorial, Wallace's Farmer)

What will be done with the federations of cooperatives the farm board is trying to form? Will they be used to stabilize the market and to prevent surpluses from wrecking the domestic market?

C. E. Huff, president of the National Farmers' Union, makes this comment on the policy of the board:

"The (stabilization) bill provides that losses incurred in such operations shall be paid from a fund accrued from profits in other such operations, and when a shortage occurs the revolving fund furnishes the money to cover it. The board seems disinclined to undertake or permit this sort of operation. It is entirely evident that transactions tending to affect the price level, and in which losses are highly probable, can not be carried on at the risk of the cooperatives. Such procedure puts a penalty upon membership in a cooperative, and a premium upon staying out. The benefits from price enhancement are passed alike to member and non-member. The risk can not be assumed by the member. We have had too much of that already. A local cooperative, for example, fighting for a place in the market, may increase the price of grain 10 cents a bushel to every grower. But if a loss occurs it is borne by the members, 25 to 50 per cent of those benefited. The board seems to feel that the proper thing under such circumstances is to stay away from stabilization operations."

No doubt this is the safe plan. But how close does it come to the plan laid down by the act itself, a policy defined in part as "aiding in preventing and controlling surpluses in any agricultural commodity, through orderly production and distribution, so as to maintain advantageous domestic markets and prevent such surpluses from causing undue and excessive fluctuations or depressions in prices for the commodity."

Of course, the trouble is that the agency that does all these things is going to have some operating losses. Logically, all producers ought to pay their share, since all benefit. Under the act, however, these losses, if incurred, must be paid either by the government or by the cooperatives. The farm board, guarding the public funds, seems to say that the government isn't going to pay. And the cooperatives remark grimly that they would be fools to do it themselves.

What is the answer? Probably that while the federations of cooperatives under way may be of help in shortening the road to market, in cutting down marketing overhead, and in ironing out slight fluctuations by some regulation of supply, the big job described in the declaration of policy quoted above can hardly be touched.

Editors Note: Just as Congress progressed in its thinking regarding the farm issue during the recent years of debate and discussion, so the Farm Board seems to be advancing. Without doubt a clearer conception of the need, and of the provision of the law, has already come about. Farmers were given to understand during the campaign that we were a very rich country, and that the problem of surplus control was charged with a public interest. No great timidity was then apparent as to the risk of public funds in relation to surplus crops. And Congress expressly provided for the assumption of the risk. The Board is honestly seeking right ways. The way provided in the law is right. It looks more and more like it will be followed.

FARMERS MUST JOIN A CO-OPERATIVE ORGANIZATION

The Farm Board has apparently decided upon a very definite policy. Farmers must organize more fully than at present. Promotion schemes will not be tolerated. Some new organizations must be established, but for the most part all that is needed is an increased adherence to existing ones. This, and the coordinating of such units and groups, is required to make available any benefits under the new federal law.

The existing agencies are to be recognized, encouraged and safeguarded. They are to join in organizing, owning and controlling great central sales agencies, operating on a scope and with a power never even approached before in this country. These central agencies will be the medium through which loans will be made by the Farm Board. The first such agency, apparently, will be for dealing in grains. This new company, the Farmers National Grain Corporation, is being formed. Cooperative organizations will own all of its stock and control its policies. The Federal Farm Board will supervise its operations to insure honesty and efficiency in every part. The possible benefits from such an arrangement are enormous. It will link the individual farmer to the markets of the world through his local cooperative, his regional or central cooperative, and the National Cooperative.

It is a challenge to the organized farm groups to get the non-member into some effective organization, and at once. The opportunity is now yours. The attitude of farmers who have never before been interested is changing rapidly. Many are ready to accept the cooperative way. Asking them to join will in most instances crystalize their changed sentiment into action. Get your local in order. Get new members. Put on a drive. Arrange a contest. Take up the offers Secretary Kinney is making to locals and individuals. Get busy. New members will at once become stockholders in your local business units. Link your elevator to the Farmers Union Federation. The markets of the world are now ours for the taking, but 25 percent of us can't take them. We ought to have 75 percent of the producers. Everything would be possible to such a group, backed by the Government itself. We need only to organize, but we must do that.

If you do not belong to a cooperative, you who read this, you owe it to yourself and family and to your community and country to join at once. It is an act of good faith. It may be that you do not feel a great need for the cooperative, so far as your own farming is concerned, but in that case perhaps the movement needs you the more—your counsel and help. Perhaps you are succeeding. But agriculture is failing, and its condition is admittedly a national problem. The cooperative way has been accepted as the only way to which to provide remedy. You ought to join now. And stay joined. The Farmers Union invites you if it serves your area. It commends whatever cooperation does serve if the Union does not. Join a cooperative.

-:- NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES -:-

COWLEY COUNTY FARMERS UNION HOLDS PICNIC

Several hundred members of the Farmers Union of Cowley County invaded Winfield, Saturday, August 31 in the fifth annual Farmers Union picnic at that place. The day's program opened with a large parade of decorated cars stretching almost a mile through the main street of the city, headed by the noted Farmers Union band of Rock, Kansas.

The parade led the delegation to Island Park where a sumptuous basket dinner was served beneath the tall trees of the park. The parade was organized by Lark Parsons, who managed the whole affair with dispatch. A brief program of band music and speaking was held in the large tabernacle while the dinner was being spread.

Large placards designating the name of the locals were posted at each group of tables. While each local spread their dinner separately there was much visiting and delicate sampling throughout the groups.

After dinner the crowd numbering over 2,000 gathered in the tabernacle for the program consisting chiefly of musical and dramatic numbers put on by members of the various locals of the county. These numbers were supplemented by short talks by L. J. Alkire, manager of the Farmers Union Commission Company of Wichita, and H. B. Whittaker, of Emporia, member of the executive committee of the Kansas Farmers Union.

F. M. Giltner, president of the Bethel local, was in charge of the day's program. He introduced the following numbers: Miss Rowena Linns of Tisdale, piano solo; Miss Laura Valley of Science Valley, piano solo; Miss Harriet Scott, of Tisdale, piano solo; Wilson Hahn of Bethel, vocal solo; Miss Lois LeiVan of Bethel, reading; a play entitled "The Station Agent from Arkansas," put on by three members of the Udall local; Miss Etta Chandler of Mercer, reading; Ira Wilson of Kellogg, vocal solo; Miss Georgia Long, of Ohio, reading.

