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UFL Leads Farmers in Stopping Four Idaho Sales; League Grows

MANY BIDDERS

250 Farmers Appear at
Sale Where Sheriff
Expected None

FARMERS JOIN UFL

Farmers Force Release of
12,000 Pounds of Beans
Seized by Defunct Bank

(BY W. H.)

Buhl, Idaho, Feb. 7.—Idaho farmers are rapidly following the example of farmers to the west and east of them. On January 31 an organized group stopped a sheriff's sale south of Twin Falls.

250 OUT

About 250 farmers were on the job to stop the sale and there was good discipline. The sale was conducted by the receiver of a defunct bank and the man's tools were to be sold with some livestock. The sale had very little advertising and they were not expecting much of a crowd.

However, when the sheriff saw the determined farmers, he said that the bank receiver had called the sale off as there were too many bidders. Two other sales near Twin Falls were postponed after that.

Another sale was said to be postponed, but the farmers became suspicious and went anyway. It was lucky they did, because the undersheriff came out to the place. When he saw the crowd he called the sale off but said that 12,000 pounds of the farmer's beans which were in storage would be sold at auction three hours later at the closed First National Bank.

RECEIVER RELEASES BEANS

What made it even worse was that this farmer had deposited several hundred dollars in this bank a few days before it failed. The bank didn't have to pay him his money but the receiver said that he had to pay the bank what he owed it. Four hundred masses in front of the bank and the receiver released the beans.

We feel that we have been well paid for our efforts to date and the farmers are all joining the United Farmers League.

6,000 COSTA RICA FARM WORKERS IN RANKS OF JOBLESS

San Jose, Costa Rica, Feb. 1.—Costa Rica has approximately nine thousand unemployed in a population of nearly 500,000, according to a census made before the coffee harvest began. The situation here has undoubtedly been relieved to some extent.

Agriculture accounts for more than 6,000 of the unemployed.

NORRIS RUSHES TO ADVISE ROOSEVELT

Says He Should Not Take
Conservatives Out of
Senate

Senator Norris, "progressive" Republican has come to the aid of the Democratic administration in telling Roosevelt that he should not remove his chief conservative supporters from the Senate by drawing them into the cabinet.

The Senators who Norris thinks should remain in the Senate are Cordell Hull of Tennessee, Walsh of Montana, and Glass of Virginia.

"I didn't protest these possible selections," said Mr. Norris. "I wouldn't protest them. But I did tell Mr. Roosevelt that I thought it would be a shame to take so many strong men out of the Senate where they will be needed badly and where they cannot be replaced."

Again the "progressive" shows his true face. He rushes to align himself with the rock-ribbed Democratic leaders to run Congress during the coming session. He rushes to advise Roosevelt as to how he can best run the country for the benefit of Wall Street.

UFL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS ON SAT., FEB. 18

Superior, Wis.—An announcement was made by James Flower, National Secretary of the United Farmers League, that the first meeting of the National Executive Council of the U. F. L. would be held in St. Paul, Minn., on Saturday, Feb. 18. The new National Secretary and the Executive Council were elected at the National Conference of the U. F. L. held in Washington, D. C., on Dec. 10, 1932. It was also announced that for the present the address of the National office of the U. F. L. would continue to be Box 94, Superior, Wisconsin.

The Executive Council includes besides the National Secretary, James Flower, the following members: Charles E. Taylor, Minneapolis, chairman; Alfred Tiala, Makinen, Minn.; John Hette, Colby, Wis.; Frank Arvola, Hancock Mich.; Arthur Reuber, Littlefork, Minn.

HOME OWNERS MEET IN OHIO

Call Cleveland Conference
to Resist Foreclosures
and High Taxes

Cleveland, Ohio—Two hundred elected delegates of the Small Home and Land Owners Federation protested against the eviction of Andrew Hanyas of Parma, Ohio, before the Southwestern Savings Loan Co. of Cleveland recently.

SMALL HOME OWNERS UNITE

The growing movement of small home owners to protect their property is gaining ground in Ohio. Many workers who were encouraged to buy their homes by the mortgage companies are finding that these same companies are taking away their homes and are swallowing their savings at the same time, now that they are unemployed.

In order to widen the movement against foreclosure and eviction a county conference of the Small Home and Land Owners Federation will be held in Cleveland College, Sunday, February 26 at 10 a. m. Present indications are that there will be between 800 and 1,000 delegates at the conference. The Federation has already ten branches in Cuyahoga county, where it was first organized and many more branches are being formed. The organization now has over 2500 members.

Delegates from many different organizations will be represented at the conference which will also take up reduction in taxes, and a moratorium on mortgages until economic recovery. It is expected that the United Farmers League will also be represented. Organizations wishing to send delegates should communicate with the Federation at 4323 Lorain Avenue, Cleveland.

DAIRY MERGER OF THREE COMPANIES IN EASTERN FIELD

The merger of three dairy products companies operating in West Virginia, Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky, and North Carolina, on Feb. 7, is part of the growing concentration in the food industry throughout the country. The properties involved in the merger are valued at \$750,000.

The Southern Maid Dairy Products, Inc., a new corporation, acquired the Southern Refrigeration Company of Bluefield, W. Va.; the Holston Creamery Company of Bristol, Tenn.; and the Southern Ice Cream Company of Johnson City, Tenn.

The new concern will operate plants at Bristol, Va., Kingsport, Tenn., Johnson City, Tenn., and at Bluefield, West Virginia. It also will maintain distributing stations at Elk Park N. C., Rogersville, Tenn. and Galax and Pulaski, Va.

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N. D. FARMERS RALLY SUPPORT TO CONFERENCE

Ashbel Ingerson Reports
Gratifying Response
to Call

UNITED FRONT

Lem Harris, Secretary of
Nat'l Committee for
Action Coming

BULLETIN

Bismarck, North Dakota, Feb. 12.—Because of the furious blizzards and the blocking of the roads over the whole state and the stopping of all organization work in the field during the storm period, the North Dakota Call Committee has decided to postpone the Conference until March 1, 2, and 3d. This will give the organizers for the conference another week for organization and preparation, to make up for the time lost during the blizzard.

Bismarck, N. D., Feb. 13.—Ashbel Ingerson, son of former Senator Ralph Ingerson of Burke county and secretary of the Call Committee of the North Dakota Farmers Relief Conference reports that "farmers in many parts of the state are busy holding meetings and electing delegates to the Conference."

The Conference will be held at Bismarck, February 23, 24, and 25 and farmers wishing to learn more about it should get in touch with Mr. Ingerson at 717 Thayer Avenue, Bismarck.

GRATIFYING RESPONSE

Secretary Ingerson reports further that the "response to the Call has been very gratifying, showing that the farmers of the state are realizing as never before the necessity for the taking up in earnest, themselves, the problems of relief."

"The Conference is a united front gathering to which actual farmer members of all farmers' organizations and groups of unorganized farmers are invited to send delegates, provided they are actual dirt farmers. Republicans, democrats, nonpartisans, libertarians, socialists, and communists are all invited to participate if actual farmers. It is high time they all got together for their common relief and defense."

LEM HARRIS TO BE PRESENT

The program adopted by the Farmers National Relief Conference at Washington, D. C., last December, will be placed before the North Dakota delegates who were at Washington. Lem Harris, secretary of the Farmers National Relief Conference will be present at the North Dakota Conference.

KNIFE RIVER TWP. ELECTS TWO TO GO TO N. D. CONFERENCE

(BY A. H.)

Sanish, N. D., Feb. 1.—Two delegates were chosen at a relief meeting in Knife River township to attend the Farmers Relief Conference to be held in Bismarck, Feb. 23-25. The farmers were very enthusiastic about it and thought it was the best thing since the discovery of America. I was chosen for one and Matt Hansen for the other one.

Modern Revere Rouses Farmers

(BY E. H.)

Sanish, N. D. Feb. 1.—"To arms; To arms; The Red coats are coming!" Such was the cry of Paul Revere as he went tearing through the countryside on his flaming steed in 1775—calling his fellowmen to struggle for their freedom from the English tyrants.

MODERN PAUL REVERE

But now in 1933 in Knife River township, Mountrail county, a modern Paul Revere rides. It was Charlie who received the signal and went around the community on a half starved nag. Ploughing, plunging through snowdrifts, hungry, cold and shivering in the blizzard, he told his starving fellow farmers to come to the Plainview school house on Monday afternoon, Jan. 30, 1933 to decide on some method of obtaining immediate relief for their starving, half naked families.

ALL BUT TWO OUT

Charlie's call, like Paul Revere's was spontaneously responded to. At 2 p. m. Monday, representatives of 18 families of the township had assembled at the school house and two other families, unable to send representatives, had sent letters asking for immediate aid. This represented the entire community except two families.

The meeting was called to order, a chairman and secretary chosen—but then what? Food and clothes were needed by all right away—without a day's delay—and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation funds, which Governor Langer's field man, Roy Frazier, had promised to send to Mountrail county would not arrive before Feb. 15 at the earliest.

GET \$100 IN ORDERS

The farmers then decided to

FARMERS ARE DETERMINED



Farmers took a noose along with them when they went to the sale of Cecil Kestner, at Deshler, Ohio. This time they lynched the mortgage. The sale brought only a few dollars and the property was returned to its rightful owner—farmer Kestner.

