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SAVE FARMER'S TRACTOR FROM MACHINE CO.

North Dakota Farmer Is
Not at Home When
Agents Come

NEIGHBOR WARNS

U. F. L. Gets Into Action;
Stops Tractor Five Miles
From Home

(BY E. S.)
Bonetrail, N. D., May 23.—A few days ago the farmers of Bonetrail prevented a machine company from taking a farmer's tractor. Oscar Nordien, the farmer, was not at home. His neighbor, seeing something was wrong, notified the United Farmers League Committee. In no time the committee was in action. The tractor had been driven about five miles when it was stopped and headed home again. This proves that only through mass action can the farmers ever protect themselves from the machine companies, the bankers, and the iron rule of Wall Street. This was our first experience and we shall see to it that in the future nothing is removed from the farm.

POLICE BLOCK RELIEF STATION

Refuse to Allow Farmers
Committee to Meet With
Wash. Welfare Board

(BY W. F. C.)
Bellingham, Wash.—Whatcom county farmers and workers gathered at Elisabeth Park in Bellingham between nine and ten on the morning of May 1. There a line of march was formed and we walked a mile and a half to the Welfare Board. Here a speaker explained to the people the reason for the May Day demonstration and the conditions facing the workers and farmers. A committee of 20 was elected by the people to present their demand to the Welfare Board.

MET WITH DEPUTIES
In order to get to the Board it was necessary to go up a narrow stairway. This stairway was blocked with deputies who refused to let our committee go up. We did not have the forces to force the issue through.

After an hour of speaking in front of the Welfare Agency and the life of march was reformed and we marched through town to where cars were waiting to take us to Whatcom Falls Park where the rest of the day was spent. The Welfare Board has consistently refused to meet with the farmers' committee. They say they have their program and we will have to accept it and like it. I am not so sure about accepting it and I know we won't like it. The only way we can break this offensive against us and stop the continual lowering of our living standards is for every worker to come out and do his share in a solid united front against these fakers who say we have got to take what they see fit to give us.

PROTEST MARTIAL LAW TO HERRING

Progress Being Made by
Ark. Farmers Protective
Assn. in Organizing

(BY M. B.)
Greenwood, Ark., May 21.—At our last Farmers Protective Association meeting we had Roy Miller and Mr. Fredericks. They report some new organization and some progress being made. Our local No. 15 is not really doing much yet. Our group appointed a committee of five to draft a letter of protest to Governor Herring on his declaration of martial law and jailing farmers in Iowa. We asked the appeal of martial law and the release of the farmers. It has rained so much here that farmers are getting badly behind with their work. We had a real hard shower of rain today which will delay work several days with crops almost lost in grass and weeds. Some are having to plant over, late as it is. I thank you for the three copies of the Producers News you sent. I gave them all away.

United Farmers League National Headquarters Changed to Minneapolis

In accordance with the decisions of the last Executive Council meeting, the National Headquarters of the United Farmers League has been moved to Minneapolis. The new address is 511 South Seventh Street. The organization will now begin to carry on its work in an orderly and systematic way which has been impossible in the past, due to lack of facilities. It is the problem of every one of us now to establish the locals of the United Farmers League on a functioning, dues paying basis, so that the National Headquarters will not be hampered in its work.

SMITH SPEAKS ON MICH. TOUR

Hoodlums Hurl Eggs While
Audience Is Leaving;
UFL Will Protest

(BY F. M.)
Custer, Mich., May 20.—Around 150 people attended a meeting in the Scottville Community Hall recently, at which Clyde Smith spoke. Smith is out on bond in the White Cloud case where he and George Casper were arrested because they were rallying the farmers against foreclosures and evictions. A collection of \$7 was taken up to help the International Labor Defense in the Smith and Casper cases. After the meeting was over some hoodlums with sawdust brain threw eggs at the audience as it was leaving the hall. The United Farmers League will protest this outrage. The people at the meeting were very much interested and a lot of literature was sold.

HAVE SLAVED FOR DECADES IN VAIN

Farmers Must Organize to
Run Own Affairs, Not
Let Money Sharks

(BY A. C.)
Pittsford, Mich.—A large percentage of the farmers here have not paid their taxes and cannot pay them. I have talked with farmers here who with their wives have worked hard all of their lives to get a home that they could enjoy in their old age and have failed to get it. Some of them are 75 years old. Some of them say that they will fight before they will allow the money sharks to evict them from their homes. MASS ACTION FOR INDIVIDUAL PROTECTION
The farmers in every township, county and state in this nation should organize in the United Farmers League and use mass action for individual protection against tax sale, foreclosure, evictions. Then we can run our business. If we depend upon money sharks to run our business much longer we will not have any to run. Yours for solidarity.

Guardsman Tells of the Farm Strike in Wisconsin

(By a Wisconsin National Guardsman)
I am one of the National Guardsmen who was sent into Shawano county to fight the farmers who were on strike. One afternoon we were sent out after the farmers. Before we got to them we started throwing gas bombs from a distance of 75 feet. The farmers turned their trucks around and tried to get away. We didn't do any clubbing then. We just threw gas and chased the farmers from there. Another officer came along and told us to go after the farmers. There were about 350 to 400 farmers and about 2,000 of us—1,500 guardsmen and 500 deputies. We got on the trucks and chased the farmers. Our trucks were much faster than theirs and we soon caught up to them. THROW TEAR BOMBS
The last truck of the farmers and the first truck of the National Guards started fighting. The guards threw tear gas bombs into the truck of the farmers. We drove up beside it and they threw several of the gas bombs back into our trucks. There was smoke between both trucks and neither the National Guards nor the farmers could see anything. The trucks were going

about fifty to sixty miles an hour. The trucks were about two feet apart. The National Guardsmen leaned over the side and hit the farmers over the head with their clubs. The guards were also shooting gas guns into the first and second truck of the farmers ahead of them. The farmers got up ahead a little, and then stopped when they saw they couldn't get away. The farmers jumped out of the trucks and started running across the fields. The guards jumped out of the truck about the same time as the farmers and started after them. Then they started beating the farmers over the heads with clubs. Some of the younger farmers got away, but most of them were caught. The older farmers got beat up the most because they couldn't run away. One old man 65 years old got his head split. A couple of rocks were thrown at us but there was very little resistance. LOCKED UP
After they had the farmers all rounded up, they put them in the captured trucks and the guards stood behind them with loaded pistols. The strikers weren't allowed to talk. If a farmer asked

where his son or his friend was, the guards poked him in the ribs and made him shut up. The farmers were put into the Fair Ground buildings and were guarded with machine guns. That was all the fighting there was. It didn't last long. The newspapers in Milwaukee said there were 15,000 farmers, but this isn't true.

White Walter Singler, Milk Pool president, was in hiding to break the strike, Governor Schmedeman ordered out thousands of National Guardsmen to club, gas, and jail the striking farmers.

About 10 per cent or less of the guardsmen didn't like what they were doing, but most of them bragged about hitting the farmers. They told us beforehand that the farmers had beat up ten National Guardsmen and some deputies. They told us stories about how terrible the farmers were until we were scared of them. Civilians

would come to us and say, "Well, tomorrow you're going to get a beating."
"GO AND GET THEM"
There were many scabs among the farmers, even though they were on strike. These scabs would squeal on the other farmers. One farmer said that his neighbor had dynamite and was going to dynamite the creamery. There was never any dynamite found, and never a creamery blown up.

We never got any notice before we were called. We were called and a few hours afterwards we were there, before we knew what it was all about. They just marched us from the army onto the train and away we went. There was no drilling or no saluting officers. We were just told to "go and get them." That was all our orders. Now we haven't even got our pay yet. The county and state are quarrelling over who is going to pay for our work. They furnished us with automobiles and ammunition, but when we left, they took all the ammunition from us up there. They didn't take the guns away until we got home. None of us knew what the farmers were striking for. We would talk about it sometimes. Some of the fellows would say they ought to get more for their milk. Some one would ask what they are getting now and nobody knew. Not even the officers knew.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION
TODAY—\$2 a year.

