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KANSAS FARMERS UNION MEMBERS TAKE BELOIT

Turning Out In Large Numbers to Take Part In Important Convention of Farmers Union

HAVE WORK TO DO

People of Beloit Are Taking Good Care of Convention Delegates; Slight Program Change

A general movement of Kansas farmers has been under way the first part of this week toward Beloit, Kansas. Auto loads of farmers and farmers' wives, have been streaking over the Kansas pavements in the general direction of Beloit. Arrangements have been made with accommodating neighbors, or with other members of the various households, to take care of the chores for the next three or four days. These farmers who are congregating at Beloit have important work to do there. Trains are carrying many farmer passengers to Beloit.

The occasion of the state-wide gathering of farmers at the lively Kansas city of Beloit, is the state convention of the Kansas division of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America. The people of Beloit have been preparing for this gathering of Kansas farmers who have aligned themselves with the great cooperative movement as sponsored by the Farmers Union. The Beloit citizens are taking good care of these farmers and farmers' wives. Good rooms are available for those who already have arrived, and for those who are yet to arrive for the later sessions. Good food is being served by the restaurants and others who are serving meals. Transportation is being provided for the delegates as they arrive, and every one is being made to feel perfectly at home.

The program as it has been published for several weeks in the Kansas Union Farmer, included many features which have swelled the attendance at the convention. Speakers of national prominence and recognized leadership and ability, appear on the program, and this has proved to be a drawing card. Vital problems and questions are coming up for discussion, and the Farmers Union membership is showing its keen interest by coming in large numbers to partake in the discussions.

The program in full again appears in this issue of the Kansas Union Farmer. One change, however, was made in the program when Hon. G. G. Strong, Congressman from the old Fifth District, was given a place on the program taking the time and position announced for H. G. Keeney, president of the Nebraska Farmers Union. Mr. Strong is one of the most active farmers union men in the state. His home is in Blue Rapids, Kansas. Mr. Keeney was called to a point in Nebraska to take care of a circumstance of the Union business, which made it impossible for him to attend the Kansas state convention at that particular time. He will appear later on the program, however.

Since this paper necessarily goes to press too early to give details of the convention, the detailed reports will be carried over for later issues. One of the high lights of the entertainment provided by the Beloit people is the banquet Wednesday evening for the convention. Speakers of Kansas, and Hon. W. F. Schilling, member of the Federal Farm Board. A close study of the program as published in this issue, is invited.

FAT CATTLE SITUATION

(By Art Little)
A feature of the recent trading in fat steers on the Kansas City market has been the big difference made in the short feds and the strictly choice, well finished steers. The latter class have been very scarce in the last two weeks, particularly the heavy weight kinds. Strictly choice heavy weight cattle have been in good demand at prices ranging all the way from \$9.50 to 10.25, and showing an advance of \$1.00 per cwt. in the last 30 days. The supply of choice yearlings and handy weights has been a little more liberal, and while this class has been in good demand, they are selling readily from 9c to 10c a pound. They show an advance of not over 25 to 50c per cwt. since the middle of September.

We are getting a liberal supply of short fed cattle that are selling all the way from \$5.50 to \$8.75, depending on the quality and fat. While the market is a little more overloaded than under normal conditions, trading on the whole in the last 30 days has been fairly satisfactory. Beef prices on the eastern markets have shown very little fluctuation and while the market is not quit as large as normally, the outlook for the next 40 to 60 days is favorable enough to make it very reasonable to expect at least the present price levels to be maintained. The Co-operator.

Pork from old sows, boars, or stags is coarse and dry lacking in quality. In the case of boars and stags a strong, undesirable odor is usually present. Such hogs can be handled to better advantage by a packer than by a farm family.

Dry weather, has shriveled as much as 50 per cent of the grasshopper eggs in some parts of the state, according to a report by A. L. Ford, extension entomologist at State college. In other parts of the state no shriveling occurred.

GOVERNOR TO SPEAK



Governor Harry H. Woodring

Hon. Harry H. Woodring, governor of the state of Kansas, is scheduled to speak at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, October 28, before the state convention of the Kansas Farmers Union. His address will be followed by an address by Hon. W. F. Schilling, dairy member of the Federal Farm Board.

FARMERS UNION TRAIN AT BELOIT CONVENTION

Feature Which Caused Much Comment Last Year to Appear Again

The Farmers Union train which was on display at the state convention in McPherson last year, is on display again this year at Beloit. This year the train has some very interesting additions in the form of two tank cars, equipped with the very latest devices for handling any transporting oil. These cars are painted in conformity with the cars that carry Union Certified Products, distributed by the Union Oil Co.

The train was exhibited at several places last year. It made its first appearance at the State Fair at Topeka in 1930. It excited a great deal of comment, and put over the idea of cooperative marketing and the progress that has been made along that line. Last year the train was composed of the locomotive, two grain cars representing the Farmers Union Jobbing Association, two refrigerator cars representing the Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery Association, and two live stock cars telling the story of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. At the rear of the train was the caboose, which was fixed up exactly like the up-to-date cabooses that run on the main lines of our best railroads. All these cars, together with the two new oil cars are on display at Beloit.

The train is complete with brakes on the trucks, doors on hinges, steps, ladders, and complete track. The cars are about fifteen inches high.

TO THE MEMBERSHIP

By John A. Simpson, President, National Farmers' Union

A thing has just happened that every member of the Farmers' Union ought to use to go out and get that neighbor of yours who has neglected or refused to become a member of his own class organization, the Farmers' Union, to come into this organization. The thing to which I refer is the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the application of the railroads of the country for a 15 per cent increase in freight rates. Organized farmers all over the United States used their money to put in testimony before the Interstate Commerce Commission to show that farmers could not stand any increase in freight rates. The decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission was that the railroads were denied any increase in freight rates on agricultural products.

No unorganized farmer in the United States had a thing to do with preventing this increase. In his unorganized condition he just the same as testified to the Interstate Commerce Commission that he was willing to have the 15 per cent increase granted. In every state the Farmers' Union is fighting battles of the farmers, just like this case before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Nationally we are continually fighting battles. What excuse can your neighbor who has not joined give you for not coming in and helping to bear the burden? Brothers and Sisters everywhere, try that neighbor just once more, see if you cannot get him into the organization.

LIVE STOCK FIRM ON AIR

The Farmers Union hour on station WIBW, Topeka, Kansas, will be under the direction of G. W. Hobbs, manager of the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. at Kansas City, on Friday evening, October 30. The Farmers Union program will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Readers of this paper are invited to tune in and listen to this talk and program.

