

Junior and Juvenile Department

ESTHER EKBLAD, Director

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

The Torch Bearer

The God of High Endeavor gave me a torch to bear, I lifted it high above me in the dark and murky air...

—Author Unknown.

McPherson Co. Juniors Enjoy Banquet

"Forever Onward" was the theme of the second annual McPherson county Junior Banquet, held Friday evening, November 29, at McPherson...

A Uniform Pattern

The sessions of the Education Conference at the National Convention were crowded with discussions of Farmers Union education in all most fifty-seven varieties...

"We Sing To Our Brothers..."

Long to be remembered from the National Convention was the "Friendship Bracelet 'Round the World' banquet which was the entertainment of the final convention session...

Torch Bearers Report On the Denver National Convention

(Note: These reports are being given in the form of questions and answers.) Bernard Schaefer, Torch Bearer, Johnston Local, McPherson County: 1. Bernard, we understand that you are to send Mrs. Edwards a report on the Legislative Conference...

Youth In Our Cooperatives of Today and Tomorrow

H. E. Witham, general manager, Farmers Union Jobbing Association, Kansas City, Mo., at the annual McPherson County Farmers Union Junior Banquet, November 29, 1940.

A meeting such as this is a real inspiration to me. It exemplifies the best of our youth...

Yes, I've heard that right, I mean, "all the fun of being a farmer." You might not believe that now, but you will. It is said that most young farmers spend the first thirty years trying to get away from the farm...

You well know that the Kansas Farmers Union, membership in which makes your presence here possible, not only has its educational work...

3. Would you mind telling us a little about the convention banquet? What could have been a more interesting and enjoyable day...

5. Did you like the "Friendship Bracelet 'Round the World' banquet? What about it made it interesting to you? I enjoyed the banquet very much as it showed that most every country has their kind of recreation...

DO YOU KNOW?

something about me talking to you for thirty or forty minutes. Now unless young people have changed a lot in the last forty years, a speaker would have to be much more inspiring than I in order to hold your attention voluntarily...

Always Need of Diplomacy I realize that it requires a lot of diplomacy to work with the same people month after month...

LOSES ITS SECRET LAKE LURE, N. C. (AP)—No longer is there any mystery about where the noises come from inside Rumbling Bald Mountain...

Anaconda 45% TREBLE PHOSPHATE. On wheat. For every dollar spent for phosphate they got increased yield amounting to \$4.00.

Table with 3 columns: Weight of Pigs and Hogs, Amount of Serum to Use, Amount of Virus to Use. Includes rows for Suckling Pigs, Pigs 20 to 30 lbs., etc.



KANSAS' DIVERSIFIED PRODUCTS INCLUDE MANY VARIETIES OF RUGS AND HIGH GRADE PLASTER.

TO DIG A BOMBPROOF COLUMBUS, O. (AP)—A bomb shelter which literally can be built overnight has the war department showing interest.

DROPS WOODSMEN-SOLDIERS STOCKHOLM (AP)—A Swedish voluntary home guard for men not eligible for military training is proposed to succeed groups of peasants who in past wars obstructed the enemy's advances in the country's vast forests.

Price List of Vaccines and Serums. WE PREPARE SHIPPING CHARGES ON ALL ORDERS OF \$10.00 OR MORE. Do the Job Yourself... Be Money and Pigs Ahead.

FARMERS UNION LIVE STOCK COMMISSION. SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, MO.

"The Farmers Union Is Just What We Make It!" Illustration of a man and a woman, with text promoting the Farmers Union Live Stock Commission.

Program Adopted at 1940 Farmers Union National Convention at Denver

The Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, convened in the 38th annual session at Denver, Colorado, November 18, 19 and 20, 1940, having received the reports of its various committees, and having considered the grave present conditions and future prospects for agriculture in a torn and chaotic world—a world which must be rebuilt—adopted for our guidance, and submit to all farmers as a basis for an effective farm organization, our program for 1941.

We reaffirm our adherence to the historic first principles of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, namely, that we can only establish equity and justice by maintaining a sound political democracy and establishing a democratic economic system through the application of cooperative principles.

Our primary objective is to secure for our members the maximum benefit from the fruits of modern science and technology. We believe that present conditions require concerted action and cooperation to a greater degree than ever in the past, and that the choice now is less whether we shall organize or remain unorganized than it is whether we shall organize voluntarily and rapidly under plans of our own choosing, or be organized by force of circumstances supported by edicts of others.

We urge development of cooperatives. We, therefore, urge upon our people a more rapid development of commodity and service cooperatives and an increased study of vital domestic and world conditions. We offer our cooperation to other organized groups who also seek to provide economic security, to preserve democratic processes, to provide distributed abundance for all, and to maintain our civil liberties.

To attain our objectives, we propose through cooperative action, to carry out the following program of educational, organizational, cooperative, and legislative activities for the year 1941:

EDUCATION. Believing that education which assures an understanding of cooperative economics is basic to the development of unity, that is needed to effectuate our cooperative and legislative programs, we pledge our organization to continue and expand the work carried on by the department of Education of the National Union.

cracy. We, therefore, recommend a continuation of our historic program of education on the economic causes of war, promotion of the study of civil rights, and methods of their maintenance; study of the effects of war profits and war debts upon agriculture, and, lastly, study of the cooperative method of building a peaceful world.

As furtherance of the democratic method of continuing open discussions on mutual problems, we recommend that the continuation of the conference plan of convention be adopted for the National organization.

ORGANIZATION. We recommend that the proper committee take up the matter of women and juniors voting in the National organization.

1. Organization work in all the states should be done in accordance with the total program of the Farmers Union—namely, education, legislation, and cooperation, as adopted at the foundation of the Farmers Educational and Cooperative Union of America, and as amplified by succeeding national conventions of the organization.