1912 QUARTS OF MILK FOR \$6.70
One farmer stated that he sold 1912 quarts of milk and received \$6.70 for same. His milk goes to Chicago. I think they sell it in Chicago for about 14 cents a quart. It is reported that only 50 per cent of the taxes in Wabash county were paid this spring. Unemployed relief is getting less in Wabash, and they are trying to get the unemployed to accept without any protest. Wabash county is trying to borrow \$20,000 from the R. F. C. to carry them through June and July.

INDIANA HEARS
UFL PROGRAM
Committee of Four Elected to Prepare Next Mass Meeting
(BY M. L.)
Wabash, Ind., May 17.—Three of us were asked to come down to Peru, Wednesday night, about 20 miles southwest to explain the program of the United Farmers League. One of us gave an outline of the National situation, another the situation of the striking farmers throughout the United States. I tried to sum up the U. F. L. program. The meeting rather broadened out until we had questions on Communism as well as on Soviet Russia. I was rather surprised at several farmer's stating that we would have to establish a workers and farmers government here to solve our problems. ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE FORMED
There were about 15 present. They formed an Organizational Committee of four, with the object of holding a mass meeting later. They admitted they could not hold on to their farms more than a year or so under the present conditions. We passed out several old issues of the Producers News. We did not succeed in getting any eubs; however, I think we will later. If you have anything you think might help them out you might send it along to them.

LABOR MARTYR AND WIFE



Separated by prison bars for more than 17 years, Tom Mooney rushed into the arms of his wife as he was released to be brought to San Francisco for a retrial on the frame-up charges of 1916.

Mooney Acquitted to Keep Frame-up Hidden

JUDGE AIDS PROSECUTION IN NEW TRIAL;
ORDERS JURY TO ACQUIT

Through the connivance of Judge Ward and the prosecution Tom Mooney was on May 24 in San Francisco prevented from having a new trial. He was found not guilty by the jury under orders from Superior Judge Lilis H. Ward. This acquittal sends Tom Mooney back to jail without having had a legal opportunity to prove to the world that he is innocent of the charges for which he has been kept in California's dungeons for 17 years. The prosecution refused to offer any case in order to prevent the original frame up on Mooney from becoming known through court testimony in the new trial. Mooney took an active part in the trial. He pointed out that District Attorney Brady had admitted his innocence in a letter written in 1926. The prosecution stated that it did not have enough evidence for the trial. Mooney pointed out that this, however, was the same evidence by which he had been kept in jail by four Governors, the Appellate and Supreme Courts, and should be offered to the jury. Mooney then read a statement in which Judge Ward had himself declared that he should have a full trial. The judge brutally refused all of Mooney's pleas and ordered the verdict of not guilty prepared through which Mooney will be kept in jail on the verdict of guilty made in 1916, robbed of a legal chance to prove his innocence.

BANKERS AIDED BY FHA LEADER

South Dakota Farmers Are
to Be Hog-Tied for
Bankers

(BY J. S.)
Sioux Falls, S. D., May 23.—A State Convention of the South Dakota Farmers Holiday Association has been called June 7 at Huron, according to the announcement of Emil Loriks, Secretary. Loriks says that either Milo Reno, the betrayer, or Bosch of Atwater, Minn., National vice president of the Assn. Reno's map, Friday, will address the meeting and take "a permanent part in the program." The main object of the meeting is disclosed by Loriks, when he says that a representative of the Federal Land Bank of Omaha, will attend the meeting to explain "the Federal refinancing program for farmers." F. H. A. TURNED INTO BANKERS' FORUM
Since Loriks has done absolutely nothing to activate the Holiday Association in the interests of the farmers, but has helped Reno to sabotage the struggle of the farmers against the loan sharks and insurance companies, they are now converting the Holiday Association into a forum for the oppressors of the farmers. Thus the Holiday Association becomes a weapon in the hands of the loan sharks, under the leadership of Loriks and Reno. The rank and file farmers are realizing that the one organization which is based upon the correct fighting principles, is the United Farmers League. A movement is on foot to oust Loriks from the leadership.

ARIZONA TEACHERS COLLEGE FIRES 12; 20 PER CENT CUTS

Tempe, Ariz.—About one dozen teachers at the Tempe State Teachers College will not have their contracts renewed for the 1933-34 school year. Slashes in wages total some 20 per cent over last year's wages. Governor B. B. Moeur has for many years acted as "godfather" of the institution, and the sob stories told during the election campaign related the history of the help rendered by the venerable doctor to the students and teachers of the college.

POULTRYMEN IN CALIF. ROBBED

Rich Farmers at Head of
"Co-operative" Decide
to Keep \$75,000

(By a Petaluma Farmer)
Petaluma, Calif., May 17.—The Poultry Producers of Central California received from the railroad companies \$75,000 as a refund on icing overcharges on eggs during the years 1925-1929. Many farmers have signed petitions demanding that the money be returned to those that shipped eggs during those years, but the board of directors declined to grant this demand and instead decided to keep the money as a reserve fund. FLOCKS TAKEN BY FEED COMPANIES
The farmers surely need those few dollars as with the prices of feed rising almost every day and egg prices hardly moving at all the poultryman is very hard pressed. Some of the poor farmers that have an interest in this refund were forced to give up membership in the Association for the reason that their flocks have been taken away from them by the feed companies. But it seems that the rich farmers on the board of directors with their \$10,000 a year manager do not feel the pinch of the crisis and they need a reserve fund maybe to put up some expensive building like the one they have put up in San Francisco.

500 NORTH DAKOTA FARMERS GATHER TO PREVENT FORCED SALE IN UNITED FRONT ACTION

TITLE TO BANK

Farmer Owned Quarter
Section Clear; Now
Faces Eviction

SYMPATHY GUSHES

State Holiday President
Gives No Advice When
Farmers Ask It

(BY ASHBEL INGERSON)
Flaxton, N. D., May 20.—What is behind the attempted eviction of Ole Slotve from his homestead near Powers Lake? As near as the writer could find out the farm had never even been mortgaged until about a year ago. GOT TITLE BY TRICKERY
Mr. Slotve who is well thought of among his neighbors and is known as one of the best and most hardworking farmers of his locality had to go through bankruptcy two years ago. In doing this, he was, of course, to keep title to his homestead which had never been mortgaged anyway. However Slotve's creditors, among whom was the bank at Powers Lake, got some sort of title to the homestead and forced Slotve to sign a mortgage. The bank got the land and a part of the crop last year, even though Slotve had no contract as a renter. Next, the bank got a court order from Judge Lowe ordering the sheriff, Jim Doyle, to evict Slotve from his home and farm. By these means, in the course of a couple of years, Ole Slotve was transformed from a mortgageless farmer with a quarter of land into a renter, a sharecropper, about to be turned out into the road without a home.

NEW DEAL HITS WAR VETERANS

35 Ex-Servicemen in Mont.
Soldiers Home Cut Off
From All Aid

(By a World War Veteran)
Montana Soldiers Home, Columbia Falls, Mont., May 17.—We do not know where we stand at the present time. Thousands of soldiers are being put out of the National Home, to be a burden to charity and county commissioners. We will not know until July 1, 1933, what is going to happen. Thirty five here have been cut off from all Federal aid, that is their pension has been cut off completely. Some are sick and crippled. Ten dollars was allowed for each soldier in the State Home by the Federal Government, for his upkeep. This has been cut off which means \$350 that the taxpayers have to pay each month for the Montana Soldiers Home upkeep. WILL BE THROWN ON COUNTY
The Home was previously allowed \$4500 a year for maintenance. Now that has been cut to \$3500. If we are put out of the Soldiers Home we will fall on the county. Billions of dollars are now being used to build ships to slaughter the sons and daughters of the farmers and workers in the near future. The veteran will be told to beg at his neighbors back door, while many a soldier's wife and children go hungry. This is something that should be studied by the people.

JOBBLESS GREET WISCONSIN AND IOWA FARMERS

Port Angeles, Wash. May 24.—We the Unemployed Council of Port Angeles send greetings of solidarity to the striking farmers in Wisconsin and Iowa. Unemployed Council of Port Angeles.



GUARDSMEN USED TO BREAK STRIKE

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RENO AND ROOSEVELT

The bitterness of the farmers thruout the country, and particularly the Holiday farmers, at the calling off of the strike by Milo Reno, president of the Holiday Association, and his colleagues, is shown by the latest issue of the Holiday News, Reno's own paper.