No feed should be allowed hogs for 18 to 24 hours before slaughtering but they should be given all the fresh, clean water they care to drink right up until butchering time.

Although potato growers throughout the United States increased their acreage nearly 11 per cent this year, crop reports indicated about the same total crop as last year.

For families of two to five people, hogs weighing 170 to 220 pounds are desirable for home butchering, while larger families, hogs weighing from 250 pounds will be equally desirable.

LAMBERTSON IN STRONG APPEAL FOR DEFINITE ACTION

Kansas Congressman Spoke Over NBC Chain Last Week, Giving True Picture of Conditions

NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Recommends Congress Convene Soon As Possible to Get Prices Up to 1926 Level

W. P. Lambertson, Congressman from Kansas and vice president of the Kansas division of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, was the speaker over the National Broadcasting Co. hook-up, Wednesday, October 21, during the Farm and Home hour. Mr. Lambertson spoke from Chicago.

Mr. Lambertson's address was a strong appeal for concerted and cooperative action on the part of the farmers, and for legislative aid on the part of the government. He recommended that Congress convene at the earliest possible moment and pass a joint resolution instructing the Federal Reserve Board and the treasury to use their power to bring the price level of farm commodities up to the level of 1926. He pointed out that the President and Congress could cooperate and make it effective at once. He declared the country is faced with a national emergency, and that it should be met as such. He declared we should meet the present crisis with the same energy and interest with which we would meet a foreign foe bombarding our border cities. He pointed out that the test of a nation is what she can do in war, and he went on to say that we are in a war now. He continued:

"Here's a challenge for our democracy. Give us a fair price and you instantly put within the hands of more than a third of the United States population a buying power. The country won't need anything else. If we could have some of the \$300,000,000 which is being proposed for the banks, if we could have that poured in so it would instantly give us an increased price in agricultural products, it would take care of these frozen assets. The wheels of activity in every line would be put into motion. This would be doing something for democracy from the bottom, instead of continually pouring it in from the top. It is going to take something like this and take it soon or something awful is going to happen in this country. We are going to demand some action. We have boasted for years that we are better than other nations, that we could do things in America that gave us a different standard of living. Where is that something now? An ordinary conservative cure isn't going to save us this time.

"When Governor Murray supplanted constitutional law in Oklahoma with the army, it seems at first pretty harsh, but it was justifiable. He has given us the hint of what we are looking for, a thing that is new and different and effective. For eight years following our enforced deflation in '20, we struggled along trying to get half way back, but for the last two years, from the stock market crash, agriculture has been on the toboggan. Something must be done.

"We can accomplish this end better by laying aside partisanship. There is more difference between the Democratic party of the North and South, and the Republican party of the East and West, than there is between the two parties themselves. When we get down to the real acid test of the thing in Washington, the center aisle is wiped out. For instance, the Hawley-Smoot tariff would never have passed the Senate, if it hadn't received those five Democratic votes, especially those two sugar Democrats from Louisiana. And if they had needed more Democratic votes they would have had them. Mr. Smoot always carried a subtle smile of serene satisfaction that the votes would be forthcoming when they were needed. Greed in the United States contributes to both campaign funds. My prediction for '32 is that all great economic issues will again be overshadowed by a campaign on prohibition. The Republicans will nominate a Dry with a damp platform, and the Democrats will nominate a wet with a dry platform and the great sham-battle will be on, and everything else will be forgotten.

"One of the most disconcerting things to me in my two years in Congress has been the daily and hourly demonstration of Yellow-dog-partyism in my State legislature for a period of twelve years and I thought I had seen some disgusting demonstrations of partisanship. It was a frail imitation of what goes on in Washington all the time. If someone is a Republican or a Democrat it is the only thing that counts across the Senate aisle will generally oppose it, because their leaders have taught them to. It is equally true of both sides. This was being demonstrated in the special session of '29 just following the election. It was so amazing to me one day that I said to a colleague sitting by me from Pennsylvania, 'I thought the campaign was over.' He said back to me without hesitation, 'Yes, but the next is on.'

"It is the standpoint idea that a congressman should be a Republican or a Democrat congressman. My certification of election doesn't say that I am either. It says that I am a U. S. Representative. It is my conception that we represent all the people of our district and are primarily for those things which are for the good of the district. We should not harp about our denominationalism as we go about trying to serve the real purpose of the church. One of the finest hopes that lies before this Congress in December, is that we will be so evenly divided in both Houses, that there will be no tyrannical majority and that we may be contented to be, first of all, Americans."

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Such a Plan Suggested At Meeting of Managers of State-Wide Farmers Union Organizations

HELP COORDINATION

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The purpose of the meeting was to discuss, among other things, the plan of accepting group membership into the Farmers Union. A plan has been advanced which would provide for membership of any individual who owns stock in any Farmers Union business organization, whether it be elevator, cream station, store, shipping association, or any of other various activities. The possibilities of such a plan were discussed at the meeting Friday afternoon. One of the resolutions adopted at the McPherson convention of the Kansas Farmers Union a year ago provides for a possible development of a plan to collect dues through the various business institutions.

Returns from the recently distributed questionnaires were examined and discussed at the meeting. The replies indicated that practically one-third of those who filled in and returned the questionnaires favor a change in the existing method of dues collection. Only a few neglected to answer the question relating to dues. Two-thirds of the replies examined showed that the present method of collecting dues is satisfactory.

Among other things discussed was the desirability of improved coordination between the various groups themselves and between the business groups and the state office of the parent organization. A "school" was suggested which would meet from time to time and which would be attended not only by the managers of the business organizations and representatives of the state organization, but by various employees of the different groups, the purpose being to acquaint all with the organization-wide program. As a result of this discussion it was decided that the managers, together with as many of their employees as practical, should meet in a "school" session soon after the adjournment of the state convention at Beloit. The exact time and place of the session is to be announced later.

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FARMERS UNION CREAMERY PLANT AT COLONY SOON

Preliminary Arrangements Made for Establishment of Branch Plant In Anderson County

Down around Colony, Kansas, in Anderson county, the Farmers Union folks have worked hard to inaugurate a program looking to the building of a branch plant of the Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery. Definite results are about to be attained, and it will be a matter now of just a short time before the new branch plant is established and producing. The preliminary plans virtually are completed.