The program in the tabernacle was concluded by two speeches; the one by Mr. L. J. Alkire, and the other by Mr. Howard Whittaker. Mr. Alkire emphasized the importance of marketing through market organizations. He pointed out the harm in direct buying in the hog market, and that the ultimate results would be that the packers would have full control of the hog market. He said the packers were establishing concentration points throughout the country and would destroy competition in buying on the open markets. He suggested that the farmers be loyal to the Farmer's Union Commission company.

Mr. Whittaker said the tax burden which the farms of Kansas have should be lightened. If the state is compelled to raise a certain amount of revenue to keep the institutions going, a large part should be assessed against other property other than against farm lands." In his address he spoke at length of the meeting of the representatives of the six farm organizations with Governor Reed and of the recommendations for tax reform which resulted in this meeting.

The first recommendation of these farm organization representatives was for a graduated income tax. This tax should start with incomes of $1,500 and the rate should go up as the income increases. There are citizens of Kansas drawing good salaries who do not bear their share of the tax burden. They enjoy the blessings of good government, and have all the advantages of our institutions, state and local. It is only fair and just that they should bear their share of the taxes. Income taxes will distribute the burden more equitably than taxes on real and personal property. Salaries and incomes can bear a small tax. The incomes of professional men and women are almost free of taxation. Non-taxable securities people to escape. They should be taxed in justice to the owners of real property who bear all the burden now.

Another recommendation made by the farm organizations was the adoption of a state inheritance tax. Here is property passing down after the creators have passed on. The heirs have done nothing to create the wealth and the state has made it possible for this wealth to be created. When fortunes above $75,000 are passed on the state is perfectly justified in placing a good tax on the property. This can be made a real source of income for the state.

The Rock band of 25 pieces played a few numbers during the program.

One of the most amusing features of the entire afternoon's program was the husband-calling contest put on by one lady representing each local. Mrs. Barton of Ohio local was judged to be the most emphatic in her calls for hubby. Second place went to Mrs. Hittle of Bethel, third place to Mrs. Dvorak of Beaver local and fourth to Mrs. Workman of Kellogg.

The people were then asked to form around an arena, which had been roped off, and witness the contestants from the different locals perform to decide which local carried off the most honors. The first event was the potato race for boys under 12 years. Howard McMullen of Ohio was first, Junior Graham of Science Valley was second, and Robert Berry of Bethel was third.

The next event was for girls under 12 with Esther Elam of Kellogg taking first. Virginia Smith of Ohio second, and Alice King of Bethel third.

The potato race for boys between the ages of 12 and 16 was won by Herman Elam of Kellogg with Stanley Graham of Beaver second, and Buddy Mussen of Ohio, third. The potato race for girls between the ages of 12 and 16 was won by Sis Mussen of Ohio, Blanch Kei of Bethel second, and Doris Johnson of Kellogg third.

The next events were the 60-yard dash for different ages. The first, for boys under 12 years was won by Merle Pierson of Rock, with Harrison Mallory of Udall second, and Vernon Russell of Beaver third. The next was the 50-yard dash for boys over 16 years. Henry Estep of Mercer was first, Earl Parson of Kellogg, second, and Albert McDaniels of Ohio, was third. Girls under 12 were next with a 50-yard dash. Mabel Baird of Ohio was first, Venta McDaniels of Rock was second; and Lenora Gotlet of Beaver was third. Girls between the ages of 12 and 16, 50-yard dash: Nellie Ramage of Kellogg, first; Margaret King of Bethel second; and Leona Shurtz of Ohio third.

The next event on the afternoon's program was the wheelbarrow race which afforded a lot of thrills, both for the contestants and for those looking on. The team for Ohio was first, Bethel, second, and Kellogg third.

The rolling-pin contest among the representatives of each local proved to be very interesting and the audience seemed to enjoy this part of the program very much. A dummy man was placed a few feet from a line where the women were standing and each lady had three tosses at the "poor man" and points were awarded according to the accuracy of the three hits. Miss Jocelyn Parsons, of Science Valley, an unmarried lady, was judged the most vicious with the kitchen implement. Mrs. Lester Hough of Beaver was second, and Mrs. Rol Workman of Bethel was third.

The terrapin race was next with Beaver taking the honors, Ohio second, Kellogg third and Science Valley fourth. The final contest on the program was the horseshoe pitching contest which was won by Kellogg. Science Valley was second; Beaver third and Bethel fourth. When all the contests were finished and the points totaled the Ohio local was declared the winner, with 34 points, Kellogg local was second with 32 points, Bethel was third with 26 points. Beaver was next with 19 points.

CHAS. M. BAIRD.

NOTICE

The third quarterly meeting of the Neosho County Farmers Union will be held in the I. O. O. F. hall in Erie Saturday, September 14 at 1 P. M.

WALTER J. SCHUMISCH.

FRANKLIN COUNTY UNION

The third quarterly meeting will be held in Ottawa K. of P. hall, Thursday, Sept. 19 at 2 P. M. All Farmers Union members are requested to be present. The gas and oil bulk station proposition will be the issue of the day.

I believe the gas and oil, cooperatively handled, will be the greatest saving to the farmers of any business we have yet handled.

Let's make this a record meeting.

C. E. PINGREE, Pres.

REPORT OF HOWARD WHITAKER

Mr. A. M. Kinney,
Salina, Kansas.
Dear Secy.:

A few lines in passing. Mr. Salter of the Union Oil Co. met me in Emporia last Saturday and we drove over to a meeting of the Strong City F. U. stockholders. They had a good meeting and Mr. Salter gave a fine talk on the Cooperative movement and the new field we are entering, bulk oil stations. Our members there are sure live wires. They asked many questions and were favorable to the bulk stations. Their board of directors meet Sept. 5 and will decide then. Sunday afternoon we drove to Ft. Scott and on to Girard for the annual stockholders meeting. Ninety six were at this meeting and all happy over the past year's business. Something over $800,000 volume handled on a margin of 6 percent and a very good saving besides. Mr. Salter gave another splendid talk and explained the bulk oil stations.

The stockholders voted for the directors to arrange and open station. Yours truly will meet with the directors Sept. 20 in regard to the details etc.

Our next point was a joint local meeting near Labette. These folks were organized last March and are a real live wire bunch. Mr. Ward Spencer drove down to attend this meeting. Gave a very interesting talk on insurance.