The resentment of the farmers can be seen, not from what they say (for Milo allows them to say nothing) but because Reno and his man Friday, A. C. Townley, find it necessary to devote this issue of the Holiday News to an extended defense of their unexampled betrayal of May 12.

Their main line of defense is Roosevelt. Reno attempts to avoid the issue of the betrayal of the farmers strike struggle by building up their faith in Roosevelt and his "pledges." Roosevelt has not had a chance yet, says Reno. Just on May 12, the day the strike was called off, "There was a twinkle in President Roosevelt's eye that hinted that he would do something."

This Roosevelt "twinkle" was the real reason. The Holiday leaders are attempting to use the Holiday association as a political weapon for the Democratic party, as a political lever to keep farmers lined up behind Wall Street.

John Simpson, president of the Farmers Union was in Washington, and still is. He saw the "twinkle" and called up Reno by long distance phone to tell him to call off the strike. Governor Olson had been in Washington and told Reno the same thing.

The "twinkle" was an order on behalf of Wall Street, from Roosevelt to the Holiday leaders, to break the strike sentiment of the farmers.

Reno tries to conceal the fact that this was an order. He tells us that Roosevelt made certain pledges in his campaign, and when he signed the farm bill and to Governor Olson. He should be given a chance to show whether the bill is "workable," says Reno, and if the letter of the law will be carried out.

On May 10 when Congress passed the farm bill without the "cost of production" amendment which Simpson had sponsored, Reno said, "That amendment was the one measure which might have prevented us from striking. Now the farmers must either lie down and accept peasantry or battle to a finish."

Now he tells the farmers that this same bill is a good bill which will benefit the farmers if it is "carried out in the spirit as well as in the letter." He wants them to believe in this farm relief bill as their salvation, IN ORDER TO DIVERT THEIR MINDS FROM MILITANT STRUGGLE IN DEFENSE OF THEIR LIVES AND HOMES.

"The Farm Holiday movement . . . has again turned its face to Washington and again confirmed its faith in the power, resourcefulness of President Roosevelt."

The LEADERS are trying to win back the waning faith of the farmers to Roosevelt, to capitalist relief plans, to Wall Street's solution for the crisis.

The only thing that Reno can point to is Roosevelt's request to the mortgage holders that they do not foreclose. "This request . . . is in fact an order," says Reno. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Roosevelt's requests are orders—sometimes.

When Roosevelt makes requests to his masters the insurance companies and bankers, they are just that much wind or paper. WHEN HE MAKES REQUESTS TO WALL STREET'S SERVANTS LIKE RENO, THESE REQUESTS ARE ORDERS.

The Holiday leaders "WILL NOT EMBARRASS THE ADMINISTRATION."

This is the order that Reno, Townley and Co. have received from their masters.

Farmers can be foreclosed on. They and their wives and children can be driven onto the barren highways. Their life's toil can be plundered by the bankers. They can suffer hunger, misery, and disease. Their children can go ragged and barefoot to school. They can be driven to the abyss of destruction.

BUT THE HOLIDAY LEADERS "WILL NOT EMBARRASS THE ADMINISTRATION."

In order to accomplish this the better they cover up their treachery by further promises. "I pledge you we shall never lose sight of the goal until it is reached," says Reno talking of the "cost of production."

Farmers, "BY THEIR DEEDS SHALL YE KNOW THEM," not by their words. IN WORDS Reno promises results. In DEEDS he betrays the farmers to Wall Street.

Reno is not alone in his treacherous promises. Thruout the country his agents are carrying on the same tactics to keep the farmers bowed down and submissive.

The Executive Board of the Wisconsin Holiday "unanimously approves your decision on truce."

"Congratulations on your superb generalship in farm strike situations," writes Emil Loriks, South Dakota Holiday leader.

"I believe you acted wisely in your decision," says R. L. Rickard, president of the Oklahoma Holiday Assn., to Reno. "I heartily agree with you in your order to suspend the strike May 13" he adds.

"Calling off the strike, under present conditions, was one of the greatest achievements of your life," telegraphed F. C. Crocker, vice president of the Reno Holiday Assn. of Nebraska (not to be confused with the Madison county plan association.)

All we have had from Roosevelt is a farm bill and "pledges." The provisions of the bill do not permit of relief to the farmers. Roosevelt wants us to suffer while his bill is given a trial of some years. Reno uses his influence among the farmers to put across this Roosevelt maneuver—to keep the farmers quiet.

If we are to win some measure of relief from this present misery we cannot wait. We must organize and struggle now, regardless of Reno, Townley, Singler, and their ilk.

The visions they hold before us lead to the swamp. Organized action and struggle will win us relief, will stop foreclosures and evictions, win us higher prices.

TERROR THREAT BY NEWSPAPER

South Dakota Farmers Will Not Be Intimidated By Bankers Press

Aberdeen, S. D., May 15.—On May 3, two days after the May Day demonstration the American News of this city published an editorial threatening the farmers and workers of Brown county with all kinds of dire consequences if they continued their struggles against evictions and foreclosures and for relief.

The American-News had the effrontery to tell the farmers in the editorial that it was "not publishing these laws with any thought in mind of holding out a threat."

DEMAND TERROR AGAINST FARMERS

It does, however, contrast the lack of force used by the sheriff of Brown county with that used by the sheriff of the adjoining county, Day county.

It quotes the "law" at length, under the following heads:

"Riot Defined, Punishment for Riot, Riot Defined, Unlawful Assembly Defined, Punishment for Riot or Unlawful Assembly, Warning to Disperse, Refusing to Arrest Rioter, Criminal Syndicalism, Combinations to Resist Process, Obstructing Officer in Performance of Duty, Attempt to Intimidate Officers," and so on.

CANNOT INTIMIDATE FARMERS

The farmers of Brown county are not going to be intimidated by such threats. They are going to continue their struggle for their homes and lives.

The farmers of Palmyra township drew up the following resolution on May 11 in answer to the editorial in the American-News.

"To the Editor of the Aberdeen American News:

"We, the farmers of Palmyra township, gathered in meeting on May 11, 1933, condemn such editorials as published in 'American News' of May 3, 1933. This editorial is an attempt to force the sheriff to use terror on the organized farmers who are protesting against foreclosures and evictions.

"The editorial shows the sympathy of the 'American News' is not with the farmers, but indicates that it supports mortgage companies and bankers, who are taking advantage of the farmers during this crisis (for which the farmers are not responsible) by taking their farms and homes.

"We maintain that such editorials as this would be responsible for violence, if any should occur. We farmers are peaceful but determined to retain our home.

"Signed:
"J. W. RYSTROM,
"Chairman."

League Program Is Out

Step right up, fellow farmers. The United Farmers League program are now ready. The hundreds of farmers who have asked how to organize the League and what the by-laws are will find the answers in this handy 24-page pamphlet, attractively illustrated. The name is "A Militant Program for American Farmers" and the individual price is 5 cents.

In lots of 25 the price is 4 cents each and in lots of 100 or over the price is 3 cents, plus postage. All orders must be accompanied by cash or will be sent C. O. D.

The addresses of the state secretaries of the League and two songs you will want to sing at your meetings are included in the pamphlet. You can get your copy from:

The Producers News,
Plentywood, Montana.
Or from:
United Farmers League,
511 South 7th St.
Minneapolis, Minn.

GRAIN GAMBLERS PLEDGE SUPPORT TO FARM "RELIEF"

Chicago, April 29.—President Peter B. Carey pledged the full cooperation of the Chicago Board of Trade today to the Department of Agriculture in its effort to aid agriculture under the new relief bill.

He sent the following telegram to President Roosevelt:

"On the occasion of the passage by the Senate of the Farm Relief bill, I wish to pledge to you and your associates charged with the administration of the act, hearty cooperation of the Chicago Board of Trade."

The grain gamblers realize that the Roosevelt farm relief bill will not aid the farmers and therefore endorse it heartily.

Put a Stamp on Your News and Send It to a Friend

(BY H. A.)

Strool, S. D., May 21.—I have a plan for building the organization or rather helping build it.