Local committees in Colony and in the adjoining territory have been working on the project for months. Business men and others have joined hands with the farmers in developing the project. The parent plant is the Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery (continued on page 4)

LOTS TO BE THRESHED OUT



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CONVENTION SPEAKER



W. P. Lambertson

One of the most interesting speakers on the program of the state convention of the Farmers Union at Beloit will be Congressman W. P. Lambertson, whose home is in Fairview, Kansas. Mr. Lambertson is vice president of the Kansas division of the Farmers Union.

CALL FOR RELIEF OF SUFFERERS IS HEEDED

Letters from Drouth Area Show Grim Needs of Our Brothers

A call has been made for Farmers Union members who attend the Beloit convention this week to bring articles of clothing for the sufferers in the drouth-stricken area of North Dakota and Montana. This call already is bearing fruit. Kansas farmers are second to none when it comes to a manifestation of the spirit of brotherly love and helpfulness. Many may not have big bank accounts, but they are willingly giving what they can. The need for clothing, with the winter practically here, is beyond exaggeration in the stricken northwest. This call offers an avenue through which we all can extend our help.

Letters which have been published in the Farmers Union Herald, published at St. Paul, Minnesota, throw some light on the dire situation. One letter from a mother from Frazier, Mont., has this to say:

"I was wondering if you might still have some clothing, as we are very much in need. My 18-year-old daughter, my 15-year-old son and myself have gone barefooted nearly all summer. Now it is getting too cold.

"There are four of us in the family and if we can get some discarded clothes we would appreciate it. Our daughter is a Junior in high school, working her way through.

"We have no crop, no garden or potatoes, and but little feed. We planted 320 acres but harvested not a kernel. The drouth took it all.

"If you could send us some things we will be so glad. The girl, who is 18, needs a coat and dress, size 36, and shoes size 6. The boy is 15, but wears young man's size. He is 5 feet 6 inches tall, wears size 6 shoes, and needs other clothing. My husband and I also need clothes. I wear size 38 and my husband is 5 feet 10 inches tall, and wears size 7 shoes.

"I know we are asking a lot, but we need the things. The Red Cross here can't begin to meet the requirements. If you can help us, I thank you a thousand times."

A secretary of a Farmers Union Local near Comertown, Montana, says in part:

"On behalf of the members of Farmers Union Local No. 371, I am urged to write you of the needs of the drouth-stricken folks in this local. The Red Cross is here helping a little by allowing a few dollars for groceries. But there are about 20 families here belonging to the Local as well as others who are in desperate need of clothing in this community.

"We would welcome old clothes and anything else in any size for children or grown-ups. Children out here can not attend school much longer if we can not secure some warmer clothing for them.

"No one here will be able to buy clothes as there is absolutely nothing we can sell to raise any money, as we have no crops whatever. There are no gardens except a few potatoes, and we have no feed for horses and cattle.

"My family and my self have received all we need from friends and relatives in the East as far as clothes are concerned.

"I can see the little 'kiddies' out here are in desperate need of shoes, stockings, overshoes, outside coats, underwear and overalls. We will all need flour, potatoes and what a treat it would be if we could get some vegetables.

"We will have a committee here in charge of this relief work. Now, may God bless every cheerful giver. I hereby pledge myself to be honest and fair in assisting the committee here in forwarding goods, whatever received, to the needy ones."

Another mother, with six children, living near Burns, Montana, wrote, among other things, the following: "I wonder if some kind people would send me some old clothes. We have six children, five boys, ages 16, 15, 7, 5, and 2, and one girl 13 years old.

We did not thresh a bushel of grain this year and only 300 bushels last year. Out of the 30 bushels we saved for seed, 20 were stolen, so we had to borrow money to seed our 160 acres. We raised no garden and only five bushels of potatoes.

"I can't think of sending my children (continued on page 4)

C. C. TALBOTT HAD BIG ATTENDANCE AT ALL MEETINGS

From 200 to 400 People Heard North Dakota Farmers Union President At Each Meeting

GIVE VITAL MESSAGE

C. A. Ward, President Kansas Farmers Union, With Talbott; Comments On Talks

Attendance at the various meetings over Kansas the last few days, which were addressed by C. C. Talbott, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union, and the response on the part of the audiences of every meeting was even greater than expected, according to C. A. Ward, president of the Kansas Farmers Union, who accompanied Mr. Talbott at the meetings.

The first meeting was held at Winfield, Kansas, on Friday evening, October 23. The second meeting was in the afternoon and was held at Burlington, Kansas, on Saturday. The evening meeting Saturday was at Lawrence, Kansas. On Sunday afternoon, Mr. Talbott addressed a large gathering at Blue Rapids, Kansas. The final meeting was at Clay Center, Kansas, on Monday night, this week.

Attendance ranged from 200 to 400 people, representing the community leaders in cooperative thought and action. Not only were Farmers Union members present, but people from virtually all walks of life attended and were greatly impressed with Mr. Talbott's message. Mr. Ward, at all the meetings, made introductory remarks in which he brought out the fact that the Farmers Union movement is making progress in Kansas, and in which he discussed briefly the issues of the day as they affect the farmers of Kansas and the organization of which he is president, the Kansas Farmers Union.

Mr. Ward's comments on the meetings, which appear in this issue of the Kansas Union Farmer under "The President's Column" are interesting and will be read with a great deal of interest.

DOES YOUR ASSOCIATION APPEAR IN THIS LIST?

All Live Stock Shipping Associations Which Shipped Carloads During September Listed

WRITE YOUR OWN FIRM

A list of all the shipping associations which shipped live stock to the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Co. at Kansas City during the month of September was published in the last issue of The Co-operator, under date of Thursday, October 22. The Co-operator had this to say:

"Keeping in mind the fact that one shipment of livestock during a month is the equivalent for some shipping associations, from a standpoint of work and cooperation, to a shipment of ten loads from some other shipping associations located in a more favorable territory, The Co-operator this month is publishing a list of the shipping associations which shipped carloads to the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company during the month of September.

"Some of these associations shipped only one load during the month. However, such associations may be entitled to the same consideration as the associations which shipped ten loads. It is all a result of cooperation among farmers, in an endeavor to have the marketing done at the least possible cost. It is all following out the idea of cooperation among farmers and neighbors. Whether the community is small or large, whether one load of live stock or ten loads are shipped during the month, it all results in service by farmers at farmer cost.

"Perhaps your shipping association is not mentioned in the list below. If it is not, and if it shipped live stock during September to the Kansas City market, there is either a mistake in the compilation of this list, or there was a mistake at the other end of the line.