Mr. Salter talked on the Cooperative movement and explained the bulk oil station program. This was well received and many questions were asked. The chairman then called for an expression by vote. Carried 100 percent.

A stock subscription list was started and another meeting arranged for one week later. Some 150 people were present.

After the talks a lunch was served that was appreciated by all.

We next headed the Maggot for Independence where Mr. Salter boarded the train for Topeka and Denver, Colo. meetings. I spent the remainder of the night there and was roused from my slumbers at 7:25 the next day by the purr of motors. Looking out the window I saw the good ship Graf Zeppelin sailing over the city.

I drove to Cedarvale next and met our wide-awake manager, Mr. Cable. He gave me an order for Union Certified Motor Oil.

I will meet some of the leaders Monday to talk over the bulk oil station. They are much interested in the oil program. Then to Winfield. Mr. Service, our good manager, placed an order for some motor oil and asked for ten pump globes. He has been handling our gas and kerosene for several weeks and they sure speak highly of these products. Then to Hackney and met Mgr. McGinn and Secy. Reynolds. They are arranging to call the Hackney-Kellog boards together next Tuesday and I arranged to meet them at that time. My next stop was Arkansas City. Met Mgr. Lemert and arranged to meet their board Monday to consider our line of oils.

Then Saturday at the County Picnic at Winfield I met Mr. Giltner, county president, and he asked that I make it a day in the town. In the afternoon Mr. Alkire, manager and Mr. Wm. Risley, hog salesman of our Wichita Live Stock Commission. Mr. Alkire gave some interesting talks on the live stock marketing and Mr. Giltner called on yours truly for a few remarks on the land tax situation. I do not want to give an account of the picnic. A member will give this writeup in full. I only wish to comment, I think it was one of the best Farmers Union picnics I have had the pleasure of attending. No noise, like generally comes from concessions, etc. You should have been there at the noon hour dinner. Cafeteria style, and I tried to draw a mental calculation of fried chicken but soon saw the only way to estimate would be by the ton so I gave that up. Mr. Giltner, county president and master of ceremonies, handled the program in a very able manner. Will try and drop a few lines next week.

—A Field Man.

DAVIS, FORMER KANSAS GOVERNOR, ENDORSES F. U. LIFE INSURANCE

Reciting his own experiences with regard to life insurance policies, former Governor Jonathan M. Davis, of Kansas, in a voluntary letter urges all members of the national Farmers Union to carry their insurance in the Farmers Union Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Governor Davis, before he took office as the chief executive of Kansas, was a farmer and when he left office he returned to his farm near Bronson where he may be found today.

His letter, which follows, should be read carefully by every reader of this paper:

Little Osage Stock Farm
J. M. Davis, Owner
Bronson, Kans., R. F. D. No. 2.
Aug. 17, 1929.

To Fellow Members of the Farmers Union:

We are members of the Union because we desire to help ourselves and be of service to our fellows. We can best do this by doing business with those institutions, concerns and organizations that are formed by our friends and that have our interests and welfare uppermost in their hearts. Such an institution is the Farmers Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Three years ago I applied for a small policy. I am nearing the age when insurance is no longer available to me and the premium rate is high. As a working farmer, I cannot afford to carry more insurance than my earning capacity will allow and my earning capacity is growing less by reason of advancing age. Were I young again all my life insurance would be in this company, for the taking of this policy has caused me to observe the growth and management of our company and to take note of its business practices. The results of my observations are satisfactory in the highest degree. It is, so I am convinced, a sound growing company. It is a Farmers Union company. It is your company.

You carry insurance, surely. If not, you should. Life insurance has passed the stage of experimentation. It has demonstrated itself to be the soundest method of saving and of increasing one's estate from day to day and from year to year. It protects our business against the uncertainties of life, and provides for our loved ones in the immediate certainty of death. It is thrift intensified.

I am taking a small policy by way of increase, and am changing some fraternal into Farmers Union, because their policy is more stable and sound and the advantages they offer are better.

They protect their reserves by investing in Kansas securities. I understand their practice is to loan only on farms of Farmers Union members. And their loan terms are at a low rate of interest, and on favorable terms to the borrower.

Think of it. A company, your company, giving you needed protection on a reasonable basis and terms and reinvesting their money to still further serve and benefit you.

Keep Kansas money in Kansas. That's good. Keep farmers' money working for Farmers. That's better! Buy life insurance in such amounts as you need and can afford. Buy it for yourself and your wife and your babies in a company that in all of its plans and organization has your interest and welfare uppermost.

Truly and fraternally yours,
(Signed) Jonathan M. Davis.

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Elmer Tornquist, Co. Sec.,
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FARMERS RE-ELECT HIRTH

J. W. Atkins of Lebanon Is Vice1President of Missouri's Association.

Sedalia, Mo., Sept. 3.—William Hirth of Columbia, Mo., was re-elected last night president of the Missouri Farmers' association at the business session of the 13th annual convention of the association held here. J. Wesley Atkins of Lebanon was elected vice-president and R. J. Royier of Columbia, secretary-treasurer. A full board of directors was chosen.

Mr. T. F. Holiday of Shelby county was elected president of the Women's Progressive Farmers' association, which is the auxiliary of the M. F. A. Mrs. L. L. Wolf, of Vernon, Mo., is the new vice-president and Mrs. Clara Munkers, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. C. U. Foraker was selected as junior farm association leader.

WASHINGTON COUNTY MEETING

Friday, August 30 it was my good fortune to attend the Washington County Farmers Union meeting at Hanover, Kansas. The meeting was held in the community hall northeast of Hanover, and was one of the best meetings I ever attended. One of the largest crowds I ever saw at a county union meeting and very enthusiastic. Believe me, the ladies of Washington County know how to get up a Farmers Union dinner. The only regret I had was that I could not hold more of it.

The County President made a splendid talk on Farmers Union principles, and urged the children to study about the Farmers Union. Mr. August Wempe gave a good talk about taxation, and I was sorry that I had to leave before he concluded, but it was getting late and I had to drive to Salina.

Sunday, September 1 I drove over to Flush, in Pottawatomie County, to a Farmers Union picnic. This was another very successful meeting; a very large crowd again, and a Farmers Union crowd. Father Helding gave the use of the church hall, and made a splendid address on Labor. Mr. W. P. Lambertson, congressman from the first district, and Vice President of the Farmers Union told about his experience in Congress. The Wamego band furnished the music, and the Farmers Union folks put on a splendid program. I hope I will be lucky enough to meet these Farmers Union folks again.