To every member of the United Farmers League.

To every member of the UNITED FRONT of farmers and workers.

To every reader of the Producers News:

After you finish reading the Producers News put a stamp on it and send it to some friend or acquaintance in another part of the country where you think the people are as yet unorganized.

Write your friend a letter, tell him what you are doing in the way of farmers organization work, urge him to subscribe for the NEWS, and urge him to start organization work in his own community. Give him the address of the National Headquarters of the United Farmers League—511 South Seventh Street, Minneapolis, Minn.—so that he can write there for information.

If there is a member of the State Committee for Action close tell your friend to get in touch with him and he will help organize.

For instance, there are six hundred members of the United Farmers League in Roberts county, South Dakota. Out of that number there might be half a dozen that are acquainted in Perkins county. Through that number of contacts we might start several new locals. If every one sent a paper and a letter each week it would be a cheap and effective way to spread UNITED FRONT.

500 DAKOTA FARMERS GATHER TO PREVENT A FORCED SALE

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ers who had gathered there to help him thought he had settled too easily and to the advantage of the bankers.

EVICTON POSTPONED

What was the settlement? Slotve is the owner of his own farm this season—until November. Then the bank can lease it to him again if he wants to. The bank had Slotve sign a bond to the effect that if they want him to leave the place then he agrees to leave peacefully. It is a sort of "peace bond" and others signed with him to guarantee Slotve's action.

The bank merely agreed not to evict him now but to wait until some other time, when, if they want to, they can do it easier and more conveniently. I also understand that there is some sort of agreement that Slotve is to have the first chance to buy the farm—if they want to sell, and he has the money—that they stole from him. That is the "victory" that was won for him.

BARRETT OFFERS UNITED FRONT

After it became apparent that it would be necessary to stop an eviction that day a meeting was held right there to discuss the case and decide on future action. The meeting was called to order by E. J. Marks and Frank Witte of Larson was made chairman. Marks spoke first and reported on his activities in the case. He did not criticize the officials, Lowe and Langer, for their refusal to take the side of us poor farmers, and mentioned that he probably had prevented bloodshed by settling the matter for him.

TITLE GOES TO BANK THROUGH TRICKERY, THREATENS EVICTION

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Langer to send the state militia to protect Slotve and asking Burdick to send advice and instructions as to how to proceed.

SLOTVE AND MARKS MAKE HAD BARGAIN

Soon after this Mr. Slotve, who apparently was somewhat reluctant to resist the law, asked Mr. Marks to go with him to see if they could get the case settled in some other way than by the mass action of his fellow farmers.

While Slotve and Marks were in the office of an attorney at Bowbells, Governor Langer called Marks by telephone from Bismarck. He had taken notice of the telegrams to that extent and he wanted to do something to pacify the farmers.

Slotve and Marks then went to see Judge Lowe. Lowe, who had called and heartlessly issued the order for the eviction of Slotve only a few short months ago, now gushed over with sympathy. He, however, did nothing for them except write a letter to (I think) the receiver of the bank, asking him to settle the matter with Slotve. Lowe, like other officials who represent the bankers is "sympathetic" when it is necessary to save his own face.

Marks and Slotve then went to Bismarck to see Governor Langer to get him to send the state militia to stop the eviction, as he had promised that he would do. They saw the Governor and he also had lots of sympathy and was sorry, but he could do nothing. They realized with a shock that the Governor's promises were no good. Governor Langer had the lame excuse that Judge Lowe's eviction order was out before his proclamation and therefore he could do nothing.

The two came home again, much disillusioned. Slotve felt dejected and hopeless and his fear of violence in resisting the law and stopping the eviction made it easy

for the bank to make an unjust settlement with him, a settlement all to the advantage of the bank.

ONLY MASS ACTION WILL WIN

We have learned much from this case. We now know that the farmers will turn out to prevent evictions. A good crowd came out although there were rumors that the affair had been settled. If we farmers here were not organized for direct action Ole Slotve would be evicted from his farm home today.

We have learned that Governor Langer will not protect us with his state militia and that we must depend on our own mass power. Although Mr. Burdick was wired several times he did not even send any instructions or advice as to how to proceed. For some reason he did not see fit to reply.

And we have learned that we must have strong committees to handle cases like this—committees that the banker cannot talk into a settlement all in his favor (the banker's favor and who will instill some confidence into the banker's intended victim instead of scaring him by talking of bloodshed all the time.

LUX AND TAYLOR TOURING NEBRASKA TO BUILD DEFENSE

Harry Lux, militant Holiday leader, and Charles E. Taylor, National Chairman of the United Farmers League, are now touring Nebraska to build a state defense organization to protect the farmers in the attacks which are being made on them through the courts.

Lux, himself, is out on \$10,000 bail for fighting in the front rank of the Nebraska farmers against evictions. The State Defense organization is being built up in conjunction with the Farmers National Defense Bureau, which was set up by the Farmers National Committee for Action.

DEMAND OLSON END EVICTIONS

Agent of Rural Credits Bureau Threatens Use of Militia

Palisade, Minn.—The following letter was sent to Governor Floyd B. Olson recently by the secretary of the Palisade local of the United Farmers League.

"Governor Floyd B. Olson

"St. Paul, Minn.,
"As secretary of the local unit of the United Farmers League I wish to call your attention to the contemplated eviction of Otis Dagle of Bemidji by the Rural Credit Bureau.

"I met Mr. Dagle at the Farmers National Relief Conference at Washington D. C. where we were delegates. He told me of the struggle he had had with the Rural Credits Bureau.

"That and other local cases which has come to my attention proves beyond doubt the heartless demagoguery of the officialdom of the Farmer Labor Party.

250 FARMERS ACT

"Mr. Parker of the Department while in Aitkin in connection with the attempted eviction of O. A. Shanbaltzer, an aged and crippled farmer, which was prevented by the timely action of the 250 militant farmers under the leadership of the United Farmers League last April 8, has made threats of the use of the militia in carrying out this eviction.

"This has proven to us that the leadership of the Farmer Labor party is a bunch of capitalist tools whose mission is to aid the bankers and mortgage holders and have no intentions of doing anything for the poor farmers and workers except to bludgeon the last red cent from them for the mortgage sharks.

MORATORIUM IS FAKE

"The so-called mortgage moratorium bill passed by the last legislature and signed by you is only another example of the demagoguery of the Farmer Labor Party as it says not a word about evictions and will not stop foreclosures.

"The fact that it took 90 days to pass a lower license law on old automobiles and only four hours to pass three bills for the bankers shows conclusively that the Farmer Labor Party knows "its masters voice."

PROTEST EVICTION

"In the name of the local unit of the United Farmers League I protest the contemplated eviction of Otis Dagle and the heartless administration of the Rural Credit Department and demand that you as governor use your authority to stop this eviction.

"BRUCE TAYLOR,
"Sec. United Farmers League."

MICH FARMERS TO HOLD STATE RELIEF MEETING

Plymouth, Mich., May 7.—A Michigan State Farm Conference will be called in the near future. We have been slowing down in our work. Therefore, we must act immediately.

It will not even pay us to raise any crops this year. We must follow the example of the Iowa and Pennsylvania farmers. We must draw up a program of action.

For further information and suggestions write to:
Regional Sec., Farmers Committee of Action,
Otto Wittrick,
Route 1, Plymouth, Mich.

WANT PLAYS FROM FARMERS' GROUPS IN OTHER SECTIONS

(BY R. M.)

Greenwood, Ark., May 8.—The Union Valley local of the Farmers Protective Association is going to give a one-act play Thursday, May 18, called "Until the Mortgage Is Due." Juanita Wright is director of the play and Laellie Woodhull is singing director.

All of the young folks know the most popular songs among the organized farmers—Workingmen Unite, Solidarity, United Farmers. If any other group of farmers has some good plays we would appreciate it if they would send them to our chairman, John Woodhull, Barling, Route 1.

MUCH INTEREST IS SHOWN BY MEMBERS IN NEW ARK. LOCAL

(BY R. M.)

Union Valley, Ark., April 27.—Four weeks after the farmers Protective Association Local No. 1 was formed in Sebastian county with 42 members, the organizers returned at the request of the membership.