It was the telegram of a Plymouth county lawyer, to the New York Life Insurance Company, ending in "My Neck is at stake," which convinced the insurance companies the farmers of Iowa and elsewhere meant business. It won a partial victory for these farmers from the insurance companies—a moratorium on their mortgages.

Nebr. Attorney General Tries to Hinder Work of Farmers Conference

TELLS FARMERS SEARS AND ROEBUCK SALES
WILL BE HELD ILLEGAL BY
COURTS

In order to stem the rising tide of struggle against foreclosures and evictions, and to divert the attention of Nebraska farmers from the Nebraska Farmers Relief Conference which meets in Lincoln, Feb. 15-16, Attorney General Paul F. Good of Nebraska, declared on Feb. 6 that Sears and Roebuck sales would be declared illegal by the courts.

Because of the mass action of the farmers, the courts have not dared to make any such ruling yet, so the attorney general comes out with his opinion which has absolutely no legal standing.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION

His opinion contained the following five points:

1. Courts will hold sales where intimidation is practiced void.
2. Many sincere farmers who are able to pay are being victimized by neighbors.
3. Few banks or insurance company foreclosures now are being held except where there is no chance for the farmer to get out from under his debt load, even under favorable conditions.
4. The farmer by utilizing legal means has from a year to 18 months to delay loss of his farm by foreclosure.
5. There is serious doubt any of the legislative proposals for

relieving the mortgage situation would affect existing mortgages. (Continued on Page Two)

UFL GREETES TWO FARMERS STATE RELIEF MEETS

The Producers News greets the two Farmers State Relief Conferences which will be held during the coming week. On Feb. 20 the farmers of Minnesota, participating in a Hunger March with the workers of the state, will meet in St. Paul to place their demands before the state legislature.

On the same day the farmers of South Dakota begin a three day conference in Pierre. These conferences are an intensification of the work already begun, and a carrying on of the work which was started in the Farmers National Relief Conference.

The United Farmers League will do its utmost to spread the United Front of destitute farmers started at the conferences throughout the respective states.

In building this United Front the United Farmers League will attempt to gain new members for the League and new readers for its official organ, the Producers News.

TEN FARMERS ARE ARRESTED FOR STRIKE ACTIVITIES ON MARKHAM, MINN. ROAD WORK

FARMERS STOP MICHIGAN SALE

Over a Thousand Mass at
Mainstee; Some Go 100
Miles to get There

(BY G. S.)

White Cloud, Mich., Feb. 7.—There was a foreclosure sale at the court house door at Manistee, Mich., February 3. The farm belonged to a farmer near Kaleva, Mich., and the mortgage and all other debts totalled \$1800.

GO 100 MILES TO SALE

A Chevrolet truck with 16 farmers from Newaygo county went up to Manistee to protest against this farm mortgage foreclosure. We had to get up at four o'clock in the morning to get there as we had 100 miles to go. It was a very cold day, but the men all dressed warm and took blankets along. We put straw in the bottom of the truck and a canvas over the top so we kept quite warm.

There were over a thousand people at the sale. As a result of their protest, this farmer will not be foreclosed. He has only \$79 interest to pay and he has 30 days to get the money to pay it in.

The farmers around here are beginning to wake up and they are beginning to realize that they will all have to join hands and stick together if they are to remain on their farms.

WILL STOP FORECLOSURE AT WHITE CLOUD

This was the first mortgage foreclosure sale that the Newaygo county farmers saw and they were well pleased with the good results. We are planning to stop a foreclosure here at White Cloud, February 13 and hope we have good results.

Among the 16 men who went to the sale at Manistee was one woman and she is writing this letter.

ASK BANKER ON REFINANCE BILL

Chairman of Joint Stock
Land Bankers Assn.
May Write Bill

A farm mortgage refinance bill will be written for the Senate as the result of a decision, reached Feb. 7, by the sub committee of the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, which has been holding hearings on the subject.

The line of the bill has not been decided but it will be of "temporary" character only. While the committee isn't yet decided on what fake program they want, they know how they want it done. Senator Walcott, Connecticut Republican, stated that,

"No decision had been reached but that the idea that expert draftsmanship under the guidance of a capable man was being considered further as a result of conversations held in the first subcommittee meeting to consider policy matters."

LAND BANK HEAD TO DRAFT BILL

Just what this means to the

Last \$1 for the "News"

Mrs. H. S. Barritt, Dallas Co. Missouri writes: "Here is my last dollar, I can't do without the Producers News. When your taxes, interest, and mortgages get you where you don't know what to do read the Producers News it will tell you what to do."

DEMAND SOVIET BE RECOGNIZED

Farmers National Relief
Conference Favored
Recognition

A nationwide campaign for the recognition of Soviet Russia has been announced by the Friends of the Soviet Union. Conference will be held in large cities throughout the country March 12 and sympathetic labor and fraternal organizations will be asked to send delegates.

These conferences will start the collection of signatures to a petition for "full and unconditional diplomatic and trade relations between Soviet Russia and the United States." The goal is one million signatures by May first.

FARMERS BACK MOVE

The Farmers National Relief Conference meeting at Washington during December, 1932, went on record as favoring Soviet recognition and it is expected that many farmers will take part in the campaign instituted by the Friends of the Soviet Union.

The resolution of the Conference read: "Whereas the damming up of foreign trade, especially exports, has greatly contributed towards farmers' inability to market their product,

Therefore be it resolved that our U. S. Government give Russia equal recognition and facilities for trade enjoyed by other foreign countries."

farmers can be gathered from the fact that the sub-committee suggested had asked Angus McLean, chairman of the Joint Stock Land Bankers Association, to provide the "expert draftsmanship." One of the chief agents of the bankers in robbing the farmers is considered a "capable man" to relieve the farmers of their mortgage problems.

The senate suggests a banker to write the "refinancing" bill. The farmers know just what to expect from bankers. They also can see what chance of real relief there is from Congress' plans and programs.

NEW WEAPON WINS TENANTS A LEASE

Lincoln, Neb., Joint Stock
Land Bank Forced to
Grant Demands

Neligh, Neb. Feb. 7.—The threat of the farmers around Clearwater, that they would have nothing to do with any new tenants on the Van Vleck farm has proved effective. W. E. Barkley, president of the Lincoln Joint Stock Land Bank owner of the farm, has sent a signed lease for the Van Vlecks to the bank's local agent, E. E. Backwith.

The Van Vleck brothers gave up their farm to the Lincoln bank some time ago when they could not pay the interest on a mortgage. They asked for a lease as tenants. The bank demanded such terms that they could not meet.

When their neighbors heard of this they sent a signed statement to the bank, relating that if the bank leased the land to any other farmer, that farmer would be faced with the united enmity of the community. As a result, the bank could not lease the land to anyone else, and the Van Vlecks will remain there.

CONTINUE FIGHT

Demand Recognition of
Farmers' Grievance,
Work Committees

UFL LEADS STRIKE

Commissioner Discriminate
Against Farmers on
Road Work

(By the Farmers Strike
Committee)

Virginia, Minn., Feb. 11.—Ten farmers were arrested today for their activities in connection with the strike of 100 Markham farmers on county road work. The farmers struck because County Commissioner Koski refused to recognize their work and grievance committee, although he had promised to do so before election. The farmers are organizing to continue their fight and to win the release of the ten arrested farmers. The Farmers Defense Committee asks all farmers to send protests to Victor Koski, county court house, Virginia, Minn.

Markham, Minn., Feb. 10.—About one hundred farmers of Markham have declared a strike on county road work and are picketing the county garage and highways in the township in order to prevent any work from being done until their demands are granted. Deputy sheriffs have been sent to break the strike but the farmers have repulsed all attacks and are standing solidly behind their demands.

FARMERS SHOULD DIS- TRIBUTE WORK

The strike, which is under the leadership of the United Farmers League, is the culmination of a struggle between the farmers and Victor Koski, commissioner of the sixth district, the district of St. Louis county in which Markham is located. The farmers are demanding the recognition of their own township committee of action which would have charge of distributing equally among the poor farmers the little county work which there is. In past years the work has been given only to a few friends and supporters of the commissioners while the majority of the farmers have received little or nothing.

Victor Koski, the newly elected commissioner, in his campaign promised the farmers that he would recognize their committee and it was upon this plank in his platform that he rode into office.

WIN RECOGNITION TO FEB. 1

Early in January the U. F. L. branch in Markham called a mass meeting attended by 125 farmers, for the purpose of electing their

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EVIDENCE CLEARS SCOTTSBORO BOYS

Girl's Testimony Clears
Boys Forever Says UFL
Executive Committee

Superior, Wis., Jan. 28.—The national executive committee of the United Farmers League has sent the following letter to Judge J. P. McElroy, who presides over the county court in Birmingham where the nine innocent Scottsboro boys are in jail:

In the name of the thousands of toiling farmers in this organization we demand the immediate release of the nine Scottsboro boys. To continue to hold them is, we are firmly convinced, illegal and unconstitutional.

The letter written by Ruby Bates in which she declares the boys never touched her is sufficient evidence to clear the boys forever.

To hold these young boys in prison any longer bears out and exposes to the world the class of injustice of the courts of Alabama and the race prejudice policy carried out therein.

Signed,
JAMES FLOWER,
National Sec. of the United
Farmers League.

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FARM "LEADERS" TRY TO RIDE THE CREST OF THE WAVE

In a letter to the Producers News, Tom Horsford, president of the Montana Holiday Association gives us a pretty good picture of what he thinks of his job. He gives us a good idea of what the high-salaried farm "leaders" of the Milo Reno variety think of the farmers' struggles.