Monday, September 2 I met one of the largest Farmers Union picnic crowds I have been to this year at Antelope. Over two thousand people were in attendance. Brother Joe Shields of Lost Springs talked about the future of the Farmers Union, and County President John Fengel made one of his splendid talks.

These meetings are all alike this year in one respect and that is, in the feeling that the time is ripe for the biggest revival in the Farmers Union that we have ever had.

A. M. K.

THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

Beloved by native and immigrant alike is the colossal statue in New York harbor, Liberty Enlightening the World. Including the base, it towers 306 feet above the waters of the harbor and weighs 225 tons. Inside the statue, 154 steps lead to the head where forty people can stand. The torch, held in her right hand, holds 12 people and is reached by a ladder of 54 rounds. It is the tallest statue in the world.

Liberty was presented by the people of France to the United States fifty years ago, upon Uncle Sam's one-hundredth Birthday. It was shipped to New York in 210 packing cases. A year was required to assemble it. The statue was unveiled by President Cleveland, October 28th, 1886. Bartholdi, the artist designer, attended the ceremonies.

A wag once described the Statue of Liberty something like this: "Made by an Italian and presented to the United States by the French people for the purpose of lighting Irish immigrants into the Dutch city of New York which is owned by Jews."

Concrete is one of the most versatile constructive materials we have. Its use now extends from a small garden vase to huge locks of the Panama Canal.

Announcement

OPENING GUN IN CAMPAIGN

We are starting the campaign for membership with a series of premiums to be given to Farmers Union members for doing some work in getting new members.

This plan is open to Farmers Union women as well as men; if you are too busy to spend a little time in getting your neighbor to join your organization, have your wife or daughter take this work up.

See your local secretary at once, get some application blanks, go to your neighbor, and tell him what we are doing and what the Federal Farm Board has said, "that in order for the farmer to receive any benefit from the Farm Relief Bill, he must join some farm organization."

Go to your banker and the business men in your town and ask them to help you in organizing farmers in your community. I am sure you will meet a friendly attitude on their part.

Study the list of premiums, and then go after one or more of them.

In a week or two I hope to announce the rest of our plans for the campaign. I assure you that we mean to put on a real campaign.

A. M. KINNEY, Secretary.

LIST OF PREMIUMS

To the locals making the largest gain in membership, First Prize $20.00 in cash; second prize, $10.00 in cash; third prize, $5.00 in cash.

To the local making the largest per cent of gain; first prize, $20.00; second prize, $10.00; third prize, $5.00.

To the member getting the largest number of new members: first prize, a seventeen jewel Elgin gold watch with the Farmers Union emblem engraved on it; second prize, a seven jeweled Elgin gold watch with the Farmers Union emblem engraved on it.

To every member getting ten or more new members but who does not earn either of the first two prizes, a $7.00 Fountain Pen.

To every member who gets five or more, and less than ten new members, a $3.50 Automatic Pencil.

To every member who gets one or more, and less than five new members, a Farmers Union Button.

To the Farmers Union woman who gets the largest number of new members: first prize, a fifteen jeweled gold wrist watch; second prize, a seven jeweled wrist watch.

To every woman getting ten or more new members, but who does not earn either of the first two prizes, a $10.00 Overnight Suitcase with complete Toilet Set.

To every woman who gets five or more and less than ten new members, a $5.00 Mesh Bag.

To every woman who gets one or more, and less than five new members, a $2.00 Automatic Pencil.

The initiation fee for new members is $2.00. This fee will be collected from each new member, together with the balance of this year's dues. Old members who did not pay 1928 dues will be counted as new members on this contest.

Paid organizers working for the state office, men working for any of the state wide institutions, on a salary, and members working for a cash commission will be barred from this contest.

Contest will end on the date of our Annual State Convention. The last Tuesday in October.

Ladies' Auxiliary

NOTICE

ALL LADIES AUXILIARY DUES SHOULD BE SENT DIRECT TO THE STATE SECRETARY, MRS. MAY INGLE, MICHIGAN VALLEY, KANSAS.

THE AUXILIARY DUES ARE $1—YOU KEEP 30c IN YOUR LOCAL SEND 70c TO THE STATE SECRETARY. THEN 20c OF THIS IS SENT BACK TO YOUR COUNTY ORGANIZATION IF YOU HAVE ONE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE THE STATE WILL KEEP IT IN THE TREASURY UNTIL YOU DO ORGANIZE, THEN YOU ARE ENTITLED TO ALL THE COUNTY DUES FROM DATE OF ORGANIZATION.

Junior Co-operators

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Erma Rogers
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Clifford Sim
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WAMEGO
Adeline Miller.
WHITE CITY
Lorena Tatlow
WINDOM
Autumn Andes

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THIS DEPARTMENT

Any child between the ages of six and sixteen whose father is a member in good standing the Farmers' Union who writes a letter for publication can be a member of department, and is entitled to a pin. In order to receive a book, the child must signify his intentions to study the lessons, and send them in. We cannot send out books to those who do not intend to send in their lessons.

The address to which all Juniors should send their letters is:
AUNT PATIENCE,
In care of the KANSAS UNION FARMER. Salina. Kansas.

JUNIOR CO-OPERATIVES

Dear Juniors:

I will not take time to write a very long letter this time. Your Junior Instructor has sent in the questions and you are just getting started in school, and I think you will have your hands full.

I am still waiting for your pins, have the books here on my desk, want to send them both at the same time.

We have a picture again this week. Don't you think their dog is cute? I know they like him.

Have you noticed the announcement of the membership campaign in the paper? Why don't some of you try for one of those prizes? If any one wants to, I will tell you how you can get some members.

Hope you all have time to send in your lessons this week.

Yours sincerely,
Aunt Patience.

JUNIOR LESSON QUESTIONS

Hello Juniors. Here we come with the questions, and it is the first week of school. Well, it isn't a very hard lesson, therefore I am quite sure that you will find just a wee bit of time to answer the questions.

There was such a nice letter in the last paper from Aunt Patience I am sure she is rightly named for she must have a lot of patience to remain so cheerful about the pins when she knows just how much each one is wishing for the book and pin. But you know they will be doubly nice when you do get them just because you have waited and looked so long, anything coming too easily is not so much apreciated. Maybe by the time you read this you will have the pins, and books will be ready for the lessons, those of you who have never done the lessons before, can begin now and you will be graded according to the work you do.