H. Fredericks talked on farm relief and the old and new type of farm organization. Miller spoke on special points pertaining to carrying on local struggle and conducted a question period. Many questions were asked showing that the farmers are wide awake and interested in the situation today.

Many more farmers joined the organization and they are holding regular meetings.

Renew Your Subscription Now

Doings of the Advance Guard

Keep the paper going and keep it growing is one of the most important tasks before us. Keeping an organization together without a paper is almost an impossible job. The Producers News is the official paper of the U. F. L. and every member should read it.

We are trying to make our paper better, and we are making it better, by getting people all over the country to write letters and articles for it, telling about their local conditions and troubles.

Farmers in one little spot can not put up an effective fight without knowing what other farmers are doing. By reading the Producers News the farmers can always keep themselves well posted and guided.

Boosting the Producers News, and telling how important it is for farmers to subscribe for it and read it is something that should be done at every meeting and every place else wherever there is a chance.

Get more farmers to subscribe and get them to read it is absolutely necessary in order to keep the paper going.

The contest now stands as follows: John Boulds, Mont., 388 points; Harry Gullbank, Wis., 58; F. L. Edwards, N. Dak., 30; Frank Denk, Wis., 23, and Pat Barrett, N. Dak., 16 points. John Boulds is still going.

DOINGS OF LAST WEEK
Casper Richman, Crow Wing Co. Minn., pays for weekly bundle.
John L. Johnson, Snohomish Co. Wash., subscribes for six months, four points.
Steve Kochis, El Paso Co. Colo., also subscribes for half a year, 4 points.

Frank Witt, Burke Co. N. D., sends us seven subs, 10 points.
L. L. Leyh, Washington Co. Minn., sends stamps for sample copies.

E. E. Randall, Snohomish Co. Wash., orders 400 copies for distribution.

SEND IT TO SOME FRIENDS
H. Ayres, Perkins Co. S. D., sends one sub, 2 points, and says, "Every reader of the Producers News should put a stamp on it and send it to a friend in some other part of the country. Then write the friend a letter and tell him what you are doing in the way of farmers organization work and urge him to subscribe to the Producers News."

John Witell, Koochiching Co. Minn., subscribes, four points.
Alfred Tiala, Crow Wing Co. Minn., sends a dollar for bundles of paper.

The U. F. L. of Pierce Co. Wash., sends \$4 for papers received.

R. Melfaith, St. Louis Co. Mich. sends two subs, 2 points.
Ruth Zimmer, Mecosta Co., Mich. subscribes for six months, 4 points.

INTEREST IS GROWING
Edwin Prutzreuter, Brown Co. S. Dak., remits for papers sold. "The interest in the Producers News is growing," he says.

Julius Walstad, Roberts Co. S. D., wants his bundle order increased to 100 per week.

Henry Feppanen, Cowlitz Co. Wash., sends two subs, four points and says "I will try to get more subs for you."

Wm. Allikas Jr., Lincoln Co. Wis., sends one sub, 1 point.

ALASKA HEARD FROM
Alex Friedalin, Afognak, Alaska subscribes for one year, eight points.

Herman G. Steen, Pierce Co. Wash., subscribes, 4 points.

PAPER USES FIGHT FOR LOWER RATES TO AID POLITICIAN

Phoenix, Ariz.—Although fighting the fight for reduced light gas rates in Phoenix and vicinity the Arizona Beacon (weekly newspaper) is sabotaging the struggle. They have built up a circulation by utterances of militant nature, but have thus refused to exercise mass pressure upon the Corporation Commission other than calling upon the business wives to phone the Commission asking for lower rates.

The real purpose for carrying on this fight is to build up an organ in support of Harlow Alden who aspires to fill the vacancy left by Lewis Douglas as congressman from Arizona.

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Afternoon and Evening

Few Farmers In Attendance At Commercial Club Picnic

(BY RODNEY SALISBURY)
Well, every effort was made to get the farmers to come in to the Commercial club picnic May 27. Samples of Polk's prostituted press with the usual advertising stake-down was circulated over the county. Great stories were written about a great day in Plentywood. Great prizes were to be given. But, the farmers paid little attention to it. They have lived here too long to think that the Commercial club is going to give them anything.

Of course its good business sometimes to give a kid a nickel. It puts you in a better position to steal a \$5 bill from his daddy. If you want to catch a cow just give you want to catch the calf. The kids all come in with their horses to race but their daddies and mommies stayed at home. Farmers are getting wise these days.

The kids ran their horses and won the prizes but it seems as though they didn't spend their money. Now we hear rumors that the saloons are getting all of the "jack". Well, I suppose the next thing we'll see is C. G. Christiansen and old Jack around with petitions to put the beer joints out of business.

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OUTLOOK LOCAL OF U. F. L. TO MEET SATURDAY, JUNE 3

There will be a meeting of the U. F. L. local of Outlook Friday, June 9, to select delegates to the Plentywood U. F. L. convention.

SHERIDAN CO. BOYS LEAVE FOR FOREST

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)

During last Monday boys between the ages of 13 and 25 from different parts of the county gathered at Plentywood and were looked over by local doctors.

Early Tuesday morning 18 of them left for Wolf Point where they will be subjected to another physical examination and meet with other boys from the north-east part of the state. From there they are going to leave for the forests somewhere in the western part of the state and spend what some of them think is going to be a six months vacation and picnic with pay.

From what letters we have received it seems like they are having a hard time injecting the proper militant spirit into some of these young men. In one camp in Wyoming 100 of them deserted in one day and the other 100 were ready to desert the next day. The complaints given were bad food, and sleeping somewhere in the mountains 8,000 feet above sea level with only one blanket to cover them.

Other letters tell about how they are leaving camps in Wisconsin and Michigan by the dozens every day. One man died for lack of care. One place they beat up an officer before they left.

It is one of Roosevelt's maybe-it'll-work-maybe-it won't programs. —A program leading to nowhere. These boys will be able to eat for the next six months, then they will be sent home just as poor as when they left. The work they have done is of practically no benefit to anybody. A lot of good material has been wasted on the building of camps, and every tree planted during the summer will die.

Getting a military spirit injected into these young men is what these camps are for more than anything else. Getting an army ready who will be willing to fight for the country that they don't own a foot of, and do it without kicking about their bonus afterwards seems to be the aim of our peace-talking government.

In feeding the boys for the next six months is the government's only aim, then they could have been fed much cheaper right at home. The boys that left from Sheridan county are:

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"Many of the scenes are breathtakingly beautiful, whether they are glimpses of misty country or a screen filled with swarthy faces arranged and lighted with the perception and effectiveness."—Philadelphia Enquirer, Jan. 29.

Don't fail to see this amzingina film at the Orpheum Saturday, June 3.

ARE WE GOING TO HAVE SCHOOLS?

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)
One of the most serious questions before us right now is our school question. So far most of our school districts have been able to float along on registered warrants and promises but this cannot go on forever. Many of our districts are facing a situation where their next term will only be a short one or probably no term at all.

If you keep track of what is going on in the nation you will find that money by the millions and billions is going to be spent for reconstruction this and reconstruction that. Millions spent on tree planting at a time of the year when a tree would not grow if you did plant it. Big sums spent on peace conferences while at the same time hundreds of millions are to be spent on the building of more battleships.

While all this money is going to be thrown away, for useless and even detrimental purposes for the sake of doing some experimenting, like so many other things our school system has run on the rocks and stranded, and not one word has been said about it. Of the billions of dollars going to be spent on saving railroads, banks, insurance companies, and almost everything else under the sun in which capital is interested, not one extra penny has been set aside for the sake of saving our schools.

In Chicago the city owes its teachers 28 million dollars in salaries for the last two or three years, and nobody but the teachers have worried about it. When the teachers could stand it no longer they demonstrated by the thousands, they fought with the police and threw bricks thru the windows of the banks. They were after their pay and there was no fooling about it.

And they got their pay, or at least they got half of it. They got just enough to keep them quiet, just enough to keep them from demonstrating some more. Had they demonstrated some more they would undoubtedly gotten it all, and following her wandering dog, a mile north of her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Christensen are the parents of a daughter, born Tuesday morning. Two and tenths inches of rain-fall on Monday night soaked the land in fine shape.