"Talk it over with your neighbors. If you do not already have a live shipping association, it would pay you and pay you well to see that one is organized. The Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company will be glad to furnish you all the help necessary in organizing a shipping association. The firm will send a man well versed in the marketing of live stock, and well versed in the cooperative angle of marketing, if you want his services. It will cost you nothing, for that is but a part of the complete service the cooperative live stock firm is ready to give you.

If your association is not functioning as it should, it might be that your firm could help you. Write about it to the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission Company, Room 410, Live Stock Exchange Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

The September list follows: Alma Farmers Union, Alma, Kas. Alta Vista Farmers Union, Alta Vista, Kas. Ames Shipping Association, Ames, Kas.

Mitchell County Farmers Union, Beloit, Kas. Farmers Grain Company, Blue Rapids, Kas. Bremen Farmers Union, Bremen, Kas. E. M. Kiger, Burlington, Kas.

Downs Cawker Shipping Association, Cawker City, Kas. Centralia Farmers Union Bus. Association, Centralia, Kas. Chase County Cooperative Shipping Association, Cottonwood Falls, Kas. Cozart Shipping Association, Cozart, Kas.

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CATCH THE BROADER VISION

It might be well for every member to pause long enough to ask himself, or herself, the question: "Why am I a member of the Farmers Union?"

If you find that you are a member just because there happens to be a local in your community, or just because some friend asked you to join, then it is likely you are not a very good member. However, if you are a Farmers Union member because you believe in cooperative effort among farmers, because you believe beneficial results can be accomplished by following a unified cooperative program in your community, then, no doubt, you should be classified as a good Farmers Union member. There are several ways in which you can apply tests to yourself to find out in your own mind just how you should rate as to your value to the organization.

If you consider you are making a donation when you pay your dues, just stop a few minutes and think. The chances are that if you give the subject the proper thought, you will realize that instead of a donation, it is an investment.

Do you feel that it is your duty to attend your local meetings? See if you can receive light on the subject enough to make attendance at your meetings appear as an opportunity, rather than as a duty.

Do you sometimes feel that you pay dues in the Farmers Union because you are afraid your neighbors will think you are a slacker if you don't belong? Instead of thinking of it from a slacker standpoint, get yourself into such a state of mind that you will feel you want to belong in order to have the opportunity to take part in a constructive program.

What some members need, what some localities need—yes, and what some leaders need—is a broader vision of the whole Farmers Union reason for existing. The primary purpose for having members is not to build up a large local or state membership. The magnitude of the membership in any local or state unit will take care of itself if the individuals keep in mind the fact that the Farmers Union is an organization which exists for the purpose of keeping agricultural interests on a par with other interests. It is, or should be, a well known fact that without organization the farmers, as a class, cannot hope to be recognized as being entitled to consideration by other classes which are organized.

Every farmer knows that agriculture deserves special consideration because of the fact that it is, in the last analysis, the source of the wealth of the nation. Every one knows that the people of the nation depend on the farmer to produce food for them. If the food supply were shut off from the people, nothing else they possess would be worth the snap of the fingers to them. But people are naturally selfish to the extent that if they can get their all important food for nothing, that is just how they will get it. If they are not asked to pay for it, they won't voluntarily pay the farmer enough for him to enjoy equal privileges with them. How is this demand for payment to be made?

A demand from a single farmer, with no organization to back him up, with no evidence that he can enforce his demands, will receive scant attention. Right here, then, looms up the importance and the necessity of organization. This necessity of organization is what has given birth to the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America—more commonly known as the Farmers Union.

A half-organized demand for proper and deserved returns for the farmers' output will receive only half consideration. Results are in direct proportion to organization. If two-thirds of the farmers organize, the result will be still better. But the only kind of organization which will bring complete results is complete organization. That means that your active cooperation in the affairs of your local, that your entire support, is needed to carry out completely the idea of cooperation, to the extent that you, as a farmer, will receive everything that is coming to you. It means that you must get right in with neighbor Jones, neighbor Smith, and all the rest, in order to work out the desired program and get the desired results. It means that you cannot afford to drop your membership even though the dues—a small thing to consider in the light of the whole program—should be doubled or trebled.

When you catch the vision, the idea of the price of your dues will fade into insignificance. When you really get the significance of the whole program, when you see the importance of cooperation and of complete organization, you will think only of the objective, of the results to be attained; and you will discover that you have become a booster for your Farmers Union

—and you will wonder what the others must have thought of you when you held the price of the dues so close to your eyes that you could not see the results to be obtained.

MEET US IN BELOIT

By the time this issue of the Kansas Union Farmer is in the mails, the state convention of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, Kansas Division, will be in session at Beloit. As this is being written, we have a promise of excellent weather, and that, of course, will tend to swell the crowds. No one can make any definite promises relative to Kansas weather—that's one thing which cannot be controlled or even influenced by the Farmers Union. However, every good Kansan takes pride in the beautiful brand of weather which is ordinarily served to us in October. There's something invigorating about it.

While we cannot control the weather, we can prepare for it; and that is what has been done. Bad weather, not so many years ago, meant bad roads—impassable roads, sometimes. Now, however, with pavements running into nearly every town in the state, bad roads are not thought of. Beloit is on U. S. Highway No. 40 North—"North Forty" is the more familiar designation. It is also on other regularly designated highways. Bad roads should not keep one person from attending the convention, even if the weather should turn bad.

Even if you do not get to attend the first part of the convention, it will be well worth your while to attend as much of it as you can. Beloit has ample facilities to make your comfortable. Plenty of rooms are available, and you'll be well fed. Prices are not going to be high. Beloit has real hospitality, and the people there want you to find it out. Beside all that, the convention needs you. Your organization needs you and will be better off for your having attended. So will you. Right now the farmers and the Farmers Union are face to face with perplexing problems. These problems are to be attacked, and it is going to take all of us in order to do a good job of it.

Here's hoping we see a lot of you at Beloit.

The President's Column

By CAL. A. WARD

TALBOTT'S MESSAGE REACHES PEOPLE

Never in the recent history of the Farmers Union in Kansas have we had a series of meetings which have done as much good, in my opinion, as the meetings which were held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday just passed, conducted and addressed by Mr. C. C. Talbott, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union. Mr. Talbott carried the vital message of cooperation and education to hundreds of people in Kansas during the four days and nights. Every meeting was overflowing with enthusiasm, and the response to Mr. Talbott's capable presentation of facts was nothing short of marvelous. Meetings were held at Winfield, Burlington, Lawrence, Blue Rapids and Clay Center. It was my good fortune and pleasure to take advantage of the opportunity to attend each of these meetings.