Horsford starts off as follows:

"We are devoting a lot of time to the stopping of foreclosures and evictions. We are educating some people, appealing to the conscience (if there is any such thing) of others and scaring the hell out of a lot of the mean devils."

Since this is the first time that we have heard of this part of Mr. Horsford's activities, we don't know exactly just what it means. We do know that the Montana press has carried no news of any united mass action being organized by Mr. Horsford to keep the farmers on their farms, and to prevent evictions and foreclosures. We think that Mr. Horsford has been arbitrating with the bankers and the mortgage holders, in order to "save" the farmers.

Why then, is Mr. Horsford pretending to organize the farmers in resistance to the bankers and their crew? He tells us himself in a sentence that could hardly be improved on for frankness.

"As I see it the tide of resistance is rising rapidly and we must ride the crest of the wave if we are going to be able to steer the ship."

The "tide of resistance is rising rapidly" Horsford realizes, as do Milo Reno, John Simpson, Taber, and O'Neal, the four horsemen of the National Holiday Association, the Farmers Union, the Grange, and the Farm Bureau Federation. The farmers are going out and fighting evictions and foreclosures. The rank-and-file is no longer content with "cooperation," county agents, or farm "relief programs" dictated from the top.

In their struggles thruout the country the farmers have elected their own rank and file leaders. As the tide rises, the old-line "leaders" and Horsford see the approaching end of their control over farmers. They fear they will have to go out and grub a living instead of being fed so many thousand per year.

So, says Mr. Thomas Horsford, "We must ride the crest of the wave if we are going to be able to steer the ship."

The farmers are fighting. The farmers have arisen in all parts of the country. They have stopped evictions and foreclosures. They have forced the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Red Cross to come across with relief.

What should be the leader's task? What do the organizers of the United Farmers League do.

They go out, organize the farmers, get them to elect their own committees to carry on the struggle, fight by their side in forced sales, evictions, relief demonstrations, etc.

Mr. Horsford does not have this conception of leadership. He wants to ride the crest of the wave—he wants to RIDE THE FARMERS.

He conceives of himself as a little tinplate Mussolini. Why do they want to ride the waves—or the farmers? In order to keep their well paid jobs and to "steer the ship."

That is what the bankers need right now; somebody to "steer the ship," to mislead the farmers. It is the slave ship of the bankers that is off course and the bankers want the farm "leaders" who have so long misled the farmers, to find some new means to steer it. Mr. Horsford is attempting this with fine phrases about how much he is doing for the farmers.

We thank him for his frank statement, and hope that all farmers will take careful note of it, and of the statements that their own leaders make in this regard.

AMERICAN PIONEER WRITES OF SOVIET UNION CELEBRATION

Petrozavodsk, U. S. S. R.—Dear Comrade — I received your letter about a week ago and have delayed answering it because of the October Revolution celebration in which I took part. I am a drummer in a kids' band which

was made up of a couple of months ago and is playing quite well for such a short time. The horns and drum were given free for our use by the Red Corner in our district. The celebrations lasted for three days in which most of the people of the Soviet Union took part. It sure looks great to see such a demonstration with so many taking part and the officers of the law doing everything they can to

GOV. PARK OF MO. REFUSES FARMERS DEBT MORATORIUM

The "sacredness" of contract is the reason why Governor Guy B. Park of Missouri has refused to hear requests for a moratorium that farmers all over the state have demanded.

"I am wholly in sympathy with the farmers and their troubles during this depression," he said "but there is no power in our Government that can impair the validity of contracts."

If the farmers of Missouri will save their homes they can do it only by the means that the farmers of Iowa and Nebraska have used—determined action of all the farmers. The governor and the legislature will soon learn that they can establish a moratorium on debts.

MORATORIUM IS PASSED IN IOWA

Governor Signs Bill; Will
Make Courts Agents of
Mortgage Holders

The farmers of Iowa have won a partial victory in the bill providing that district courts may declare a moratorium on farm mortgages until March 1, 1935. The bill was passed by the House and Senate on Feb. 7 and on the following day was signed by Governor Herring.

The bill provides that the farmer or other real estate owner may apply to the district court for a continuance of foreclosure until 1935. If the district court sees fit it may direct such action.

COURT AS COLLECTING AGENCY

If the application of the farmer is granted the court assumes custody of the property and directs the disposal of the rent, or income from the property. In this way the court becomes the agent for the bankers, other mortgage holders, and the landlords.

The law is a direct result of the vigorous struggle which the Iowa farmers have put up against foreclosures and evictions. It is a victory—or rather a partial victory. The Iowa farmers must organize to continue their struggles to keep the returns from their farm operations which the courts will try to rob them of for the mortgage holders.

BANKERS AGENTS TALK TO JOBLESS

400 Attend Mass Meeting
of Idaho Jobless at
Boise

(BY H. F.)
Boise, Idaho, Jan. 30.—Last Friday night over 400 attended mass meeting of the unemployed. A small percentage consisted of women.

Since it was a mass meeting the bankers' agents asked permission to do some talking. Among them were one preacher, the Superintendent of Schools, a lawyer with an axe to grind, a progressive-fascist politician, who was once candidate for governor here on the nonpartisan league ticket, and one woman, a former member of the Socialist party.

These speakers got a lot of wind off their stomachs; demagoguery, flag waving, and slobbering of sympathy for the unemployed.

PREACHER ATTACKS WORKER

The preacher made a personal attack on one of the workers for criticizing the Boise wood pile. This wood pile is Hoover's unemployment relief for this winter and is promoted by Hoover's federal employment agent here.

He concluded his remarks by quoting the Communist Manifesto "You have nothing to lose but your chains, you have a world to gain." Silence on the part of the audience greeted this remark. The unemployed were suspicious and only looked at each other.

MUST ORGANIZE

The necessity of organization and making demands were well stressed at the meeting. The impotency of the capitalists to solve the crisis was also well stressed. Charity came in for a withering criticism. All of our speakers emphasized inadequacy of charity.

I took a slam at "education." I showed that all of the efforts at "education" wind up in starvation in the midst of plenty and that all of the propaganda of the capitalist was designed to keep us in this condition.

CANNOT USE ARMORY AGAIN

The meeting was held in the U. S. Armory. The adjutant told the unemployed that they could not have the use of the armory any more.

The unemployed have not made any definite plans of action or drawn up any demands to be made on the city or state or federal governments. This will follow later.

The unemployed are divided over make it still better instead of hindering it as they do in the states.

ADS BRING RESULTS

TEN FARMERS ARE ARRESTED FOR STRIKE ACTIVITIES ON MARKHAM, MINN. ROAD WORK

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work or action committee. At the same time Koski had appointed his own committee for Markham, composed of only his active supporters in the election campaign. When the committee elected by the farmers went to demand recognition, they were refused it, but Koski, seeing that the farmers were determined to stand behind their committee, gave them permission to distribute the work until Feb. 1. Several times during the month, however attempts were made by Koski's committee to place their men on the job, but the farmers were on the alert and prevented the "scabs" from taking possession of the truck and the garage.

REPULSE SCABS

On Feb. 1 the "scabs" made the most determined attempt to get the truck but were repulsed by the masses of farmers who had gathered at the garage. The men elected by the farmers' committee went to work with the result that deputy sheriffs were sent down by Koski, the garage was padlocked, and the truck taken to Biwabik, a neighboring village. Koski expected to have a crew from Biwabik do the work but in this he failed, for as soon as the Biwabik crew took the truck into Markham territory, they were halted.

The garage was opened by one of Koski's representatives who saw that the farmers were not to be fooled with, and that if the truck were not placed in the Markham garage they would drain the water and let the truck stand outdoors with the result that the mo-

tor would get so stiff that it could not be started until spring. The truck is now in the garage in spite of the attempts of sheriffs to take it away.

STRIKERS ENTHUSIASTIC

The farmers have elected a strike committee of 25. They have elected publicity food, and picketing committees and are conducting the strike in fine, orderly fashion. The left wing Cooperative Store of Markham is giving its full support to the strike and the basement of the store has been made headquarters for the strikers.

There is a fine spirit of enthusiasm among the strikers and they are determined to fight until they win their demands. They have already elected two delegates to represent them at the workers' and farmers' relief march to the State capital, Feb. 20.

DEMONSTRATE FEB. 16

Young and old farmers, women, children, and especially the youth of the community are playing an important role in the strike. The farmers from neighboring communities have joined the Markham farmers on the picket line and are helping the strikers in every way possible.

Plans for spreading the fight all over the sixth commissioner's district are being formulated. The Strike Committee has called a demonstration at Commissioner Koski's office for February 16 at 2 p. m. to demand recognition of the farmers' grievance committee. It calls on farmers thruout the county to join in the demonstration, support the Markham farmers, and follow their example.

NEB. ATTORNEY GENERAL TRIES TO HINDER STATE CONFERENCE

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THE FARMERS OPINION

Concerning these individual points the farmers know that:

1. The courts have not declared these sales void, because they have not dared to. The farmers will go on struggling despite the court's decision or the opinion of the attorney general.

2. The farmers have rallied to save the farms, stock, and homes of their neighbors who could not pay and would have been left destitute thru the action of the banks and other mortgage holders.

3. Foreclosures have been stopped, not thru the goodwill of the bankers and their agents, but thru the might of the farmers. The farmers will not have their neighbors evicted even if "there is no chance for the farmer to get out from under his debt load, even under favorable conditions. These are the most destitute and impoverished farmers and must be kept on their land, even if the bankers and the rich don't get interest out of them.