2. We recommend the institute school in organization work now in successful operation in some of our states. These schools are held in the homes of the organizers following state conventions, and are attended by county presidents, county secretaries, fieldmen, educational directors, and others, and usually run for a week during which time the program of the Farmers Union is presented by qualified teachers who deal with all phases of the program, including methods of organization.

3. In our more-active states, membership building in organized territory is carried on by the means of trained organizers. We recommend this procedure to all of our organized states.

4. We recommend that the Educational Division prepare an organization booklet and other literature to be used in training officers and organizers in membership building.

5. We recommend that the National board of directors continue creating and administering organization, and that this department be authorized to raise a special fund to be used solely for organization work in states where no Farmers Union organization now exists, or where the state organization is so weak that it must have help to get on a self-sustaining basis and asks for such help.

6. We recommend that membership dues in unorganized states that the National undertakes to organize be fixed at not less than \$3.50 per year.

7. We recommend a gradual increase in National dues to a point where the National organization will have adequate financial resources to conduct the work of a great national farm organization. Specifically, we recommend an increase in the 1942 National dues to 40 cents, and that the increased income from dues be earmarked for organization work.

COOPERATION. We recommend: That a closer working relationship be established between local cooperatives, whether local or regional, and the educational program of the Farmers Union organization. Without such closeness, there cannot be adequate understanding of the principles of cooperation or the best methods for the promotion, development, and protection of cooperatives. The greatest possible degree of coordination between local cooperatives and the national organization is necessary to best results for both. Cooperative conferences should be held whenever possible in connection with the meetings of county and local unions and the National Union, in order that better understanding and coordination may result.

8. We shall continue to support adequate appropriations for the extension of cooperative rural electrification.

9. We wholeheartedly support legislation to provide federal aid for rural health services, urging especially that cooperative hospitals be approved agencies for securing financial aid.

10. We shall continue to support legislation or adequate funds for aiding rural young people, both through such programs as the NYA and Low-Cost Rural Housing.

11. We favor an appropriate program of low-cost rural housing to clear our rural slums, with credit at the cost to the government, and subsidies where needed.

12. We favor old-age pensions, paid from federal funds, on the basis of age and citizenship. We favor the improvement and extension of our farm programs.

13. We strongly oppose requirements for the payment of poll taxes as a condition for voting, whether in local, state, or national elections, and support federal legislation to outlaw poll taxes as a franchise requirement for voting in federal elections.

14. We reaffirm our position that federal taxation should be levied on the basis of the ability to pay, as based upon net income, and are unalterably opposed to any system of taxation not based on this principle. Since a sales tax has historically been the method used to exort revenue from those least able to pay, we reiterate our continued and consistent opposition to that tax. We favor abolishing tax exemption on government securities.

15. We urge the restoration to Congress of the power to coin and regulate the value of money.

16. We reaffirm our position that the administrative personnel of the Federal Reserve Bank should be farmers democratically elected insofar as legally possible; all other administrative personnel should be persons who understand, participate in, and are sympathetic to farm organizations and the cooperative movement.

17. We affirm again that protection of the family-sized farm shall be a constant and primary policy in the formulation, amendment, and administration of all farm legislation.

18. We are most vigorously opposed to the principles contained in the Hatcher-Logan bill, and urge its defeat.

19. We reassert our historic position as opposed to the sending of American boys to fight on foreign soil, and believe that the United States limit military action of this country to a strictly-defensive policy, dedicated only to the preservation of our democracy.

REFERENDUM BALLOT Instructions

The following amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the Kansas Farmers Union were approved by the delegates at the state convention in Parsons, Kansas, November 1, 1940, and are hereby submitted to the membership for their approval or rejection.

These amendments should be voted on immediately, by the Local Unions, and returns forwarded to Rex Troutman, State Secretary, Salina, not later than January 1, 1941.

The total number of votes FOR, and the total number of votes AGAINST each amendment must be recorded in the squares at the right of each amendment.

Amendment No. 1. Page 6, Division B, Article 1, Section 2 (Election of Delegates). To amend by striking out the following: "Each chartered Cooperative Business Association conducted in the name of the Farmers Union, For providing such associations must have at least 51 per cent of all stockholders in good standing as paid up members in the Kansas Farmers Union, and in conformity with regulations and condition prescribed by the Board of Directors of the State Union shall be entitled to one delegate to the State Union, who shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Association eligible to representation."

Amendment No. 2—Dues. Page 35, Division C, Article 4, Section 1, Line 4. To amend to read as follows: "The dues of the adult male members shall be divided as follows: 80c to the local union, 15c to the county union, 75 cents to the National Union and 75 cents to the State Union..."

Amendment No. 3. Page 38, Division D, Article 1, Section 1. To amend to read as follows: "A County Union may be instituted in any county having not fewer than three chartered Local Unions with a total membership of not less than sixty members. After a..."

Form for recording votes (FOR/NO) for each amendment and a section for local union details (Local Number, County, Kansas, Local President, Local Secretary).

The above is a true and correct return of the vote of...

Local, Number... in... County, Kansas, on the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Kansas Farmers Union.

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Advertisement for Selco Fume featuring a large illustration of a man with a rifle, text: 'Fire before you can see the whites of their eyes!', 'The Insect Hordes', 'GRAINFUME', 'Approved by Mutual Fire Prevention Bureau', 'Protect your grain with Selig's Grain-fume. Kill insects in second-hand bags with Grainfume. Grainfume really kills 'em.', 'FARMERS UNION JOBBING ASS'N.', 'See Your Local Farmers Union Dealer'.

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