Mr. Talbott, in his own individual, forceful manner, stressed the fact that there is little or no hope for the farmer unless he is willing to help himself. He pointed out the fact that the farmer can help himself through the medium of cooperation, and that the Farmers Union affords the farmer the cooperative medium through which he can work out his own economic salvation. The business man cannot be blamed for looking after his own interests, and he certainly cannot be expected to look out for the farmers' interests, says Mr. Talbott. That is a perfectly natural state of affairs. But the farmer is to be blamed if he fails to look after his own interests. That is a condition which exists too generally today. This neglect of his own business takes the form of refusal or failure to organize—failure to take advantage of the great organization which exists for the sole benefit of the farmer—the Farmers Union.

Mr. Talbott stressed the importance of the educational feature of the Farmers Union. He pointed out the fact that one of the reasons for the existence of the Farmers Union organization is the work it has to do toward educating the farmers in the ways of cooperation and cooperative marketing. The benefits of cooperative marketing of farm products are many, and are well known. Yet there would not be many taking advantage of cooperative marketing if it were not for the parent organization which keeps the general program before the people, and which establishes contact with those in power in the nation in a legislative way. The parent organization provides the means by which the rank and file of the farmers can be reached. The crying need is for further and improved education along these lines. The farmers must be sold on the proposition, and the influence of the enemies of cooperation—and there are many enemies—must be met and thwarted by concerted action on the part of the Farmers Union.

Mr. Talbott scoffed at the idea that dues are too large. He pointed out the fact that, in the light of the benefits of cooperation as encouraged by the Farmers Union, a farmer could well afford to pay several times the present amount of his dues in order to keep alive the organization which is sponsoring him, and which is fighting his battles against adverse interests.

Mr. Talbott has the background of experience and service which makes him a most effective crusader for the Farmers Union. He is president of the North Dakota Farmers Union, and has had much to do with the national development of the Farmers Union organization. He has official connections with many of the cooperative groups in the Northwest. He has been in the work since the inception of the organization of the Farmers Union in his territory. He will appear on the program at the state convention in Beloit this week.

HAVE CONSTRUCTIVE IDEAS

One of the most encouraging things I have met with in various contacts over the state of Kansas, among the membership of the Farmers Union, is the fact that the membership quite generally holds constructive ideas relative to the Farmers Union program, and to the work it is in a position to do. The membership is generally well informed on the issues of the day, which indicates the proper kind of interest.

It is generally conceded, and it is most certainly a fact, that it is up to the county organizations and the locals of the Farmers Union, together with the state organization, to cooperate one-hundred percent, or as near that percentage as possible, to carry out the full program of the Farmers Union, and to carry the message to the masses. Through that means, and through that means only, can the work of the Farmers Union go on effectively.

THE INSURANCE CORNER

By W. J. Spencer, President-Manager

Autumn is here, and the first frost has caused the leaves on the trees to turn from green to many different colors. The days are very pleasant and the nights are quite cool. In a very short time no doubt, we will have severe frost and cold weather.

Now is the time for the householder to prepare for the colder weather that is coming, by seeing that the heating equipment of the home is in good order and that the fire hazard is reduced to a minimum.

Be sure and inspect the chimneys and smoke pipes and see that all is in good order. If the chimney top is loose, have the bricks laid up again with new mortar. Inspect the attic of the dwelling house and see that everything is in good condition. See that the boards under the stove are covered with a metal covering and that the stove pipe is at least eighteen inches away from the wall. When this is all done, make a survey of the situation and see if it is possible for a fire to start anywhere except in the heating equipment and if it is possible, do everything necessary to remedy the defect.

We, as an insurance company, are doing everything we can to reduce the fire losses in Kansas and with the cooperation of our policy holders, we feel sure that much can be done to reduce the loss of life and property by fire. In the next thirty days let's clean up on the fire demon. Also we will be pleased to hear from any of our policy holders, when they have inspected their premises and reduced the fire hazards if there were any.

UNCLE ANDY SAYS



"From age to age man's still aspiring spirit Finds wider scope and sees with clearer eyes, And thou in larger measure dost inherit What made thy great forerunners free and wise."

Strange un-American things are happening. Current newspaper talk is all negative. Lower prices being demanded by impoverished buyers. Overproduction accepted as a fact. Shorter working hours and part-time employment being advocated by organized labor. Taxpayers frantically demanding reduced levies.

All negative. All taking the back track. Present conditions accepted as inevitable. The blight of fatalism obstructing the light of reason. "For want of vision the people perish."

As we write, four banks have failed in Nebraska. Three in Minnesota, and two in Pennsylvania. A group of banks failed in Toledo, Ohio, leaving 100,000 depositors ruined. Price level still falling. Security values at lowest ebb. Grain prices down as well as live stock. New corn futures 20c a bushel.

Vested interests have long wanted the 1931 price level. Now that they've got it, we'll see how they like it. All this negative talk and browbeating each other for lower prices and low or taxes is simply playing into the hands of these same vested interests. We're playing their game unwittingly.

Producers are now trying to get along with the 1931 price level and the 1931 overhead, and it just can't be done. It spells ruin and disaster. Present taxes, interest and debts can't be paid with present prices prevailing.

What are we going to do about it? Are we just going to lay down like

THE LETTER OPENER

The Kansas Union Farmer receives a large number of letters on various topics, and they evidently are usually meant for publication. However, to publish all of them would sometimes require about all the space in the paper; so in this column the editor hopes to provide space for the ideas contained in the various communications, without comment and without specific editorial endorsement. When possible, of course, the letters will be printed in full in other columns.

SUGGESTION FROM HOLCOMB

"The secretary of the treasury should be instructed to stamp the credit of the government on paper, making it a full legal tender for all debts, public and private, and put all the unemployed men and women back to work at a living wage," declares Mr. A. L. Holcomb, Rt. 6, Lawrence, Kansas, in a recent communication to the Kansas Union Farmer. Mr. Holcomb gives it as his opinion that if the plan mentioned were followed out, the cost of production would not be greater than the prices received, and that there would be a chance for a margin. He says the present hard times are the result of the fact that a group of financiers have control of the present medium of circulation. Mr. Holcomb believes beneficial legislation will be secured if the farmers' organizations and labor organizations get behind it in a unified program. He wonders what others think of the suggestion.