"LEGAL" MEANS

4. Mr. Attorney General is too generous with his advice. The farmers have had a good taste of "legal means." Now they are using really effective means and the bankers and their attorney general are yelping.

5. The last point of the attorney general contradicts his previous statement. He tells farmers to look to legal means for solving their debt problems and then tells them that they can expect no relief from the legislature, except as far as future mortgages are concerned.

The farmers are not worrying about future debts, but about the present debts and the attempts of the bankers to collect them. Mr. Attorney General to the contrary notwithstanding, they can force legislative action in their behalf if they concentrate sufficient mass pressure on the legislature and get results OUTSIDE of the legislature by united mass action. Action talks—to bankers and their legislators alike.

Editor to Correspondent

WE REALLY DON'T THINK THESE BLACK SPOTS EXIST

Bethel, Minn., Feb. 3.—To the Producers News, old timers, and readers, I intend this letter for the farmer who has been living 30 to 35 years on the place and is faced with a sheriff's sale. In Teddy's time (Roosevelt) the farm was getting \$1 a bushel for wheat. Taxes were about one-fourth of what they are now. Now wheat brings about 50 to 60 cents a bushel.

KICKING IN WRONG DIRECTION

The farmers were kicking somewhat then but their kicks were in the wrong direction. There was some reason for kicking that time but they got the foolish idea in their heads that it was the worker who was robbing them. They had to pay a harvest hand \$5 a day and board, so they thought they should have \$1.50 a bushel.

Now old timer, have you discovered who robbed you. If you haven't I will tell you. The railroad, the food trust, have robbed you.

If a man had pointed out the truth to you, discontented farmer, 30 years ago, and had tried to get the philosophy of Karl Marx into your head, you would have called him an anarchist. If he had been unfortunate to have been born across the sea you would have told him to go back to where he came from. No, fellow farmer, I don't know how much your wages will be under a socialist society, but it would guarantee every man, woman and child everything that a nation can afford.

In conclusion, I am glad to see the farmers starting to move in

the question of whether we are too radical or not. The bankers will make an effort to get the leadership of the unemployed to wrangling among themselves.

some parts of the country as I am living in a locality, in one of the darkest spots in the Union, Anoka City. When the fake nonpartisan league started out with an automobile parade 10 or 11 years ago it was met with a mob from Anoka.

My partner was trying last summer to get the farmers together on a list to a good speaker, but they were afraid. What can be done to overcome this I would like to know.

Editor's Note: Those of us who have been militants for years are likely to get the wrong idea that the particular spot where we are living is just barren as far as organization possibilities are concerned. Pennsylvania is supposed to be a reactionary spot as far as the farmers are concerned. But the farmers there are hit by the crisis and they are getting organized and are struggling. What can be done in Pennsylvania can surely be done in Anoka City, Minn.

We would suggest going around with a bundle of Producers News, not holding a mass meeting as a beginning, but just go around, visiting say half a dozen farmers several times a month. Talk about the contents of the paper to them. Ask them if they wouldn't write us a story about their conditions for the paper.

Learn their conditions from their own lips. Ask them what they are going to do. Tell them what the farmers in Iowa, Nebraska, in other parts of Minnesota are doing.

To be perfectly frank, we think that some of the "black spots" our militants see are just black spots before their eyes. If you get a new slant on things the black spot will disappear and you'll have real organization.

Let's hear from you soon again.

BANK TOTTERS AND R. F. C. MAKES LOAN TO IT OF \$20,000,000

All banks in New Orleans were closed on Feb. 4 in commemoration of the sixteenth anniversary of the severance of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany in 1917. This new holiday was invented by Governor Allen in order to give the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company time to get a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

The R. F. C. agreed to make a loan of \$20,000,000 to the bank if it could raise \$4,000,000 from other sources and freeze 50 per cent of all deposits over \$10,000.

Some time ago the R. F. C. made loans to the Union Indemnity Co. and the Union Title and Guaranty Company of New Orleans. Last month both companies went bankrupt.

WIDE INTEREST IN S. DAK. MEET

Delegates to Conference
Will Represent 15
Farmers Each

Widespread interest is being displayed by farmers from all over the state in the Farmers State Conference to be held at Pierre on February 20-22.

Many locals of different farm organizations have already elected their delegates. Many others are writing in to P. O. Box 290 at Aberdeen for information and delegate's credentials preparatory to electing their delegates.

With foreclosures and evictions, low prices and high taxes staring the farmers in the face they can no longer wait for a Santa Claus to save them, but are taking matters into their own hands.

REPRESENT AT LEAST 15 DELEGATES EACH

Delegates to the conference shall represent a group of not less than 15 farmers. The committee has estimated that an average of \$6 per delegate will be sufficient to cover expense including eating and sleeping accommodations. The committee will arrange for these details as economically as possible. In order to economize on gas and oil it will be necessary for various delegations to cooperate so as to have four or more in a car. There will be a registration fee of \$1 for each delegate. This money will be used for such items as office and hall rent, paper, stamps, ink, etc.

The call committee has elected a legislative committee consisting of E. L. Bolland, Pierpont, J. W. Rystrom, Frederick, and Arnold Meyer, Andover. This committee duty will be to formulate some legislative bills relative to a moratorium, deficiency judgment, graduated rental tax on large land owners and other subjects of great importance to all farmers. These bills will be introduced into the legislature some time prior to Feb. 15, but will not be acted upon until the conference is in session. At that time these bills will be fully discussed and each delegate will have a voice in developing these bills.

WILL ACT ON RESOLUTION

All farmers are urged to arm their delegates with resolutions which will be submitted to the conference resolution committee. We farmers are driven to the last ditch (economically speaking).

If we were not we would still be looking to our big business men, bankers, legislators and high salaried farm leaders for relief. Because we are broke, it is doubly hard to carry on this work as well as doubly necessary that we do. In the administration and organization of this work no one is drawing any salaries or wages but in order to get it advertised in all counties in South Dakota, and as wide support as possible some funds are absolutely essential for gas, office, stamps and stationary. Therefore we urgently ask all the farmers to send any sum they feel they can spare for this cause.

BIG LAND OWNERS HAVE PROFIT PLAN

Bankers, insurance companies and other rich farm mortgage holders in Iowa and Nebraska have organized the Iowa-Nebraska Farm-Real Estate Association to find ways and means to get more profits out of their holdings.

The association proposes to get "owners" to run the farms, according to Howard G. Harrison, manager of the Omaha branch, mortgage loan department, of the Prudential Insurance Company. The Prudential is one of the big insurance companies that declared recently that it would stop foreclosure proceedings temporarily.

The association is really formed to see if these big owners can't get the workers from the cities, and farmers, with a few dollars left, to invest in farms which have been taken from their original owners by the bankers. It would only be a matter of time when the banks and insurance companies again owned the land—but they would have the farmers' and the workers' investment to distribute as dividends.

Doings of the Advance Guard

The list we present this week is not as long as it sometimes is, on account of the cold spell and storms almost everywhere. Between now and spring we will have some nice weather. We hope so anyway, and a lot of work should be done before the farmers start their spring work. This is a good time to mobilize all our forces and go to it.

Our organization is getting results and farmers are looking towards it for leadership. The farmers are getting to a point where they are going to have some say about how the country is run. They have left that part for somebody else long enough. Now they are creating their own leaders, picked from their own rank and file. By getting the Producers News to them we can help them along the proper lines. It is their paper and the only one standing squarely by them in their struggle for existence. Get a lot of new subscribers and renewals.

DOINGS OF LAST WEEK

Dave Hammer, Bagley, Minn., subscribes.

John G. Wals, Fessenden, N. D., sends a dollar for a bundle and sample copies.

Unemployment Council No. 29, Chicago, Ill., renews its subscription and orders receipt book.

Roy Miller, Frederick, S. Dak., is here again with two more subs.

H. Stolpe, Chicago, Ill., subscribes.

Albert G. Vreim, Wilmet, S. D.

se's stamps for bundle to be distributed at meeting.

J. T. Kron, Loup City, Nebr., sends us two subs.

DOING SOME FAST WORK

Julius Walstad, Claire City, S. Dak., orders his bundle increased from 30 to 50 a week. "I am having good luck organizing the U. F. L. I have 15 committees of action in Roberts county," he writes.

Hazel Kabin, Great Falls, Mont., sends us three new subs and one renewal.

Geo. S. Smith, Zoder, Wyo., renews for another year.

Workers Book Shop, Toledo, O., orders a weekly bundle.

Nick Vukelich, Spokane, Wash., pays for bundle and increases his order to 30 per week.

F. C. Wilson, Oceanpark, Calif., sends one sub and pays for bundle.

FARMERS READY FOR ORGANIZATION

Irene Hough, Richmond, Ind., orders a bundle of 25 papers. "An opportunity is opening up to get the farmers around here organized for the first time," she writes.

Miss Violet Fix, Ventura, Calif., sends one sub.

Frank C. Wilson, Ocean Park, Calif., pays for bundles.

Frank L. Ecklor, Everson, Wash., also pays for bundles.

L. Vomocil, Somerton, Ariz., renews his subscription.

Harold Brockway, Sumner, Wash., sends one dollar for copies of the paper.