I am sure that we are proud of our list of membership, how many know how many we have, I have not counted them recently but I am guessing there is over one hundred Juniors enrolled. Now don't you think Aunt Patience has a dandy bunch of Nephews and Nieces.

We are glad for each new member so keep the good work going, getting all you can interested in the Juniors and the Farmer's Union.

The first Question will be, "What was the slogan for the Juniors in this lesson?

CONSTITUTION

Sixth grade and over.

How far had we gotten in other lesson studying the Preamble of the State Constitution of the Farmer's Union.

What it does it mean, To discourage the credit and Mortgage System?

What do we mean by Scientific Farming, Domestic Economy, and Process of marketing as given in the Preamble.

Tell anything else as it may occur to you about this preamble.

CURRENT EVENTS IN THE FARMER'S UNION OF KANSAS

For All Grades

Who is President of the Kansas Farmer's Union?

Who was President of the State Union before the present President took office?

Who is the State Secretary at this time, and who came before him?

Tell why the old Secretary resigned. Was the membership sorry to know that he could no longer continue in office.

What did the membership in general think of the services rendered by the outgoing Secretary?

In what way have you heard of the new Secretary?

Who is Field Man for the Insurance Company? He took a trip not long ago. Why and where?

Who is Manager of the Live Stock Commission Firm in Kansas City?

Who is Manager of the Jobbing Association?

What other large business is located in Kansas City, and who is the Manager?

What is the meaning of the word biographer?

In reading this biography of John Wanamaker, called Radient Adventure, what meaning do you get out of the words "Radiant Adventure"?

What is the main lesson taught in this little story?

What lesson do we get from the boy who was brave enough to tell a great man that he thought he had made a discovery, as per wrapping the package, etc.?

In so doing what lesson came to the boy?

Tell me in your own words, how one may benefit by knowing how to sop up ink with the edge of a blotter. How may this knowledge be applied to most problems of life.

Do you think perhaps the story of the overturned inkwell and how to attack the spilled ink with the blotter, may be of use to you in solving life's problems?

Do you think the man was wise, instead of chiding the boy for carlessness, to show him a way out of his difficulty?

Would the boy always remember Mr. Wanamaker with a kindly feeling?

Is it better to tackle most of life's problems from the edges rather than jumping on with both feet?

Juniors Under the Sixth Grade

Find the name of five birds given in the Nature Strip, and tell their habits.

Tell three things that the boy and his Dad have done since last we had study from the Nature Strip.

Tell why you enjoy the Nature Strip?

Now Juniors, this is all for one whole month, but don't forget to write Aunt Patience, and my, wasn't the picture of the Junior and her Pets just find. I am so anxious to see some more of them, I think it would be nice to clip the pictures and put them in the book, and maybe by and by we will have a picture of most of the Juniors. I think Aunt Patience should have a picture, don't you. Write and tell her about it.

Sincerely,
Your Junior Intsructor.

McFarland, Kansas.

Dear Aunt Patience:

I am sending in my lesson, and I want to thank you for printing my letter and picture.

Good bye,
Evelyn Mathies.

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Alta Vista, Kansas
Aug. 31, 1929.

Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I am fine. We just got back from the west. Had a good time. I got two bunches of questions which I am going to put one in my book and one on this paper. This is my second time, the questions are just alike.

We left Saturday at 12 p. m. I would have had my lessons in sooner but we were getting ready for the trip. I will send you a picture of my little brother and I. Mamma is going to take one of us and our pets.

I will close.

Good bye,
Achula M. Falter,
Alta Vista, R. 2.

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Wamego, Kans., Sept. 6, 1929.

Dear Aunt Patience:

How are you? I am just fine. I am 12 years old and am in the eighth grade. I would like to join your club. My father belongs to the Farmers Union. I would be very much pleased if you would send me a pin. One of my friends has a pin and I sure think its pretty. I have five sisters and two go to school. Well I will close.

Your niece,
Esther Mathies.
R. F. D. No. 1.

6467. Ladies' House Dress.

Cut in 9 Sizes: 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50 and 52 inches bust measure. A 46 inch size requires 5⅞ yards of material 39 inches wide or wider. To make collar, vestee, cuffs and belt of contrasting material requires ⅝ yard 39 inches wide. The width of the Dress at the lower edge with plait fulness extended is 2¾ yards. Price 15c.

6622. Girls' Dress.

Cut in 4 Sizes: 2, 4, 6 and 8 years. A 6 year size requires 2¼ yards of 35 inch material. For collar, belt and band cuffs of contrasting material ⅜ yard 35 inches wide is required, cut crosswise. Price 15c.

FASHION BOOK NOTICE

Send 12c in silver or stamps for our UP-TO-DATE FALL and WINTER 1929-1930 BOOK OF FASHIONS, showing color plates, and containing 500 designs of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Patterns, a CONCISE AND COMPREHENSIVE ARTICLE IN DRESSMAKING, ALSO SOME POINTS FOR THE NEEDLE (Illustrating 30 of the various, simple stitches) al' valuable hints to the home dreessmaker.

KANSAS UNION FARMER WEEKLY EXCHANGE

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

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Registry Shropshire Rams also a few Registry Shropshire Ewes. Albert Meyer, Sr., Gridley, Kansas.

For Sale—Police Pups. Five Dollars. R. Yaussi—Marysville, Kansas.

Fine Registered O. I. C. Pigs $15.00. K. W. Buchanan, Manitou, Ky.

MISCELLANEOUS

Raise Angora Wool Producing Rabbits—Big profits from wool, meat, breeding stock. $45 per trio. Sterling Furs,—278 Sexton Bldg. Minneapolis, Minn.

Dutton's Pile Salve $1.00—W. H. Dutton, Box 1203, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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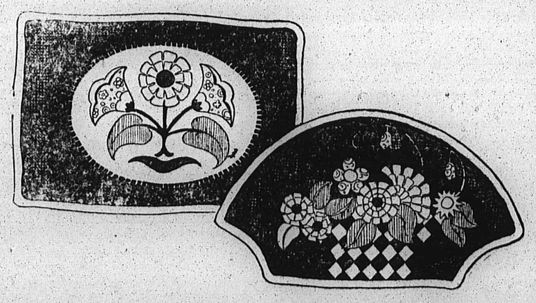
FARM HOMES SEEM TO ENDURE BEST

The recent bulletin of the Census Bureau reveals some interesting facts about Kansas homes. The percentage of divorces is increasing. The percentage and total number of marriages is decreasing slightly. There is no alarming change in either. The significant thing is in the great difference which the report shows between areas.