EXTEND HELPING HAND

INSTEAD OF SYMPATHY The Kansas Union Farmer has an interesting communication from Mr. J. D. Stosz of Beatrice, Kansas. Mr. Stosz states he has been reading all the letters about the distressed farmers in North Dakota and in Montana, where the farmers are facing a long cold winter with insufficient food and clothing. He advances the idea that we folks here in Kansas, where food stuffs are going to waste, are in a position to help our neighbor Farmers Union members in the stricken areas, "not by sympathy but by a helping hand" as he aptly expresses it.

Speaking of local conditions here in Kansas, Mr. Stosz points out that all are trying to be optimistic, and commends such an attitude. He goes on to say that when farmers cannot make enough to pay taxes or interest, and are denied the comforts of life through no fault of their own, then is when they should stand by their Union and help one another. He characterizes the talk to the effect that prosperity is "just around the corner" as "apoplexy." He wonders if prosperity will come to the farmer after he has lost his farm, live stock and grain.

FROM FORMER CONDUCTOR

A letter from John A. Scheel of Emporia, Kansas, states he fears he cannot attend the state convention at Beloit because of business affairs that will keep him away. Mr. Scheel was State Conductor for fifteen or sixteen years in the Kansas Farmers Union. He is writing Farmers Union insurance at present. He says he feels "a great urge" to come to the meeting at Beloit. His many friends in the organization will be sorry he cannot come.

"dumb driven cattle" or will we apply our intelligence to the situation and demand an adequate remedy? In the larger sense there's no such thing as chance or fate. Things don't just happen. Always and forever some person or group of persons causes things to happen. This condition we are in was brought about by some influence either willfully or ignorantly.

It is up to us who are producing the real wealth of the country to intelligently counteract the baleful influence of the designing few. We must snap out of this negative quarrelsome states of mind and proceed to put in action constructive influences to raise the general price level by putting more money in circulation, increasing buying and consuming power. Raise security values and banks will quit failing.

We don't like to paint so dark a picture but it seems necessary to get people to thinking along constructive lines. Now for the bright side. Federal Reserve banks for six weeks in succession have increased money in circulation amounting to \$350,000,000, and bank credit to correspond.

The U. S. Chamber of Commerce has apparently discovered that the country cannot remain prosperous with agriculture in ruin. They are now vociferously demanding that Federal Reserve

Banks pursue a more liberal lending policy, especially to farmers and in localities where banks have failed. Their resolution sounds like old time Populism.

Senators from the mountain states are up in arms for more extended use of silver as basic money. The demand for more money in circulation as a remedy for present evils is breaking out on all sides. Even Senator Capper, as cautious as he is, has come out for more money and a stabilized dollar. Senator George McGill is also outspoken for more money in circulation.

And last but not least, leaders of farm organizations are laying the groundwork for a move all along the line in the same direction. So we see that after much suffering and trying of superficial remedies, and playing the fool negative, we are driven to tackle the real cause of our trouble, and if honestly carried out better times and prices will appear very soon.

I almost forgot to mention that Hoover has called leading Senators and Congressmen of both parties together to consider what is to be done. Their conclusions will be reached long before this is in print, but here's hoping they will do something worth while. The future looks brighter than it has for some time.

PROGRAM

Kansas Division Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America. Beloit, Mitchell County, Kansas

Tuesday, October 27, 1931

- 1:00 P. M. Meeting called to order by President C. B. Thowe. Reading of Minutes of previous meeting. Appointment of Committees. Report of President C. B. Thowe.
- 1:30 P. M. Address, C. A. Ward, President Kansas Farmers Union.
- 2:00 P. M. Address, H. A. Cowden, President Union Oil Company, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 3:00 P. M. Address, H. E. Witham, Manager, F. U. Jobbing Association, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 3:15 P. M. Address, A. W. Seamans, Manager, F. U. Co-operative Creamery, Kansas City, Missouri.
- 3:30 P. M. Election of Officers and Delegate to State Convention.
- 4:00 P. M. Round Table Discussion, Chairman, Clifford Miller, Brewster, Kansas. Adjournment.
- 7:00 P. M. Music and Entertainment.
- 7:30 P. M. Address, James G. Strong, Blue Rapids, Kansas. Adjournment.

Wednesday, October 28, 1931

- 9:00 A. M. Music, High School band or orchestra.
- 10:00 A. M. Meeting called to order by President C. A. Ward. Invocation, Rev. L. R. Honderick, M. E. Church. Address of Welcome, Mayor and President Chamber of Commerce. Response, F. M. Giltner, Winfield, Kansas. Appointment of Credential Committee.
- 10:30 A. M. Memorial Service.
- 11:00 A. M. Fraternal Greetings—Ralph Snyder, President Kansas Farm Bureau. C. C. Cogswell, Master Kansas State Grange. John Vesecky, President Kansas Co-operative Wheat Marketing Association. E. G. Tharp, President Farmers Co-operative Commission Company. L. E. Webb, President, Farmers Co-operative Grain Dealers Association. Adjournment.
- 1:00 P. M. Music or entertainment.
- 1:30 P. M. Appointment of Committees.
- 1:45 P. M. Report of State Secretary.
- 2:00 P. M. Report of Executive Committee.
- 2:15 P. M. Report of President C. A. Ward.
- 3:00 P. M. Address, John A. Simpson, President National Farmers Union.
- 4:00 P. M. Farmers Union Royalty Company, G. E. Creitz, State Manager.
- 4:15 P. M. Farmers Union Mutual Life Insurance Company, Rex Lear, State Manager. Adjournment.
- 7:00 P. M. Music, band.
- 7:30 P. M. Address, Governor Harry H. Woodring.
- 8:30 P. M. Address, Hon. W. F. Schilling, member Federal Farm Board. Adjournment.