G. Hocking, Gainesville, Fla., sends stamps for sample copies.

DOING GOOD WORK IN EAST

C. A. Helman, Chambersburg, Pa., renews for six more weeks. "Send me your valuable little paper. I think it is fine, just keep the good work going. If our eastern farmers would only take a stronger hold, but we are doing some good work already," he writes.

Elsie Hasee, Anacortes, Wash., renews her subscription.

Arthur Timpon, Gleason, Wis., send us two subs.

C. A. Hershaw, Arlington, Wash., subscribes.

Harry Pivick, Raven Rock, N. J. subscribes.

Third Bank Closed, Atlantic City, N. J.

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 4.—The Pleasantville National Bank, having about 3,500 depositors, failed to open for business today. It was the third financial institution in this vicinity to close within the last week. Pleasantville is about six miles distant from this city.

In the last statement issued at the close of business Dec. 31, 1932 the bank listed resources totaling \$655,518 and deposits of \$325,871-80.

Notice! North Dakota Farmers

The Producers News
will have a special reporter at the
Farmers Relief Conference
at Bismarck

Subscribe at once and keep yourself posted on what is going on at your capitol during the Conference.

Subscription: One year -2; six months, \$1; three months 50 cents; six weeks, 25 cents.

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NO EMERGENCY EXISTS IF YOU ARE STILL ALIVE SAYS JACK

Who is to say when a maternity is an emergency case? How would you like sadistic old Jack, chairman of the Sheridan county yes-men (Comrade Wankel omitted) pass on your case?

Isn't motherhood sacred enough that supposing, upon being taken to the hospital that a certain case proved not to be an emergency. The fact that this particular mother and child received the proper care and that they couldn't possibly have had at home offset the terrible (to old Jack) mistake that was made.

The United Farmers League says that it is too late to decide whether or not a woman should go to the hospital when she lies at the door. We say every maternity case should have hospital care at the expense of the county or state. Who is more deserving of hospital care than the women who year after year have put in many hours of toil each day long before old Jack and his yes-men were out of bed, again omitting Comrade Wankel on the committee.

When the Farmers Relief Committee of the U. F. L. met with the county commissioners to see what that body knew about emergency cases, we found the commissioners willing to leave it to the doctors who are paid by the county. Unlike old Jack's opinion in such matters was superior to their own. And every doctor admits that it is impossible to tell beforehand whether a maternity case is going to be an emergency case.

The county commissioners said that if you need glasses an order from Dr. Storkan was sufficient. If the condition of your teeth is impairing your health then an or-

der from either Dr. Hall or Dr. Storkan is all that is needed. Each individual case does not have to be brought before the commissioners. Imagine our surprise after receiving these direct statements from the county commissioners and after their showing these signs of sanity that the first case that came up—namely that of Leo McElroy, refused at the county hotel, Marie Hansen, member of the Farmers Relief Committee along with Dr. Storkan, started out to see what could be done. Leo was then admitted to the Plentywood hotel that is owned by the county where Mrs. Hunt, manager, pays the rent to the county by rooming and boarding the county patients.

The bed was fixed up for poor old Leo and everything went along just right for about an hour, when poor Leo's peace of mind was shattered by Mrs. Hunt telling him he couldn't stay there.

Leo then notified the Farmers Relief Committee of the United Farmers League who called up Storkan. Then Storkan called up Anker who was still in town and Anker called up old Jack who in turn called up the mayor. And they finally all met at the relief station of yes-men.

This to them, constituted a real emergency case—not Leo's condition but their own position. What a momentous decision they were being called upon to make. The main theme being how to cut down expenses without cutting their own salaries. The more relief the farmers get the less actual money left for salaries for themselves, so back and forth, up and down, around and around like so many dogs chasing their tails with old Jack, believe it or not in the center, snapping right and left.

When the dust cleared away they all went home to their well deserved dinners. A great job had been solved and Leo was left at the hotel. Leo notified the Farmers Committee that all was well at least temporarily. This untold aggregation didn't work as harmoniously as Jack's tried and true "yes-men". Had he had the plow, Reverend Simundson and that hat-rack of a Phil on the right and left, the decision in Leo's case might have been more satisfactory to the chief moron.

We, the Farmers Relief Committee of the U. F. L. demand the county commissioners again instruct the county doctors as follows: When patients call upon you for dental, medical or optical attention you are instructed to act as in other cases without calling up the county commissioners.

The Farmers Relief Committee of the U. F. L. also demands that the county doctors treat county patients "unofficially and stop buck-passing from one to another. You are being paid by the county for your "yes-men", yes, by the very patients whom you serve.

Much has been said by the Main Streeters in Plentywood about the Sheridan County Relief Committee (old Jack and his yes-men) working without compensation. As far as we farmers are concerned the only favors you can do us is to get off the job. Now, Jack, we feel that the government is generous out of all proportion to your ability in the matter of your salary. Three hundred dollars per month for using the rubber stamp in the post office should be relief enough to you. That gives you as much as 30 families receive at \$10 per month.

Yes, Phil, your salary also is out of proportion to your ability and while you are a grain buyer for the Occident the farmers also pay your salary—that is, if they haul your grain. And while you are only receiving one-third the salary of Jack, old Jack could handle you or any number of the likes of you as a sheep dog handles a bunch of sheep.

Now if Reverend Simundson's sermons are in accordance with his actions, his congregations are undoubtedly generous in the matter of salary. His beautiful furniture and modern house were a revelation to the farmers' wives, whom he called the sheriff and boundary hoppers to chase out when they came to see him about more food and clothing for their children. Is it, then, a sacrifice that this supposed man of Jesus should serve without pay of the relief committee?

Farmers, workers, this committee who have so stupidly mis-handled your relief funds should be forced to resign. Have not these gentlemen voted down Comrade Wankel's motion to increase the funds for January and February from \$14,000 to \$24,000? Whenever you freeze nights for lack of quilts or go hungry to bed or your children freeze their feet going to school, place the blame where it is due—namely our inefficient Central Committee.

3 Iowa Banks Try to Stay Open by "Holiday"

Clinton, Ia., Jan. 18.—The Clinton National bank, the City National bank and the Iowa Savings bank began a two week holiday on Wednesday under proclamation of the mayor.

The action was taken following a discussion Tuesday night at a meeting of Group 8 of the Iowa Bankers association, and is for the purpose of "stabilizing" conditions.

FILE INCOME TAX RETURNS EARLY

Charles A. Rasmussen, collector of internal revenue for the district of Montana, has issued a warning urging all taxpayers to file their income tax reports at an early date.

Due to the existing treasury deficit, as well as changes in the new income tax law, it is especially essential that income tax returns this year should be filed promptly. Because of the pressing necessity for transmitting definite information to Washington by March 15, the last day for filing, no extension of time for filing returns will be granted by the collector except in cases of emergency, or for cause due to illness or for absence from the state. Time-worn excuse, ordinarily offered, will not be accepted.

Special attention is invited to the provisions of the new law, which calls for the filing of returns by married persons with a net income of \$2500 or more, and single persons with a net income of \$1,000 or more.

File your returns early, and avoid explanations and penalties. The cooperation of all taxpayers is most urgently desired by the government, and will be appreciated.

PLENTYWOOD SCHOOL NOTES

First Semester, Final Works for Half Years' Work
High School Honor Roll
The semester honor roll: Freshmen, Charlotte Benson, Bernice Erickson, Florence Jesson, Lois Kent, Hazel Rasmussen, Arnold Smith, Thelma Wilson.

Sophomores: Jack Kjelstrup, Phyllis Nelson, Gertrude Overby, Marguerite Peterson, Richard Peterson, and Helen Stenehjem.

Juniors: Alice Barner, Gudrun Gysler, Alice Ridenour and Marion Robertson.

Seniors: Beatrice Debing, Mildred Erickson, Helen Everon, Alice Hendrickson, Mary March, Isabelle Porter and Jane Ridenour.

Those on the Honorable mention list are: Freshmen, Richard Gustafson, Leonard Hegland and Barbara Kjelstrup. Sophomores: Robert Johnston and Margarete Lang; Seniors: Walter Grönqvist, Mable Kent, Kathryn Kjelstrup and Arthur Marsh.

Honor Roll for Third Six Weeks
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Special Honor Roll

The following pupils have been on the honor roll each time it has been compiled this year and deserve special mention: Beatrice Debing, Mildred Erickson, Alice Barner, Alice Ridenour, Jack Kjelstrup, Phyllis Nelson, Marguerite Peterson, Richard Peterson, Charlotte Benson, Bernice Erickson and Arnold Smith.

First Semester Honor Rolls
Plentywood Grades

First grade honor roll: Jean Wilson and Josie Hoveland. Honorable mention: Betty Jane Stubblied, Martin Espeland, Lester Johnson, Arlin Undheim, and Gene Robinson.

Second grade honor roll: Darlene Pedersen, Lorraine Morey, Helen Gallagher and Vivian Weinand. Honorable mention: Clifford Espeland and Billy Wagner.

Fourth grade honor roll: Leona Smith, Ilo Nelson, Betty Bauge, and Ray Hansen.

Fifth grade honor roll: Grace Cummins, Carol Storkan, Camilla Salisbury, Betty Raess, Grant Morek and Nona Moore. Honorable mention: Dorothy Overby, Shirley Clay, Joe McIntosh, Pearl Manke, Evelyn Moore, Doyle Ziebarth.