Counties almost wholly rural show few divorces. One such county shows about five divorces for each 100 marriages. The counties in which our cities are located show from 30 to 50 divorces for each 100 marriages. The larger the city the higher the percentage of broken homes.

Life on the farm may be sometimes dull, but it is less artificial and more satisfying than in many city callings. Its relationship endures. It is still, if statistics may be believed, the best and safest place for a home. There are more children in rural homes, and this accounts in part for the more satisfactory home life.



SMART PILLOWS OF OILCLOTH

Number 609 is a large pillow of unusual shape, of black oilcloth posies and leaves. The posies come from a basket of ivory, laced through black. The stems are green wool chain-stitch, and the ball centers of the flowers are of wool yarn. All materials, including orange felt binding, are included in order number 609, at 80 cents.

The oblong pillow, number 610, 70 cents, also includes front, back, felt binding, all color swatches, and instructions. This includes everything but the stuffing for the pillows, and that is excelsior. Even paper, torn and wadded, makes suitable filling, as these colorful pillows are for sheer swank and gayety; not even the cat could bury himself on their slippery sides! But a group of these, a center basket pillow flanked by two oblongs, makes a spot that draws both attention and admiration.—Kansas Union Farmer, Box 48, Salina, Kansas.

LIVESTOCK MARKET

FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION CO.

STEERS—With moderate receipts of cattle this week, we have had a fairly good supply of short fed steers and yearlings. Packers held back on the good kinds, and prices were 25 to 50c lower. Plainer classes draggy and around 25c lower. Bulk of dry lot cattle bring from $12 to $15.75, and short feds $10.50 to $13, according to quality and flesh. Grassers bringing mostly from $7 to $10.75. Stockers and feeders were steady the first two days this week, but are closing slow with some feeders showing $1 lower. Plain stockers and red steers weighing 700 to 1000 pounds selling from $8 to $9.75. Dogie steers $6 to $7.

COWS, HEIFERS, MIXED YEARLINGS, BULLS—Most cows and heifers are still selling from $1 to $2 under the high time a few weeks ago, and practically steady with last week. Not many choice offerings coming. Bulk of the fat cows going to the packers from $7 to $8.50, with a few fancy cows higher. Canners selling from $5 to $5.25, and cutters from $5.50 to $6.50. Bulk of grass heifers from $8 to $10, and fed heifers from $11 to $14. Choice fed mixed yearlings steady with last week, and the plainer kinds still hard to move. Stock cows and heifers steady. Whiteface cows, 7 to 7½c, heifers 8 to 9c. Shorthorns around 50c under Whitefaces. Bulls steady; good to choice $7.50 to $8.25; fair to good $6.75 to $7.25, and common around $6.

CALVES—The veal calf market is 50c higher than last week's close. Good to choice veals selling from $12 to $14.50, few up to $15. Fair to good $9 to $11. Canner calves $6 to $6.50. Mediumweight and heavy killing calves weighing 300-400 pounds $1 lower. Good to choice $9 to $10.50. Light weight baby beef calves weighing 450-550 pounds, $11 to $12.50. Stock calves steady. Whiteface steer calves $11 to $12, Shorthorns, $9 to $10.50.

HOGS—Market uneven, steady to 15c higher than Wednesday's average. Most advance on mediumweight and weighty butchers. Top $10.90 on 190 to 210s. 170 to 240s, $10.60 to $10.85. 250 to 280s, $10.00 to $10.50. Few 290 to 375s, $9.50 to $9.90. 140 to 160s $10 to $10.60. Packing sows $8.00 to $8.85. Stock pigs $8.25 to $9.25.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Lambs 15 to 25c lower. Sheep steady. Top range lambs $13. Most natives $11.75 to $12.25.

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MADE UP FUDGE APRON NO. 134

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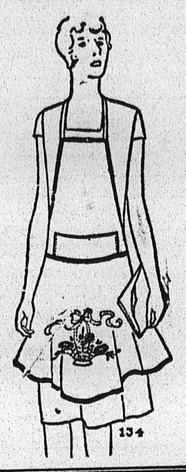

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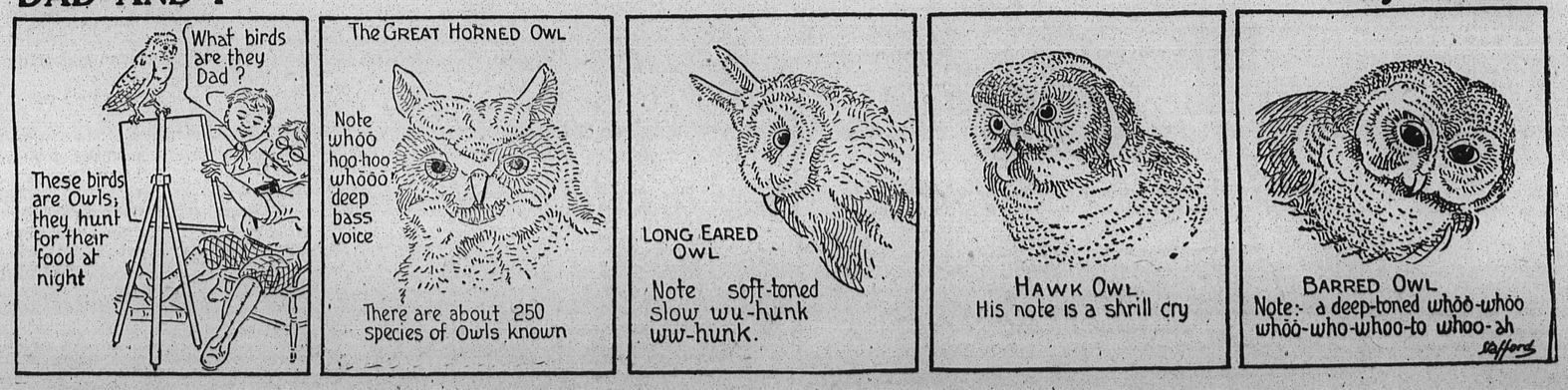

UNCLE ANDY SAYS:

The Mountain still labors.
Whether it will be a mouse or an elephant no one can tell.