Many farmers are still busy with spring work owing to weather conditions and many very belated loan arrivals. Growing conditions are good with moisture enough for present needs as a result of the fall of about three inches of rain which fell last week. The heaviest deluge came on Monday. This was accompanied by hail from McElroy to about 2 miles north. Windows were broken and other vegetation damaged.

School closed Friday. This event was celebrated by a picnic at the O. M. Lutes farm on Sunday. The affair was sponsored by the Civic Imp. Club. All present had plenty to eat, visited and played games to their heart content. The teacher, Miss Lundene, left for her home in eastern North Dakota with her brother who came for her. She will return to teach again next term.

A party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Gerde, Andrew Kronen and Mrs. Nels Kronen, left Sunday for Minot. Mrs. Gerde will take medical treatments while there. Mrs. Rohweder came out from Flaxton to spend two weeks with her husband here. Mr. Rohweder is in charge of the depot.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawbaker of Pelee were Sunday dinner guests at the R. Stubbe home. A son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Almille of Westby at the local hospital at Plentywood.

The W. D. C. of Westby held their meeting last Tuesday May 23 at the E. Morrison home. Mrs. E. E. Morrison and Mrs. Lloyd Kittleson served lunch.

A group of ladies surprised Mr. Bruse Monday afternoon it being her birthday anniversary. Baccarat services were held at the Lutheran church Sunday evening.

Roy Johnson and family of Dagmar called on Westby friends and shopped Saturday.

Alice Helseth, Mrs. Helseth and Gertrude Klimusko, Mrs. Skells were luncheon guests at the home of Mrs. Henry Jensen Thursday.

Mrs. Hass of Pleasant Valley spent Sunday at the Chas. Johnson home.

Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Hellum of McElroy, shopped in Westby Friday.

The Paulson Kiddies of Minot played for the dance at Westby Saturday evening.

Mrs. Martin Nereson had as her luncheon guests Thursday afternoon Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Mrs. Oscar Helseth.

Henry Jensen is spending the week at his farm.

Miss Johnson is spending the week at the home of Mrs. Jensen.

Mary Eaton of Dooley is visiting Westby relatives and friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Finn are spending a few weeks in Minneapolis.

Martha Rogstad is spending a few weeks at the Art Bergh home.

Edwin Helseth, Elmer Espen, Andrew Kronen, Ole Helegard motored to Crosby Friday on business.

Mrs. John Rohweder spent Saturday in Kenmare.

Mrs. Gust Stubbe and daughter Lillian spent the week end in Pleasant Valley.

SEE "THE ROAD TO LIFE" AT ORPHEUM THEATRE, JUNE 3

There will be shows in the afternoon and evening, at 2:30, 7 and 9 p. m., Saturday, June 3. Tickets, 35, 20 and 10 cents. Everybody wants to see it. Come early and get a seat.

MONT. WILL GET \$213,516 IN RELIEF

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)

Relief money to the extent of \$213,516.282 for distribution to 31 states was granted by the federal emergency relief administration on May 30.

Out of this amount the state of Montana will receive \$213,516, which is the allotment granted to the state for the month of June. The state of New York will get the highest share, \$6,532,282. Our neighboring state, North Dakota, is not mentioned at all.

Each dollar of the federal money granted is based on the showing by each state that three times as much was spent in the state from public funds during the quarter ending March 31.

That most people who have received relief in the past is no better off right now than they were months ago, is a well known fact, many are worse off. Even if the relief has kept them from actually starving it has never been large enough so that they were able to renew their clothes and other necessities, they have been getting more undernourished and more ragged right along.

Keeping our people in rags and half starved has been the aim of our Central committee right along. Had we had a committee who really had our peoples' interest at heart, more money could have been applied for and gotten right along and our people would have been that much better off.

This allotment shows that the more you spent in the past the more you get now. We like to have Jack Bennett and his yes-men explain if it was in the interest of the people of Sheridan county when they refused to support Art Wankel's motion for an additional \$10,000 relief?

If we had spent \$10,000 more in each month past, we would now have gotten \$10,000 more than we are going to get, and this money we are getting now is not supposed to be paid back either by the state nor anyone else, it's a gift from the government. An extra \$10,000 of this money would have come in mighty handy for the month of June.

We wonder if the supposed to be progressive Governor of North Dakota feels proud because he has been able to starve the people thru the winter to the extent that the state cannot be considered in this free relief.

Comertown-Dooley (Crowded out last week) Irene LaVerdure who attended school for the past two years in Minnesota, returned to spend her summer vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Horace LaVerdure south of Comertown.

Irvine Onstad, eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Onstad, who recently broke his arm is now doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Potter are quarantined with scarlet fever.

Among those taking the seventh and eighth grade examination from the Marsh and Rocky Spring schools were Lucille Nelson, Iling art Marion Marsh, Raymond Biegler, Jason Grantham, Gilbert Fode, Charles Nelson, Geo. Steinke, Frederick Marsh, Carrie Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson and daughter Elizabeth were callers at the Trul Carlson home Sunday.

Mr. Oscar Helseth and Jack Miller left for East Grand Forks Friday morning.

Mrs. Ollie Hellum and Mrs. Johnson of McElroy shopped in Westby Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Friesleben motored to Minot Saturday. Mr. Friesleben is under the care of a physician there.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hawbaker of Pelee were Sunday dinner guests at the R. Stubbe home.

A son was born to Rev. and Mrs. Almille of Westby at the local hospital at Plentywood.

The W. D. C. of Westby held their meeting last Tuesday May 23 at the E. Morrison home. Mrs. E. E. Morrison and Mrs. Lloyd Kittleson served lunch.

A group of ladies surprised Mr. Bruse Monday afternoon it being her birthday anniversary. Baccarat services were held at the Lutheran church Sunday evening.

Roy Johnson and family of Dagmar called on Westby friends and shopped Saturday.

Alice Helseth, Mrs. Helseth and Gertrude Klimusko, Mrs. Skells were luncheon guests at the home of Mrs. Henry Jensen Thursday.

Mrs. Hass of Pleasant Valley spent Sunday at the Chas. Johnson home.

Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Hellum of McElroy, shopped in Westby Friday.

The Paulson Kiddies of Minot played for the dance at Westby Saturday evening.

Mrs. Martin Nereson had as her luncheon guests Thursday afternoon Mrs. Chas. Johnson, Mrs. Oscar Helseth.

Henry Jensen is spending the week at his farm.

Miss Johnson is spending the week at the home of Mrs. Jensen.

Mary Eaton of Dooley is visiting Westby relatives and friends this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Finn are spending a few weeks in Minneapolis.

Martha Rogstad is spending a few weeks at the Art Bergh home.

Edwin Helseth, Elmer Espen, Andrew Kronen, Ole Helegard motored to Crosby Friday on business.

Mrs. John Rohweder spent Saturday in Kenmare.

Mrs. Gust Stubbe and daughter Lillian spent the week end in Pleasant Valley.

Plans for Giant Missouri River Dam Now Under Consideration

The official plans for the proposed Fort Peck dam was received by the Glasgow Chamber of Commerce about a week ago. The U. S. Army engineers have been working on the plan for several years. If the project is to be put thru at this time or probably not at all nobody seems to know. It is said the work could be started within 30 days if decided on.

The idea is to build a gigantic dam across the Missouri river 20 miles southeast of Glasgow. The dam is to be built of concrete and dirt and is supposed to be 231 feet high. This will form a reservoir, or lake, behind the dam which when full will be 175 miles long, banked on both sides by the foot hills. This lake is estimated to cover 202,000 acres and will hold 17,000,000 acre feet of water.

In 1929 the cost of this project was estimated at 84 million dollars. At this time it is figured that 65 million would probably cover the cost. As the price of material is practically the same as in 1929, these figures go to show that the 19 million dollars supposed to be

'saved' at this time is all intended to be taken out of the men doing the work, by paying starvation wages.

The object of this project is not for irrigating purposes, although some of the water might be used for irrigation as well as for producing power. The main purpose is to regulate the flood of water in the river, prevent floods at times, by storing the water and in dry spells turn part of the water loose thereby, regulating to some extent an even flood of water going thru the river at all times.