Sixth grade honor roll: Shirley Erickson, Earle Monroe, Donald Peterson, Pearl Monroe, Mae Antonson, Gladys Cummins, Helen McDonald, Marjorie Koser, Melvin Johnson, Alvina Jergenson, Evelyn Lidahl, Connie Anderson, Jimmy Dean and Conrad Lund.

Seventh grade honor roll: Robert Benson and Frank Gustafson. Honorable mention: Roger Lewis, Alma Hegland, Stanley Peterson, Norman Lund, Jimmy Kollman, Harry Richards.

Eighth grade honor roll: Betty Lou Benson, Roger Christianson, Morris Lund, Ralph Oswald, Rodney Stambaugh, Margaret Storkan and Cecelia White. Honorable mention: Dorothy Strubeck and Vera Syme.

1500 FARMERS AT ENID, OKLAHOMA STOP FORCED SALE
(BY J. O. W.)
Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 29.—The Daily Oklahoman, leading daily newspaper of Oklahoma City carries a news item in this morning's edition about a foreclosure sale. It says that 1500 farmers came together and stopped the forced sale and eviction of a farmer near Enid, Okla. The sale had been called by a building and loan company.

Oklahoma is said to be the richest state in the union in natural resources. Yet thousands of farmers are being driven from their farms to join the unemployed in the cities. These farmers should set up their own committees of action and stop all forced sales and tax foreclosures.

ARMY OF FACTORS AT WORK IN HELENA

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)

The time for introducing more bills has now expired—344 house bills and 203 senate bills have been introduced, making a total of 547. Some of these bills have been and will be killed, but a godly number will become law, adding some hundred new laws to the several thousand we have already.

Shortly we will mention a few of the passed and killed ones of more and less interest to the farmers.

Abolishing the office of chancellor of greater university was passed by the house and is now being chewed over in the senate.

Both houses passed a bill permitting county commissioners to require able bodies persons seeking relief to work if deemed necessary.

Another bill was also passed urging congress to pass farm relief measure.

Senate bill, requiring all candidates to pay filing fees, was passed by the house.

House bill relating to the licensing of automobile drivers was killed in the senate.

In less than two hours the senate passed four house bills, killed five senate bills, introduced five senate bills and 11 house bills which gives an idea of the hit and miss work in the lawmaking department.

A bill was passed by both the houses reducing the mileage of all officers to seven cents.

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It is expected that the work will be done by local labor if the loan goes thru.

Shipment of Army Goods Is Received for Relief

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This allotment was distributed to the keymen in the county. In Plentywood the goods were handed out Wednesday morning.

Shoes and underwear is reported to be here soon.

John D. Ryan was one of the great financiers, and now he died. He was director of the National City Bank of New York, he was a heavyweight among the money getters, a leader among them, and with all his smartness, all of his money and ability, he run the whole system on the rocks and then he died.

In the last few years he lost ten million dollars. The city of Butte is partly deserted and never before has there been unemployment and starvation such as there is today. It is John D. Ryan's city, in years past there has been plenty of misery, but nothing like this. The great copper king could not save the copper, the bottom fell out of it, and he was one of the smart ones. One that the rest looked up to as a leader, and he failed, with the rest of them he tried to save the system of exploiting people, but could not do it.

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COUNTY SCHOOL AID DISTRIBUTED

Close to \$21,000 has lately been allotted to Sheridan county districts by the state equalization board. The money was received by our county treasurer last week and placed to the credit of the school districts as directed.

The funds are collected from the federal oil and gas tax and metal mines tax, and distributed for the purpose of enabling the schools to run the full term of nine months. The schools receiving no aid are either financially fixed so they do not need it, or they have failed to make provision for a nine month term. The fact remains, that the worse you are off the better you are off.

The aid only goes to the grade schools and were distributed as follows:

Dist.	Address	Amount
1	Dagmar	\$ 371.56
2	Redstone	None
3	Westby	2,394.10
4	Dagmar	1,350.21
5	Homestead	None
6	Medicine Lake	None
7	Medicine Lake	365.60
8	Reserve	168.11
9	Plentywood	477.76
10	Antelope	818.39
11	Antelope	None
12	Plentywood	None
13	Raymond	645.96
14	Medicine Lake	795.89
15	Dagmar	None
16	Froid	None
17	Redstone	858.31
18	Antelope	464.32
19	Plentywood	None
20	Plentywood	None
21	Dagmar	623.31
22	Westby	806.03
23	Plentywood	None
24	Plentywood	513.74
25	Antelope	None
26	Antelope	None
27	Comertown	545.86
28	Daleview	262.66
29	Homestead	None
30	Westby	584.76
31	Comertown	771.86
32	Redstone	556.75
33	Dagmar	717.79
34	Medicine Lake	83.13
35	Dagmar	529.25
36	Westby	162.45
37	Dagmar	None
38	Coalridge	496.53
39	Outlook	220.80
40	Dooley	1,365.37
41	Reserve	799.79
42	Outlook	395.06
43	Dooley	914.19
44	Westby	262.66
45	Medicine Lake	347.15
46	Archer	None
47	Reserve	1,087.83
48	Outlook	319.80
49	Daleview	335.14
50	Plentywood	321.90
51	Antelope	56.42
Total		\$20,967.88

Coffee an'

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—At a table set with golden knives and forks, the President and Mrs. Hoover were the dinner hosts. Around the golden laden table sat vice president Curtis, his sister and 69 other guests, including John D. Rockefeller.

And on the dumps in the cities they are picking up rotten fish heads and chicken feet and making it into soup.

And soon there won't be anything left of home sweet home but the tune.

And in 1929-30, while the Baldwin Radio corporation sold stock for \$34,208 to the suckers in Montana as safe investment, the company lost \$346,909.

And the "Globe Trotters" were refused a party basketball at the Plentywood school auditorium because it was a Negro team.

And when General Pershing is sick, they say his condition is "satisfactory."

And the Red Cross is sore because some people did not want to freeze to death.

And Miami, Florida, Roosevelt came pretty near catching a fish as "big as a whale," but it got away from him.

And turning shivering and hungry women away from your door is not a very nice thing to do.

And Republican Hoover says we should all support Democratic Roosevelt.

And the boundary hoppers put in their spare time guarding the relief committee.

And the county agents will be teaching birth control to cows and hogs as a solution for prosperity.

And the fellow who found a pile of condensed milk cans that he had found a cows nest.

And some crazy fool took a shot at Roosevelt.

Mr. Jack Bennett, Plentywood, Mont., Chairman of the R. F. Corp. Dear Sir:

Last night I was informed that the committee had discussed, that I bought a silk bed spread, the spread was rayon, costing \$1.39. I asked for underwear, house dresses and a corset but could not get my size. I wear size 46. My mother wanted a spread and some sheets. I handed them to her and she gave me the cash for same.

I sent to Sears Roebuck where I got size 46, underwear and hosiery.

Told In Brief

Luckies Make Millions

"The three years just ended—the most disastrous in modern business history—have been the most prosperous in the history of your company," says George W. Hill, president of the American Tobacco Co. in a letter to stockholders. "Such a record cannot be accidental; there must be a reason for it," continues Hill. Wage cuts for the workers making "Luckies" and the wretched prices to the tobacco farmers are the REASON.

Not in Favor of Farm Strikes

Minot, N. D., Feb. 8.—The North Dakota Legislature rejected a bill by the 46 vote legalizing farm strikes and empowering the Governor to call out the militia for protection of the strikers.

Dairy Farmers Desperate

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 7.—Governor Lehman was notified today that a milk strike is impending in New York State. Earl Liedlaw informed the governor that "the farmers are in a desperate and ugly mood." Dairy farmers average \$60 a month and this doesn't pay costs of upkeep. Small farmers get far less.

Calls Governors Conference

New York, Feb. 8.—President-elect Roosevelt has issued invitations to the 48 governors of the states to be present at a conference March 6 to take up such points as unemployment insurance and mortgage foreclosures on farm lands. This is a grandstand play to induce farmers to believe that their homes will be saved by the new administration.

Senate Fires Sergeant-at-Arms

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8.—David S. Barry, Sergeant at arms in the U. S. Senate has been fired. He lost his job because he indiscreetly wrote an article for Al Smith's magazine, the New Outlook, in which he said that Congress accepted bribes.

Auto Workers Strike Spreads

Detroit, Feb. 9.—The strike of the auto workers at the Hudson plant has spread to the motor assembly plant. This is the first time that a strike has been organized at a motor assembly plant.

Promises Higher Wages to Workers

Detroit, Feb. 9.—The Briggs Company, manufacturer of Ford bodies, has announced an increase in wages and better working conditions to the workers who are on strike. It continues, however, to refuse to negotiate with the strikers' committee.

Income Taxes are Lower but Taxes on Workers Increase

Total internal revenues collected by the Federal government fell 24 per cent during 1932 as compared with 1931. While income taxes fell 42 per cent other sources of internal revenue increased 14 per cent. These other sources include stamp and excise taxes. In order to relieve the rich of paying even what they are now paying the government is trying to introduce widespread sales taxes on the farmers and workers.

New Taxes on N. Y. Farmers and Workers

The New York State tax commission to revise tax laws, headed by Senator Mastick, proposes, among other items, a one per cent general sales tax and a one cent increase in the gasoline tax. Mastick is a Republican. Lehman the Democratic governor also proposes a sales tax of three-fourths of one per cent. In this way they want to make the workers and farmers starve even more so the rich can be freed of increased taxation.