Not much to write about of interest to farmers. Public affairs are in a waiting attitude. Drought still continues. Corn crop will be light. Wheat just half a crop in eastern Kansas. Oats yield light. Pastures dried up. Can't see much chance for prosperity for farmers in these parts this year.

The big farm board going awful slow. Doling out little dribbs of money here and there. Nothing done yet as to a general relief policy for agriculture. By the way the big board has yet to run the gauntlet of the U. S. Senate for confirmation of their apointments.

Maybe that's why they are a little diffident about "taking the bull by the horns." We're hoping the Senate will turn down McKevie. He has no business on that board.

The committee of 16 has been in session 3 or 4 days. Their job is to organize a National Farm Grain Corporation. Of course its a big job to formulate its policy and write by-laws for its guidance.

We dont hear much from this committee but it is indicated that the committee itself will be the board of directors temporarily until the co-operatives become stockholders.

A permanent board of directors will thereby be elected by the stockholders. Subsidiary grain corporations will then be set up in all the principal grain markets.

We read that a sub-committee of three was selected to formulate by-laws of which Mr. C. E. Huff, president of the National Farmers' Union, was a member. That will insure that something definite and workable will be reported out.

The U. S. Senate presently will be in active session. We expect to see the fur fly when Senator Smoot reports their revised tariff bill.

President Hoover called this special session of congress avowedly to revise the tariff in the interest of agriculture. The tariff barons have got in the game and it turns out that they have got their feet in the trough to the extent that it will raise the price of what farmers have to buy offsetting any grain that the bill might bring to farmers.

It just seems impossible to get equality for agriculture by legislation. The great industrial and corporation interests are too powerful for farmers to cope with. The Senate tariff revision committee was two thirds from east of the Mississippi.

There is just one place in our Government where farmers have a fighting chance for fair play. That is in the U. S. Senate. We mustn't forget there are still just two Senators from each state. Little Nevada has as much power as great New York.

In times past we have cussed the Senate for being aristocratic and favoring big interests but now we look to it as our haven of refuge. With such fighters as Borah, Norris, Brookhart, Capper and the southern Senators the east has no walkaway.

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THE DRY GOODS BOX

Mr. A. M. Kinney, Secretary. This is not a vicious proposal! Of course it would be disastrous to us in the United States under our present financial policy. But we should not be selfish, but encourage. The world needs—Governor Roosevelt of New York has proposed—that we need a new Declaration of Independence—which declares for distribution of wealth—instead of concentration, as at present. Instead of one central bank we need 48. That is one in each state. Abolish the National banks, which are foreign bodies in all states. Neverthheless they control the circulation, also have power over inflation and deflation which is used to further private interests. The Star some time ago told how one man in New York, George F. Baker, in a financial flurry, made a profit of $31,000,000. Think of a system that permits such concentration. We need a system that prevents such. George F. Baker is a national banker—where one private could do such a thing, think what the whole national banking system can do. John Tromble recognized that we were working under a wrong system. That knowledge killed him—because he saw no way of escape. Do you, Mr. Kinney, see any escape, except in that way. How do you look at it. Bruce Walker is right, the people has a right to live! Recognize that fact.

CHARLES FERM.

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A VICIOUS PROPOSAL

Mr. Bruce Walker, European director of Canadian emigration, gave a speech on December 4 before the Empire Society in London, in the course of which he is reported to have said that "a mighty national movement is demanded" to encourage emigration to the Dominions, and that in Canada there were 70,000,000 acres in the Peace River country waiting to be developed. "Twenty thousand farms of 200 acres each," he said, "would only absorb 4,000,000 acres, yet 20,000 families on the basis of five to a family would absorb 100,000 persons in agriculture. That would be a great deal to do in one year."

Mr. Walker's speech seems to have created quite a sensation both in London and in Ottawa, as well it might. If this is to be the basis of our immigration policy, or if such a suggestion is likely to be taken seriously in England, it is time the farmers of this western country made a vigorous and sustained protest. The opening up of 4,000,000 acres of land in one year would be disastrous for western agriculture, and the 100,000 souls planted on that land would suffer with the rest of the farming population.

We have seen what a crop such as we have had this year can do to prices, and prevailing prices do not mean the prosperity in agriculture that European emigration officials brought under wheat would simply seem to imagine. Additional acreage mean so much more wheat on the market with no reduction in unit cost of production and no more demand to keep the price at a reasonable figure above cost of production. It would be equivalent to glutting the market and forcing prices to a level that would completely beggar western agriculture.

The distress from unemployment in England is real, and it is deplorable, but the proposal to shift the distress from England's industrial population to Canada's agricultural population, is almost criminal, and represents nothing so much as the bankruptcy of British statesmanship. Our farmers are doing excellent work along the lines of co-operation to better their condition. They have built up huge co-operative organizations to handle every major product of their farms, and these organizations have had a marked effect on the economic condition of the country. But no organizations could stand the strain of such an addition to the marketable produce of the farms which is involved in the proposal of Mr. Walker. It would bring down in ruin the magnificent edifice of co-operation which our farmers have built and would plunge western agriculture into the condition of a miserable peasantry.

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Sec'y A. M. Kinney,
State Farmers Union,
Salina, Kans.

Dear Sec'y Kinney: Your activity in opening a campaign for members, and in arranging a contest therefor is to be commended. We need it. We have a big local here (Blue Valley Local No. 781, but we have found that the dues of only a few of the members had been collected. Mr. H. A. Watters, formerly President of our Marshall Co. Union, and I went out and collected a lot of the dues, and have got some more to collect. Also we got 6 new members. Nobody turned us down, but somebody must go to see them all. I guess this condition exists everywhere. We need a system to keep our organization alive and growing all the time. I think the plan that has been adopted several times at state conventions should be put into effect. It provides for the dividing of the state into districts, in each of which an organizer will be constantly at work for members and for business of every one of our state business associations.

Cordially yours,
John Frost.

This letter of Brother John Frost, just shows how easy it is to put over the Farmers Union program in your local community. It just takes a little of your time, and it means so much to the future of the cooperative movement that we build up our farm organizations.

The Farmers Union members are waking up; we are receiving letters every day, asking for information and application cards, and pledging assistance in this campaign.

Brother Joe Shields of Lost Springs has taken off his coat, and will make a house to house canvass of every farmer in Marion County.