When this regulation has been completed a channel 9 feet deep and 200 feet wide from the mouth of the Missouri up the river as far as Sioux City, Iowa, would be at all times open for navigation.

The project from Kansas City, to the mouth is about completed and the project from Kansas City to Sioux City is under way.

We would hate to imagine what would happen if someday this 231 feet high dam would give away. That is just what happened out in California a few years ago.

U. F. L. MEETING AT RAYMOND

U. F. L. meeting at Raymond school Friday, June 9 at 8 p. m., for the purpose of electing delegates for the county convention.

YOUNG FARMER TAKES OWN LIFE

Wednesday morning Albert Peterson, 23, unmarried farmer, living near Antelope, was found dead in his car. A rubber hose had been connected to the exhaust pipe with one end running through the window into the car. It was assumed that Albert had ended his life in



Davis Admits War Is Near

Washington, May 22.—Norman Davis, Roosevelt agent at the Disarmament Conference at Geneva stated yesterday if the conference failed, "Sooner or later... the world will be swept into another war." He conceded the fact that the conference is already a failure, just as all previous conferences among the imperialist nations have been failures.

R. F. C. Aids Harriman's Bank

Washington, May 24.—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation is going to lend \$7,000,000 to the defunct Harriman bank so that the rich depositors of the bank can get 50 per cent of their deposits at once.

Hull Foretells Conference Failure

Washington, May 22.—"Secretary (of State) Hull warned against over-optimism in regard to the results to be expected from the economic conference in London."—New York Times, correspondent.

Powder Trust Takes Over Remington Arms

New York, May 24.—Remington Arms Co., the largest private manufacturer of ammunition has been taken over by the DuPont company, the powder trust. This amalgamation is in preparation for the new world war.

Mrs. F. D. Advocates Woman Forest Army

Washington, May 23.—In order to whitewash the misery that the present crisis means for the unemployed working women, Mrs. Roosevelt suggests that they be allowed to get jobs in the reforestation camps. If her plan is adopted these women can expect to be fed the same rotten food that the men workers are getting in those camps.

Red Herring Across Sales Tax Trail

Washington, May 23.—As soon as the Ways and Means committee of the House had adopted the suggestion that the funds to pay the \$220,000,000 interest to the bankers on the Roosevelt industrial plan, telegrams came pouring in from the bankers telling them that the sales tax should be used for this purpose. The whole proceeding of the Ways and Means committee was for the purpose of drawing red herrings across the trail which leads to the adoption of the sales tax.

Inflation Program Sets Out

Washington, May 23.—The new inflation program of the Roosevelt administration started today when Secretary of the Treasury, Woodin, authorized the Federal Reserve banks to buy \$25,000,000 of government securities and distribute that amount of cash.

Navy Officers in Reforestation Army

Washington, May 24.—The rotation plan for the navy announced last week has been overruled by Secretary Swanson of the Navy. Another plan of better efficiency will be tried. The Navy hopes to put some of its officers into the reforestation camps, to keep them employed on "relief" jobs, while in reserve for the next imperialist war.

Clergymen Protest Hitler Anti-Semitism

New York, May 25.—Over 1,200 clergymen have signed a petition protesting against the anti-Semitic terror of the Hitler regime in Germany. They represent 26 denominations in 41 states and Canada.

Whitewash Racketeering Judge

Washington, May 24.—The Senate tonight whitewashed the record of Federal Judge Lauderback of San Francisco when it voted him not guilty on four out of five impeachment charges. He was found guilty on the fifth charge by a vote of 45 to 34. However, a federal judge has to be convicted by a two thirds vote so he was freed. The charges were briefly that the Judge was a legal racketeer, using his job to benefit himself and his friends.

Building Operations Fall Sharply

Washington.—Building operations for April were 21 per cent over those for March. The capitalist press is playing this up as though it meant an end to the crisis. When compared with last year, however, the story is a different one. Permits in April 1933 decreased 41 per cent from April 1932, in the number of new residential buildings, 52 per cent in indicated expenditures for new residential buildings, 32 per cent in the number of new non-residential buildings, and 61 per cent in the expenditures for this type of building.

Church's "Unholy Alliance" With Capitalism

New York, May 24.—"Protestantism must break off its unholy alliance with Nationalism" and any alliance with the present capitalist system, according to Rev. Dr. William P. Merrill, pastor of the Brick Presbyterian church, in addresses to the alumni of the Union Theological Seminary at their annual meeting in the seminary grounds yesterday.

Slash Relief of the Farmers in Washington

Farmers in Arkansas Cannot Sell Berries

NINETEEN NEW LOCALS OF ARKANSAS PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED

(BY R. M.)

Greenwood, Arkansas, May 10.—Arkansas farmers can no longer take their berries to market on account of the low price they receive for them.

During the first week of the season the price was \$1.89 to \$2.25 a crate of 24 quart baskets, on the Port Smith market. The next week it dropped to \$1.40-\$1.50. This is when the state inspector got on the job and started grading in the interests of the wholesalers. The crate costs the farmer 35 cents, 45 cents for picking (2 cents a quart), and 35 cents for transportation from 10 to 25 miles. This brings the total expenses to \$1.13 a crate.

TWO YEARS FOR NO CASH RETURN

This does not include fertilizer and labor to produce the crop. It takes two years work and cultivation, weeding, hoeing, thinning

etc., before there is any cash return. The farmers who are forced to see their berries rot on the ground because there is no market are beginning to understand what the "new deal" means to the farmer. Because of the low prices the crops are not being taken care of. This county, White county, is the largest berry producing county in the state.

NINETEEN A. F. P. A. LOCALS FORMED

The Arkansas farmers are answering the boss class by organizing in the Arkansas Farmers Protective Association. Nineteen new locals have been formed. They demand the human right to live and their slogan is "Unite and right, there can be no compromise with poverty."

FIRST AID FOR YOUR UFL LOCAL

Are your meetings dull. Do you talk a lot and get no where? If so, you will want to order the leaflet just off the press, "Are You Coming to the Meeting?" It is a reprint of Alfred Tiala's timely and pointed article which appeared recently in the Producers News. We want all your members to get one so we are charging only 10 cents for 25 copies or 35 cents for 100 copies. Order a bundle for your next meeting.

SEES CHANGES IN RED RIVER VALLEY

Crisis Has Hit Farmers in Fertile Section of North Dakota

(BY H. J. B.)

Hillsboro, N. D.—I want to offer an apology for the delay in acknowledging receipt of your invitation to join the Farm News Reporters Club and the two bundles of copies of the Producers News which I have distributed among the people of Hillsboro and vicinity.

This delay has been due to my absence from the city. During my absence I have had many discussions regarding the present crisis and I always put in a kind word for the Producers News.

TRAVELED FOR 15 YEARS

My occupation is tuning pianos and playing for dances. I travel a great deal and have developed a very friendly relationship with people through this Red River Valley where I have traveled regularly for 15 years.

This position offers me a splendid opportunity to observe the changes that have taken place in the people and their homes. A few years ago when I called on a customer, their greetings would be friendly, accompanied by a smile. Now that cheery smile has left the face and a tear appears in its place.

ALL TAKEN AWAY

It doesn't require much intelligence on the part of any man to see what is wrong. It may be the bank has closed and robbed them of their life's earnings or they are about to lose their homes which is a common occurrence in this part of the country.

The Farm Holiday Association has stopped a few farm sales thru mass action in our city (the county seat). This, as I see it, is the only thing to do, for the farmers and workers only by mass action will be able to secure the necessities of life.

PROTEST ARREST OF IOWA FARMERS

Arkansas Farmers Demand Release of Those Jailed After Foreclosure Sale

(BY R. M.)

Greenwood, Ark., May 8.—The Committee for Action of Sebastian County has sent the following protest to Governor Herring of Des Moines, Iowa:

"We 872 organized farmers of Sebastian county vigorously protest the arrest and jailing of the Iowa farmers who resisted mortgage foreclosure sales of our brother farmers."

"We protest the cruel and inhuman actions by you, who is supposed to represent the interests of the people of your state and not the land banks, insurance companies, and mortgage holders."