42 Per Cent of U. S. Workers Jobless

New York, Feb. 13.—Approximately one-third of all "gainfully occupied" persons, numbering nearly 17,000,000, were unemployed in the United States in November of last year, according to the latest estimate of the Labor Research association, made public today.

Of all wage earners, the estimate shows, about 42 per cent are jobless.

New Machinery Increases Unemployment in U. S.

New York, Feb. 14.—A new knitting machine is on view at the Knitwear Industrial Exposition in Grand Central Palace, which will displace thousands of workers. The machine enables one operator to do the work of more than 3,000 persons knitting by hand.

Instead of more leisure for the workers this invention under our present system will mean only more unemployment.

Representatives Refuse Pay Cut

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4.—The members of the House of Representatives voted today not to cut their salaries. Some of the members made motions for cuts from the present level of \$10,000 to \$7,500 and \$5,000. They were all voted down with vigor. The present pay is \$10,000.

Steel Production Continues Downward

Unfilled orders of the United States Steel Corp. decreased 69,496 tons in January. This establishes a new low level. The steel industry is generally looked upon as an indicator for general industrial conditions. The new low of unfilled orders refutes the optimistic statements made about business improvement. It means, further, more steel workers unemployed and farther attempts to cut wages to keep up profits at lowered production.

Cold Wave Swept West

Extreme cold clutched the west this week and caused death to many people. Six were reported dead in Chicago and two in Des Moines, Iowa. Oro, a town in northern Minnesota, reported a temperature of 58 below, and the temperature in Nebraska went to 49 below.

16,500 FINNISH FARMERS FACE LOSS OF HOMES DURING 1933

3,537 Lost Homes During 1932 at Foreclosure Sales, Increase of Fifty Per Cent Over Previous Year

More than 16,500 farmers face eviction in Finland this year thru inability to pay their debts.

During 1932 a total of 3,537 farmers lost their farms thru foreclosure sales to pay off mortgages. This was an increase of 50 per cent over 1931. The government bought out 623 farms in 1932.

The government has been forced by the growing militancy of the Finnish farmers to make a gesture at providing them with some relief. Parliament has passed a measure providing for compulsory consolidation of farmers' debts and lower interest rates and another measure extending State mortgage loans to distressed farmers. (Measures similar to these have been introduced into Congress or suggested for laws by American politicians who want to "relieve" the farmers.)

These measures will aid only a small proportion of the farmers who face foreclosure. It is admitted in Finland that these "relief" measures will benefit, at the most 3,000 farmers. Nothing is being done however, for the great majority of those facing the loss of their homes and farms.

FARMER HAS NO COVERS ON BED

Has to Use Ragged Coats for Blankets; Holes in Floor

(By a Farmer Correspondent)

In one of your recent issues an article appeared by Hans Rasmussen relating to Storkan's pig and in another place a story appeared about the man who did or didn't steal a sack of flour.

The law put this man in jail but it doesn't help him get his property back that was stolen from him while he was in jail. Oh, no.

And I presume it's perfectly lawful for Doctor Storkan after being called three times to go a mile to see a sick woman bleeding almost to death to refuse to go. This woman was confined to a hospital for nearly nine months and has been in bed ever since which could have been avoided.

WAGES WON'T FEED A CANARY

Her husband has been working at whatever he can get to do at wages that won't feed a canary, let alone a family of five children. Last fall he worked for an ex-banker and still has some wages due him. And don't get it. What does the law do about that?

When he asked for clothing and bed clothes this winter the allowance handed us didn't buy half of what the children needed. On one bed there isn't a blanket or quilt of any kind. There are only some ragged coats to try and keep warm with.

HOLES IN FLOOR

The house is always cold. There are holes in the floor. The sick woman has had frost in her hair more than one morning. But this family can't even have a decent house to live in. The county is broke although it can pay a board bill of \$106 for a man who is supposed to have stolen a sack of flour. And a family of seven is supposed to live on 50 cents a day or two and a half cents a meal.

Then people wonder why there are no schools. The business element and capitalists are driving them to it every day and hour. Since the relief has been issued it has been noticeable in some stores that the prices on goods have been raised. But that's perfectly lawful, too. P. S. You may change wording to suit and add more if you see fit, but the above are nothing but true facts, and refer to no one but myself and family.

A Sheridan County, Montana Farmer.

INTRODUCE BILL TO STOP ACTION

"Conciliation" Provided Mortgage Holders by Robinson Bill

Democratic leaders are reported to be getting behind the Robinson plan of "conciliation commissioners" to relieve the farmers who are facing bankruptcy. The Robinson "relief" plan has been introduced as an amendment to a House bill which is supposed to "liberalize" the bankruptcy laws. Actually, Robinson's plan is to organize a system whereby the mortgage holders of the country can get as much out of the farmers as possible without the danger of "Sears and Roebuck" sales—where the bids are 5 and 10 cents.

TO STIFLE STRUGGLE

As such the bill is actually a measure to hinder organization of the farmers for struggle to save their homes and farm equipment.

The bill is based on "principles" approved at a conference of farm "leaders" of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Grange, the Farmers National Grange Corporation, the American Cotton Cooperative Association, and the National Cooperative Milk Producers Association.

ELECT DELEGATES ALL THRU S. DAK.

Miner County Farmers, Are "Rarin' to Go," Back State Conference

Every day reports are coming into the office of the South Dakota Farmers State Relief Conference showing that the conference will be the biggest event the farmers of the state have participated in. We reprint below one of the many letters that the secretary is receiving every day:

Howard, South Dakota, Feb. 1, 1933.

Farmers State Relief Conf. Box 290, Aberdeen, S. Dak., Dear Sir:

Mr. Anton Henden, of here hands me the correspondence you sent him. In reply will say that we are calling a meeting for next Saturday to elect our delegates to

the convention at Pierre on the 20th.

We have had two successful meetings since Mr. Sharp, of Bristol, S. Dak., and Mr. Helland of Forbes, N. Dak., were with us and am glad to report that we have covered the entire county with two or more representatives from each township as a Committee of Action and they are "rarin' to go."

I note that you have sent only five Credential Blanks for delegates, shall we make up enough more to take care of our bunch or will you have more of them here by that time? Look out for our "gang" at Pierre.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE ADLER,
Chairman,
Miner Co. Committee of Action.

FRAZIER PROGRAM WOULD AID BANKS

Mills Opposes Bill Because it Would Endanger Credit of U. S. Government

In a letter to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency, Secretary Mills admitted on Jan. 30 that the Frazier bill would relieve the insurance companies and the banks of a lot of bad mortgages.

He wrote that the passage of the Frazier bill would bring "into the Federal land bank system an enormous volume of loans without adequate margin of security required and no means provided for absorbing operating expenses and losses incurred by the banks."

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"Furthermore the assets of the reserve banks, which are the custodians of the reserves of our entire banking and currency system, would be largely tied up in inadequately secured long-time paper. "In the circumstances, I am convinced that the adoption of the proposed legislation would be ruinous to the Federal land banks system and would imperil the monetary standards of the country."

WHY MILLS IS OPPOSED

Millionaire Mills is not opposed to the Frazier bill because it would help the banks, or because it would not help the farmers, but because it would endanger the financial structure of the country by loading up the Federal Reserve system with a mass of bad securities.

FOUR TOWNSHIPS IN MINN. MEETINGS

Organize United Front Co. Committee in Far North

(BY A. R.)

Littlefork, Minn., Jan. 22.—We have just completed a series of very successful meetings in Koochiching county which came to a close last night with a meeting at the Littlefork Valley Club house in Cingmars township.

ORGANIZE ACTION COMMITTEE

This meeting last night was attended by a delegation of farmers from Beaver township, from Indus down on the Rainey river, and from Jameson township. These representatives from the leading farming communities of our county organized a United Front County Committee of Action with Arthur Boek who was our representative to the Farmers National Relief conference and was thrown into jail in Minneapolis as the acting secretary.

We farmers of Koochiching county appreciate the very able assistance which has been given to us in this campaign to set up our committees by our neighbor farmers from St. Louis county. All the meetings were addresses during the past week by Alfred Tiola of Markham, Minn. Charley Pelton of Pyla, and Reino Tantila who were St. Louis county representatives to the Farmers National Relief Conference recently held in Washington, D. C.

ELECT TWO DELEGATES TO HUNGER MARCH

It was decided at the meeting last night that Koochiching county would be represented in the Minnesota Relief March on our state government at St. Paul, on Feb. 20 when the farmers of our state will demand the stopping of foreclosures and evictions. Louis Myer and Austin Johnson were chosen representatives to this conference in St. Paul from the Littlefork territory and other delegates will be elected in other communities very soon.

During this series of meetings seven delegates have also been chosen by the young people to attend the State Youth Conference

MILLO RENO WANTS TO 'BUY AMERICAN'

Neglects to Say How Farmers Are to Buy, American of Otherwise

Millo Reno, \$8,000-a-year head of various insurance companies and self appointed head of the National Holiday Association has come out in support of the Hearst "Buy American" racket. He has adapted the Hearst slogan to his own needs—he wants the capitalist to build factories in the middle west to process agricultural products of the area.

This is the way in which Reno explains how the farmers are to benefit from Hearst's latest racket.

"I feel that to buy American goods would aid very materially in providing labor for American workmen," he writes.

"I am intensely interested, also in establishing institutions to process the products in our midst within our own confines. It appears to me that one of the important steps towards future prosperity is to establish these processing plants as close as possible to where the raw material is produced."