Thursday, October 29, 1931

- 8:45 A. M. Music. Invocation, Rev. W. W. Pfantz, Presbyterian Church.
- 9:00 A. M. Farmers Union Auditing Association, T. B. Dunn, Secretary-Manager.
- 9:15 A. M. Farmers Union Live Stock Commission, George W. Hobbs, Manager.
- 9:40 A. M. Farmers Union Jobbing Association, H. E. Witham, Manager.
- 10:00 A. M. Nomination of Officers. Directors of Fourth and Fifth Districts. Delegates to National Convention.
- 10:30 A. M. Farmers Union Mutual Insurance Companies, W. J. Spencer, President-Manager.
- 11:00 A. M. Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery, A. W. Seamans, Manager.
- 11:30 A. M. Union Oil Company, H. A. Cowden, President-Manager. Adjournment.
- 1:15 P. M. Music.
- 1:30 P. M. Ladies Auxiliary.
- 2:00 P. M. Reports of Committees. (This period for discussion of committee reports is left open in accordance with resolution adopted at the McPherson convention). Adjournment.
- 7:00 P. M. Music.
- 7:30 P. M. Address, C. C. Talbott, President North Dakota Farmers Union.
- 8:45 P. M. Address, Hon. W. P. Lambertson, Vice-President Kansas Farmers Union. Adjournment.

Friday, October 30, 1931

- Voting for Officers begins at 8:00 A. M.
- 8:30 A. M. Music.
- 9:00 A. M. Invocation, Rev. R. R. Kaiser, Christian Church. Reports of Committees. Unfinished Business. Discussion. Installation of Officers. Final Adjournment.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

- Resolutions.....Ross Palenske, Alma
- Legislation.....Robt. H. Hansen, Jamestown
- Constitution and By-laws.....Clifford Miller, Brewster
- Credentials and Election.....Carl E. Clark, McPherson
- General Arrangements.....George Dean, Beloit

GRAIN AND HAY MARKET REVIEWS

Wheat Market Higher With Better Demand; Other Grains Share in Advance

HAY AVERAGES ABOUT STEADY

Domestic wheat markets advanced 3 to 5 cents per bushel during the week ended October 23, influenced by a more active export inquiry for North American wheat and lack of sufficient moisture for seeding and germination of winter wheat in some areas in the Southwest, according to the Weekly Grain Market Review of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The higher prices brought out larger country offerings but the increased current receipts were readily taken by mills and industrial buyers. Feed grain markets were strengthened by the advance in wheat but price gains were not large. Rye and flax advanced with higher wheat prices but were also influenced by the improved demand for this season's short supply.

There was some foreign inquiry from Germany but no sales were reported. No. 2 red was quoted October 23 at Minneapolis at 41 3/8-42 3/8 cents and at Chicago at 46 1/8-50 1/8 cents per bushel.

OATS
The oats market strengthened with other grains but otherwise continued weather features with offerings of only moderate volume and demand quiet. No. 3 white oats were quoted at the close of the market October 23 at Duluth at 25 1/8-25 3/8 cents, at Minneapolis at 23-24 cents, at Milwaukee at 23 1/4-27 1/2 cents, at Cincinnati at 23 1/2-24 1/2 cents, at Kansas City at 24 cents and at Omaha at 23 cents per bushel.

BARLEY
Barley markets strengthened under an improved demand and prices advanced around 2 cents per bushel at the principal marketing centers. At the close of the market October 23, best malting types were quoted at Minneapolis at 52-54 cents and feed grades at 35-44 cents per bushel. No. 1 feed barley was quoted at Kansas City at 27-27 1/2 cents and No. 3 barley at Omaha at 32 cents per bushel.

HAY
Hay markets averaged about steady during the week ending October 23 with the slight strength in alfalfa in the West about offset by weakness in timothy in several of the more important central and eastern markets. Prices of most hays were about steady, according to the Weekly Hay Market Review of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Hay prices, while low when compared with other recent years, are relatively high when checked against present prices of other classes of feeds. The average September, 1931, price paid for hay ranged from 70 to 80 per cent of the average September price for the previous seven years while corn and oats prices ranged from 40 to 50 per cent of the average and mill feeds and cottonseed cake and meal prices from 38 to 40 per cent. In an effort to aid livestock feeders in the drought stricken areas of Nevada, the Interstate Commerce Commission has granted permission to certain western railroads to reduce freight rates by one-third on feeder cattle moved from Nevada points in Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska, on hay and feed from these States to Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska. The following resolutions were adopted:

TAX RELIEF DEPARTMENT

By JOHN FROST, Blue Rapids, Kansas No. 6

EQUALIZATION OF TAXES MORE IMPORTANT THAN MERE REDUCTION

There is a lot of excitement about high taxes, and it is high time. But a serious mistake will be made if the only remedy we apply is merely to reduce taxes. The most pressing need is for equalization of taxes. Real estate is greatly overtaxed, particularly mortgaged real estate. The taxing of a man's overtaxed property, that is, of his debts, while the owner of the mortgage goes tax free, is an injustice that cries to heaven. Unprofitable property pays the same tax as profitable property. And we are paying the same tax in hard times that we paid in good times. But the greatest inequality and injustice is that a large part of the wealth of the state is not taxed at all, or only at a very low rate. Stocks, bonds, notes, mortgages, dividends, interest, commissions, salaries, and other intangibles—the very cream of wealth, and the best able to pay taxes—are largely untaxed. It is estimated that 45 per cent of the wealth of the state is practically tax exempt, and that the other 55 per cent pays all the tax. Suppose we reduced taxes one third. The inequalities of our tax system would continue to require real estate to bear the burden of the tax as it has done for many years. The great body of intangible wealth would continue to escape taxation, thus throwing all the tax burden on about half the wealth of Kansas. The problem of a just tax system would still be unsolved. Most of the reduction of taxes forced now in our hard times would be only temporary. As prosperity returned, taxes would go up again. No, the important remedy is to equalize our tax system, and make all wealth bear its just share of the tax burden. This can only be done by discarding our present inequitable property tax system, and adopting the income tax system that levies taxes in proportion to ability to pay. Then when 45 per cent that now goes tax exempt are compelled by the income tax system to pay the same as the other 55 per cent, there will be a big reduction in taxes to the present overburdened taxpayers. And that will be a permanent reduction. The income tax is the best way to reduce taxes by equalizing taxes.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES

ASK TAX LAW CHANGES

Floyd H. Lynn, Sec'y. Salina, Kansas. Dear Sir: I wish to inform you that Island Local No. 2193 had a meeting last night and elected a delegate to attend the Annual Farmers' Union meeting at Beloit, and enclosed you will find the credentials filled out. The following resolutions were adopted: 1. We are in favor of a graduated income tax for local, county and state purposes. 2. We believe and desire that all road expenses should be born by a gas tax and only a sufficient license tax to pay for keeping record of same. 3. That we are in favor of returning at least 60 per cent of all the gas tax collected in the county where collected. 4. The intangible law is unjust and should be repealed. Ed Chopp, A. J. Thomas, C. F. Strand, Committee.