Brother Thos. Larson of Clay Center went out on the street at Clay Center the other night, and wrote the applications of five farmers in a few minutes.

The farmers are ready to join. One local secretary collected $141.00 in back dues last week. I am telling you, I honestly believe that we are starting on the greatest revival in the history of the Farmers Union. Another local secretary writes, "I am out collecting 1929 and 1930 dues from our members, will have a report to make soon."

These are just a few of the reports we are getting, but they show they aroused sentiment of the Farmers Union members of Kansas, and they point to the time in the near future when Kansas will head the list of all of the great Farmers Union states.

A. M. Kinney, Secretary.

Rural Schools Handicapped By Constant Changes

One-Term Teachers and Tenant Moving Make Constructive Rural Program Impossible In Oklahoma.

The average Oklahoma rural school teacher is even more unstable in his tenure than is the average Oklahoma farmer, according to recent studies completed by J. T. Sanders of the Department of Agricultural Economics of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College.

In 1928 out of 702 one room rural school teachers located in nineteen counties scattered throughout the state 54 per cent were teaching in their districts for the first time, Sanders' studies reveal. In these same counties in 1927 58 per cent of all teachers in one-room rural schools were new, and in 1926 54 per cent were teaching in their districts for the first time. It will thus be seen that during the three years for which the record was secured, there were sufficient changes of teachers in these one-room rural schools to make one and one-half complete turn-overs of all rural school teachers. To be sure, there were schools which did not change their teachers during these three years. On the other hand, there were other schools that changed teachers every year, and probably some that changed more frequently than every year.

The investigation revealed the fact that consolidated country and village schools had a record that was very little better than the one room country schools. In consolidated schools 47 per cent of the teachers were new in 1928, 54 per cent were new in 1927, and 48 per cent were new teachers in 1926. All other country schools not falling in the class of one room or consolidated country schools and a shift of teachers in 1928 that amounted to 52 per cent of all their teachers, 53 per cent in 1927 and in 1926 also. Thus it will be seen that regardless of the class of country school, the turn-over is approximately one-half of all teachers each year.

"These facts should challenge the interest of every man who has our public school system at heart," says Sanders. "It is appalling to think that the institutions which are in charge of the education of the farm youths that are to be in charge of the education of the farm youths that are to be the citizens of tomorrow finds themeselves facing the startling situation that one-half of their personnel is new each year. Why this tremendous turn-over occurs is known only in a general way. No one has seen fit to go into this vital matter and determine in a detailed way why rural school teachers find it necessary to shift from one school to another, or why boards of education find it necessary to drop one-half of all their teachers from the payrolls each year, substituting new ones in their places."

The State of Oklahoma is in great need of more information on this vital problem, thinks Sanders. "We need to know not only why this tremendous turn-over takes place each year, but we need to know also something of its consequences, how it influences our schools, the extent to which it retards the pupil in his educational progress and such vital questions."

"This gloomy picture of the instability of teachers is made darker by the fact that the pupils of the rural schools themselves are unstable and move to an alarming extent from one school to another. There are counties in Oklahoma where 65 per cent of all tenants in the county were operating new farms in 1924. In some counties over 50 per cent of all farmers, including owners and tenants, in the county were operating new farms for the first time that year. Special studies on farm moving reveal the fact that almost every other move changes the farmers' children from one school to another. Thus there are counties in Oklahoma where one-fourth of all the rural school children move out of the district and into a new district in a single year. Futhermore, this moving of school children takes place in most sections of the state in the middle of the school year."

"When we combine these two sets of facts relative to transsitory teachers and transitory pupils in our rural school districts we need not wonder that we have so many vexing problems connected with our rural schools in Oklahoma. This problem of unstable relationship between teachers and children probably lies at the root of more of our rural school difficulties than we have imagined heretofore. Certainly it is a problem, the study of which doubtless would yield splendid returns to us by way of giving us information which would enable us to improve our educational machinery."

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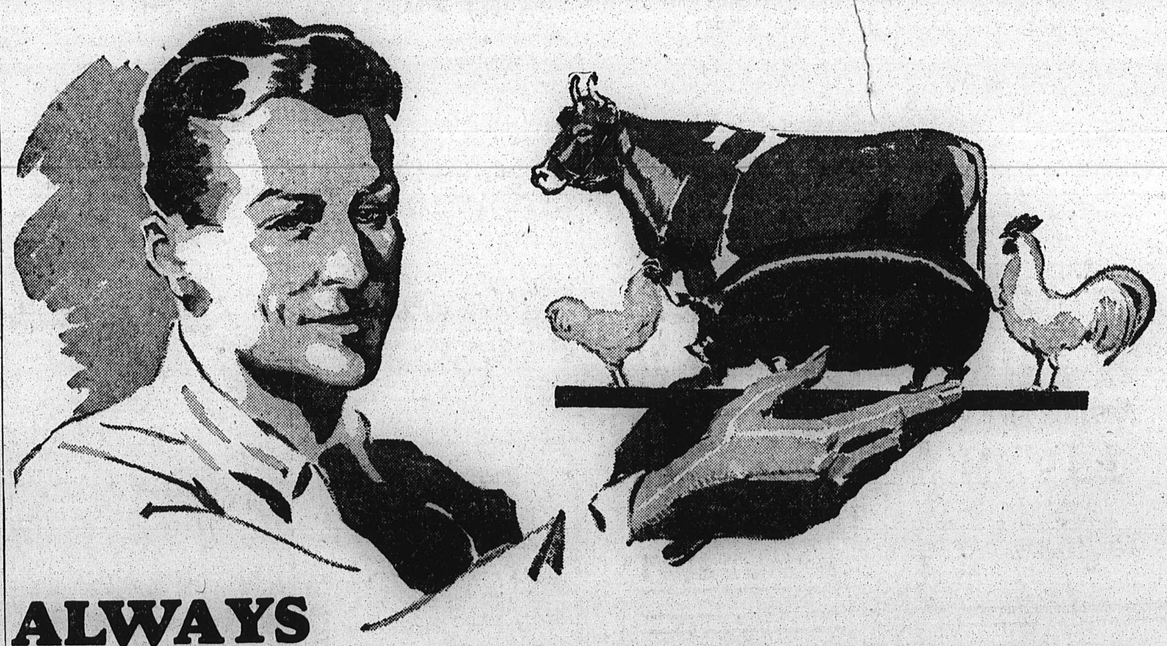

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