In this, Reno is joined by another farm "leader," P. P. Ceder, president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation. Ceder joins millionaire Hearst in the following fashion:

"We want Mr. Hearst and the Omaha Bee-News to know that we desire to co-operate to the fullest extent," he says.

Farmers around Sioux City last summer went on strike to get higher prices so they could buy, Reno helped the milk trust and its deputy sheriffs to break that strike. As a result of the robbery of the milk trust the farmers are having their living cut from under them. Telling them to "buy American" is just so much hypocrisy. Particularly so from Millo Reno who can buy American or any other goods on his \$8,000 a year salary.

to be held at Virginia, Minn., on Jan. 29.

We small farmers of the far North are coming to life, and we are going to refuse to get off the earth.

International News

78 Injured in Explosion

Paris, Feb. 7.—An explosion of a boiler in a vast Renault automobile plant in Billancourt resulted in eight deaths and injuries to 78 workers.

25 Per Cent of Corn Crop Destroyed

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Feb. 8.—Drouth and locusts have destroyed more than 25 per cent of Argentina's 14,331,000-acre corn crop now maturing, the Ministry of Agriculture reported today. This leaves the harvestable estimated crop at 10,625,000 acres, the smallest in years.

Burned to Death

Tisdale, Sask., Feb. 8.—Five people were burned to death and five others seriously injured when fire destroyed the Imperial Hotel here today.

Big Supply of Wheat on Hand

Reports of winter wheat sowings for the 1933 crop in 15 countries totals about 100,000,000 acres or 1 per cent less than the average of the same countries last year, says the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The world market is already burdened with a heavy supply. The U. S., Canada, Argentina and Australia, are holding 1,024,000,000 bushels on hand.

12,000 Arrested in Two Years

Athens, Greece.—From August, 1929, when the anti-Communist law was adopted, until December, 1932, 12,000 revolutionary workers, peasants and intellectuals were arrested in Greece in connection with their political activities.

Clashes Mount in Germany

Berlin, Feb. 12.—Eleven persons were killed and 23 were injured in political struggles over the week end. The worst clash occurred at Muehlen. Three were killed and 15 hurt.

Police at Braunschweig shot at two women who failed to leave their windows when a Nazi troop was passing. Fifty Communists were arrested in Dusseldorf.

Earthquake Kills Thousands

Peiping, China, Feb. 13.—Reports of several thousand killed in an earthquake in remote Kansu province were brought today by foreigners reaching Peiping from the desolated area.

The foreigners said the quake occurred on Dec. 26, destroying literally scores of towns and villages in the mountains of Kansu.

The extreme midwinter cold added to the misery of the quake victims, causing many deaths.

Martial Law Declared

Martial law has been declared in Bucharest, Rumania, and in several other large cities as a result of student unrest, objections to proposed salary cuts of government workers and labor disturbances.

Jobless Reach Nearly 3,000,000

London, Feb. 7.—The roll of Britain's jobless is creeping up to the 3,000,000 mark. The government figures give a total of 2,908,965 unemployed—17,464 more than a year ago. The actual increase is greater, as many unemployed have ceased to register, finding it hopeless to get a job.

35 Killed in Germany Since January 1

Since January first official records show that 35 persons have been killed in political attacks in Germany. Of these 19 were Communists, nine of whom were shot by policemen.

DeValera Is Re-elected

Dublin, Feb. 9.—Eamon de Valera was re-elected President of the Free State Executive Council by a vote of 28 to 54 yesterday.

Gandhi's Wife Imprisoned

Bombay, India, Feb. 9.—Mahatma Gandhi's wife, arrested last week, was sentenced yesterday to six months in prison because of her Nationalist activities.

Attack Aimed at Soviet Union

Geneva, Feb. 18.—Yonake Matsukata, chief of the Japanese delegation to the League of Nations has admitted that Japan's invasion of Jehol is as much a preparation for an attack on the Soviet Union as to gain new colonies for Japan. He stated in a preface to his speeches last December before the League, published Jan. 25, that Japan fears the spread of Communism in the Far East as a result of the very existence of the Soviet Union.

Try to Stop Rebellion

Amsterdam, Holland, Feb. 13.—As a result of the spreading rebellious spirit in the Dutch navy, extraordinary measures have been taken to stifle a threatened mutiny at the strongly fortified naval base at Helder. Nobody is admitted to the naval ground. Posts have been doubled and officers are on guard with drawn revolvers.

62 Killed in Explosion

Neunkirchen, Germany, Feb. 18.—Police estimated that 62 persons including 23 women and 5 children, were killed in the explosion of the Neunkirchen Iron Works gas tank last Friday. The explosion could be heard for thirty miles in the surrounding area.

Clergymen Urge Soviet Recognition

New York, Feb. 13.—Four hundred and thirty Protestant clergymen of New York state signed a petition urging recognition of Russia that was sent to President-elect Roosevelt today by the Fellowship of Reconciliation.

THE MILITANT PROGRAM OF AMERICAN FARMERS

Draft Program of the United Farmers League

BY-LAWS OF THE UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE

Article 1. This organization shall be known as the UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE. It is composed of real working farmers who have joined the Locals of the United Farmers League or its affiliated organizations, and who accept the program and by-laws of this organization.

The Purpose of the Organization

Article 2. The purpose of this organization is to organize the toiling farmers of the United States in order to enable them by common action to advance their interests against the exploiters, along the lines outlined in the Program of this organization.

The Membership

Article 3. Any working farmer, whose income is derived primarily from his labor and that of his family thru the tilling of the land, and who accepts the program and the by-laws of the United Farmers League is eligible to become a member of this organization.

United Farmers League Local

Article 4. Any five farmers, as described in Article 3, may form a local of the United Farmers League, by calling a meeting, signing applications for membership, and informing either the County, State or National Office of the United Farmers League about their action. After their applications have been accepted by these bodies, the Local will be sent all necessary supplies, such as membership books, dues stamps, etc.

The Local may cover a township, precinct, or smaller unit. Each Local shall elect a Secretary, who will function as the main executive officer of the Local. A Local may elect a permanent chairman or he may be elected at each meeting. Local meetings should be held at least once a month.

County Organization

Article 5. As soon as more than one local has been organized in a county, these Locals should call a County Convention and there build the county organization of the United Farmers League. At this Convention a permanent County Committee of the United Farmers League should be elected to conduct the work of the County organization until the next Convention. The election of the County Committee takes place at each County Convention.

The size of the County Committee is to be determined by the Convention but should be not less than five or more than nine for effective functioning.

The County Committee shall elect a County Secretary as the main officer of the county organization.

State Organization

Article 6. After more than one county in a state has been organized, a meeting of representatives of these county organizations shall be called in a State Convention to build the state organization. A State Committee of the United Farmers League shall be elected at every convention.

The State Committee after each convention shall elect a State Secretary as the main officer of the state organization.

Regional Conferences

Article 7. With the consent of the Executive Council, several state organizations may, from time to time arrange Regional Conferences to discuss ways and means of joint action. A Regional Committee may be elected at such a Regional Conference, with the consent of the Executive Council, if it is thought necessary. This Regional Committee is to direct the work of the United Farmers League over the entire area.

National Committee

Article 8. The National Committee shall consist of the Executive Council and one or two representatives from each state in which there is a United Farmers League organization. The size of the National Committee is to be decided on at the National Convention and its members are to be elected there.

The National Committee shall elect a National Secretary who shall be the chief officer of the United Farmers League and who shall be a member of the Executive Council.

The National Committee shall meet at least twice a year.

National Executive Council

Article 9. The National Executive Council, consisting of from five to seven members, shall be elected at each National Convention. Meetings of the Executive Council shall be called by the National Secretary. The Executive Council shall conduct the work of the United Farmers League on a national scale between meetings of the National Committee. The Executive Council shall elect a Chairman, who will aid the National Secretary in carrying out the work of the United Farmers League.

Conventions and Conferences

Article 10. County Conventions shall be held every six months. They shall consist of delegates elected by the Locals. The number of delegates and the date of the Convention are to be determined by the County Committee.

Article 11. State Conventions shall be held once every year. Delegates to the State Convention shall be elected at the previous County Conventions. The number of delegates and the dates of the Convention are to be determined by the State Committee.

Article 12. National Conventions shall be held once every year, and shall be called by the National Committee, or by the Executive Council acting on behalf of the National Committee.

Article 13. County, State, and National Conferences may be called by the respective Committees whenever in their judgment such a conference is necessary to discuss and decide on important organizational activity.

Affiliation of Independent Organizations

Article 14. Independent farm organizations which accept the program of the United Farmers League may become affiliated, as a body, to the National Office. The Executive Council may decide on such affiliation, this decision to be brought up for confirmation at the next meeting of the National Committee or the next National Convention.

Membership Dues

Article 15. The membership dues of this organization are \$1.00 a year, which are payable 25 cents quarterly.

State organizations shall buy their dues stamps from the National office at 10 cents each; county organizations shall buy stamps from state organizations at 15 cents; and local or township branches shall buy their stamps directly from the National office at 20 cents.

Per Capita Tax for Affiliated Organizations

Article 16. Per capita tax for the independent farm organizations, which are affiliated directly with the National Office, shall be fixed by the National Committee or Executive Council in agreement with these affiliated organizations.

Amendments to the By-laws

Article 17. The by-laws of the organization may be amended: 1. By a two-third vote of the National Committee, subject to confirmation of the National Convention or Conference. 2. By the majority vote of the National Convention.