1932 DUES PAID

Sixty six local No. 1907 in Chase county now has eleven members paid up for the year of 1932. J. O. Wilson is the secretary of this live local.

OFFER RELIEF THROUGH FARMERS UNION CHANNELS

Grinnell, Kans., Oct. 17. Be it Resolved that we, the members of Hustlers Local of Grinnell, Kansas, are opposed to the donations for relief of the farmers of the Dakotas and Montana being handled through the Red Cross. We have members enough in Kansas and should handle our own business, and we are willing to make very liberal donations, but they should be handled through the Farmers Union in the needy territory as flour and feed both are needed. The people of this territory are not asking for flour alone, but shorts and grain are of just as much value as the flour to a needy farmer. Signed, W. A. Shirkey, Chas. Hunter, Joe Heit, Committee.

FROM LIVINGSTON LOCAL

St. John, Kans., Oct. 17, 1931. Livingston Local No. 1948 held their regular meeting on Friday evening. Delegates reported on the county meeting. Mr. J. H. Suiter, chairman of the Booth committee for the Stafford County Fair exhibit, reported that our local won second place at the fair as well as many compliments on our display. Mr. Ray Harter was chosen to represent our local at the state meeting at Beloit, Kans. Our good Farmers Union friend, Mr. John Askew, came over Friday evening to tell us good bye before his leaving for Louisiana. Mr. Askew always is a help in our meeting. His talk Friday evening was on present agricultural and economic conditions. Representative Mr. R. D. Beck instructedly discussed state problems. Cora H. Waters, Secy.

REPORT OF LINN COUNTY FARMERS UNION MEETING

The following report of a regular meeting of the Linn County Farmers Union was received for publication this week. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lawhead very royally entertained the Linn County Farmers Union at their home north of Labarge Saturday, October 17. Over one hundred were present. The dinner was spread in the beautiful grove south of Mr. Lawhead's house. Besides all the good things to eat which is customary at county Farmers Union meetings, the ladies of the New Home Local served ice cream to the crowd at noon and again just before the meeting adjourned. The business meeting was called about 1:30 by President Gerstenberger. We were very fortunate to have Floyd Lynn and Mr. Geo. Hobbs attend and each made short talks. Mr. Lynn, who has been recently elected to the position of secretary, is a very interesting speaker and we all feel

Some objected to his doctrine saying that to follow Him (to be a Christian) one would have to give up so much personal liberty, etc., and they persuaded many to reject Him, even arousing a mob and nailed Him to a cross. Yet His ideals and ideas are growing with the centuries and many believe that soon His teachings will really get in the hearts and lives of men—even in business. Are we ready now as a nation to really live up to our profession and apply Christian principles to our economic life? We profess to be a Christian people and in many ways can qualify as such, yet our business methods are savage, degrading, relics of the tooth, talon and claw age. Let's run this old machine through the grater and recast and rebuild it on human lines. It should be a thing of beauty and service to all. Suppose we issue to each member of society contributing to the common ends, comforts and necessities of life fixed credits or bills of exchange good for supplies produced by other members, retaining a small per cent to create a sickness and old age insurance fund. The student, preacher, doctor, scientist, etc. to be paid their credits or rewards while preparing for their life work as well as later. Is there any justice or equity in our present way of paying perhaps 1,000 times more to one member of society than to another who both are contributing to the general welfare, giving all the talents they possess to the service? Why continue such folly? We are using the co-operative plan I'm suggesting in our school system, roads, postal affairs and at the ballot box and nothing except force could take them from us. So let's not be frightened at the leveling off process or socialistic plan as somebody is sure to rise up and brand it. But we should be alarmed as we look into the future and see groups organized or organizing to combat other groups, jealous, antagonistic, selfish, the broth of which wars are brewed; machinery displacing more and more workers; young people anxious to start their homes and hopeless about it; factories, warehouses, packing plants bursting with supplies and many suffering and unable to purchase; millions without work; families suffering cold and hunger; but a spark and catastrophe to start, fire, carnage, death. Let's avoid such a catastrophe by pushing this genuine brotherhood plan. This subject is too large to be covered in one article, and the intent is to start a line of thought of future possibilities. I would recommend while studying this subject to read W. A. White's great work, "A Certain Rich Man" and Walt Mason's poem, "Foolish Little Palgrims." I hope to discuss this matter in future articles. —Charles Day.

MANAGERS AND EMPLOYEES MAY GO TO 'SCHOOL'

(Continued from page 1) manager of the Union Oil Co. President C. A. Ward and secretary-treasurer Floyd H. Lynn, both of Salina, represented the state organization of the Farmers Union. Others who took part in the discussions were O. W. Schell of the Creamery organization, C. C. Talbot, president of the North Dakota Farmers Union; Tom DeWitt of Green City, Mo., and Hugo Stolberg, Kansas City, both of whom accompanied Mr. Cowden, and Edgar Johnson of Osborne, Kansas. Mr. Johnson represented J. C. Gregory who was unable to attend because of sickness in his family. Although no definite program was suggested which would allow for acceptance of group membership if adopted by the state organization, yet the discussions brought out much valuable information and suggestions.

CALL FOR RELIEF OF SUFFERERS IS HEDED

(Continued from page 1) dren three miles to school barefooted, so the children have been unable to attend. "I'm still trusting in God and His people and I know that I and my family shall be clothed." These few clippings from letters will show what the folks up there are facing. Hundreds of other similar letters have been received.

FARMERS UNION CREAMERY PLANT AT COLONY SOON

(Continued from page 1) at Kansas City, which operates by virtue of the Farmers Union Cooperative Creamery and Produce Association, of which E. F. Schiefelbusch, Osawatimie, is president. A. W. Seamans is general manager. The Colony plant will be the second of the branch plants. The first one started operations a little more than a year ago at Wakeeney, Kansas. It has proved its value to the community and has been a great step in the development of cooperative marketing. As pointed out in The Co-Operator under date of October 22, one effect of the plant will be the quickening of the Farmers Union spirit. It gives the members something more tangible to work with, and perhaps makes the benefits of cooperative marketing more prominently discernible in that particular section of the state. Thomas Murray, who has been a leader in Farmers Union activities in the Colony neighborhood for a number of years, in live stock shipping as well as in other phases of the work, has been elected as president of the directors' committee. Dr. R. D. Pulliam of Colony is secretary and treasurer. Other members on that com-

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