"These farmers were standing on their moral and human rights, in league with 15,000,000 organized farmers of the United States, and therefore, in the name of economic and social justice, we demand their immediate and unconditional release."

Signed: Sebastian Co. Committee of Action of the Ark. Farmers Protective Assn., by Harris Frederick, Sec., Roy Miller, chairman.

FEDERAL LAND BANKS FORECLOSE ON THOUSANDS, THREATEN OTHERS

Washington, D. C., May 5.—Farmers with loans on their property totalling over \$40,000,000 from the Federal Land Banks and the Joint Stock Land Banks have been foreclosed on by these institutions. The Federal Land Bank had, on March 31, over \$26,000,000 due as the result of foreclosures, while the Joint Stock Land Banks had \$14,000,000 due thru the robbery of farmers' land.

Thousands of additional farmers are being threatened by these banks. The Federal Land Banks had delinquent payments of \$37,000,000 and extensions had been granted on mortgages of a value of nearly \$17,000,000. The Joint Stock banks had delinquent payments on the same date of \$16,000,000.

Total loans outstanding by the Federal Land Banks on March 31, amounted to \$1,122,087,225, and those of the Joint Stock Land Banks amounted to \$398,608,619.

CALIF. FARMERS TO HEAR C. PATTERSON

Farmers Protective League Should Affiliate With United Farmers

(BY S. N.)

Petaluma, Calif., May 17.—A mass meeting of Sonoma county farmers will take place Wednesday, May 24, at the High School auditorium in Santa Rosa. The meeting has been called by the Protective Farmers League of Grafton. The purpose of this meeting is to organize the farmers for a fight against foreclosures, deficiency judgments and for a reduction of taxes.

PATTERSON TO SPEAK

One of the speakers at this meeting is scheduled to be C. Patterson, organizer for the United Farmers League. He is going to speak on the necessity for the farmers to put up a united front irrespective of their political views in order to make headway in their struggles.

The Protective Farmers League should affiliate with the United Farmers League which has organized locals thruout the state and is calling a State Conference of all farmers organizations in October.

BEST ORGANIZATION THEY EVER HAD SAY ARKANSAS FARMERS

(BY R. M.)

Center, Ark., May 5.—A crowd of 30 farmers attended a meeting here today. Roy Miller spoke to the farmers and gave many examples of what was going on thruout the country. He exposed the way the Red Cross and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation harried out relief and showed what could be done through organization. The speaker was stopped many times on account of the cheering.

Fredericks talked about the need for organizing and uniting the farmers and workers. The farmers set up an organization and many said that it was the best that ever came into this country and they are sure that it will grow fast.

GREATER INTEREST IN HISTORY SHOWN IN LIBRARY REPORT

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The amount allowed for relief is about \$3.50 a month for each person. However, this is being cut so rapidly that if the workers continue to accept these cuts in the future as they have in the past, they will soon have an entirely cut of the habit of eating.

Relief is figured on a basis of so many days' work per month. At first these days were given as a whole, then they were cut in half, now they are dividing them up on a weekly basis which gives most of the workers a 1%, 1%, or 1% or some such fractional day a week to work out. This makes it very bad for those that are a long way from home. They have to work or sit around waiting for the truck to take the men home. Some of them go as far as 25 miles to work.

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In spite of the consistent cutting of relief in this county the great majority of the workers and farmers are seemingly satisfied to play a waiting game, hoping for some Moses to come and lead them out of the wilderness, or as most of them put it, to give Roosevelt a chance.

On the other hand, many of the farmers and workers are waking up to the fact that it is up to them to find their own way out.

We are having in this locality a mental revolution among the people—an individual battle by each individual in which that person is beginning to realize the disagreeable fact that this new deal is not for him but against him, that the cards are stacked and the dice are loaded against him.

A few evictions have been successfully fought by some of the more militant farmers and workers. A certain amount of relief in the form of medical and dental aid and clothing has been won by active committees.

Livestock is in poor shape. Some are forced to sell cows at \$10 to \$15 for the best, in some cases much lower. There is no work to be had at any wage.

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FORCED LABOR

Relief Agents Try to Get Stump Ranchers Out of Eating Habit

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Rapid Rise in Living Costs Has Cut Standard of Living

(BY W. F. C.)

Bellingham, Wash.—The majority of the stump ranchers, farming five, ten or twenty acres, in Whatcom county are on relief. It was necessary before the crisis for these farmers to work at some other job most of the time in order to maintain their small farms. As there is no work now they are losing their property through mortgage and contract foreclosures.

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Hitler in Naval Manoeuvres
Kiel, Germany, May 22.—Walking in the boots of the former Kaiser, Hitler, today put to sea at the head of the German fleet in a parade in night manoeuvres. He introduced the war program by a speech about peace.

Herriot Admits Roosevelt Demands Debt Payment

Paris, May 26.—Eduard Herriot, who represented France in the recent discussions with Roosevelt, admitted today in the Chamber of Deputies that unless France paid its deferred December debt installment the United States would not discuss revision of the war debts.

Sweden to Intensify Inflation

Stockholm, May 26.—The Swedish Finance Minister, Ernst Wigforss, introduced today in the Riksdag an amendment to the law on gold backing for paper money. The bill makes possible a much greater degree of inflation than has already taken place in Sweden.

French Demand Currency Stabilization

Paris, May 23.—George Bonnet, Minister of Finance, stated yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies that the American dollar and the British pound would have to be stabilized before any revision could be discussed. This is part of the economic struggle carried out under the recently adopted tariff "truce."

Catholic Party Loses Chief Organ

Berlin, May 23.—"Germania" which for more than half a century has been the official organ of the Center (Catholic) party will be taken from the party by action of von Papen and the Prussian government, who own the majority of the stock. This is part of Hitler's suppression of all opposition opinion.

Four Power Pact Is Anti-Soviet Move

Warsaw, Poland, May 22.—The Polish capitalist press, commenting on the recently signed four power pact between Germany, Britain, Italy and France, admits that this is one result of its effort to build an anti-Soviet front. This is part of the task of Dr. Rosenberg, Hitler's agent who visited England recently. The Poles are against the pact because it means to them the possibility of the revision of the Versailles treaty.

Japanese Hit U. S.-British Interests in Manchuria

New York, May 23.—The occupation of Manchuria by the Japanese means the closing out of American and British firms in that area, according to Sir Elly Kadoorie, public utility capitalist of Shanghai and Hong Kong, who is on his way to London. This means a sharpening of the struggles among these imperialist rivals.

Thousands Killed in South American War

Buenos Aires, May 23.—According to de Paraguayan commander-in-chief 1,000 Bolivian troops have been lost in fifteen attacks on Fort Herrera. One detachment starved to death in the jungles. Heavy Paraguayan losses are reported by the Bolivian army.

U. S.-Japan Clash on Naval Preparations

Geneva.—The sharp conflict between Japan and the United States came out today at the disarmament conference. The Japanese demand the London and Washington naval treaties be kept out of the draft of the proposed disarmament convention. The Japanese demand a bigger navy than is permitted them under these treaties. Davis acting for Wall Street, attacked the Japanese position determinedly.

Britain Wants to Re-Define "Aggressor" Nation

Geneva, May 25.—Captain Eden, speaking for the British imperialists, today attacked the definition of an "aggressor" nation adopted by the security committee of the disarmament conference. In place of this definition the British want to take into account the "background" of each case, in other words depriving the definition of any significance.

Columbia-Peru War Ended

Geneva, May 25.—Columbia and Peru today agreed to end the struggle over the Leticia area immediately. The territory will be turned over to the League of Nations to settle. This agreement is significant because it marks the entrance of the League of Nations into the western hemisphere, which Wall Street considers its own under the Monroe doctrine.

French Military Demonstration Against Hitler

Paris, May 25.—French war veterans will put on in Paris on May 28 a counter-demonstration to that arranged by the Hitler troops in Düsseldorf on May 28 and 29. Hitler is putting on this military demonstration in order to keep the minds of the German working people off of their worsening conditions.

Imperialist Bargain on Anti-Semitism

Geneva, May 24.—Hitler has again succeeded in postponing the League of Nations investigation of terrorism against the Jews in Germany. He is bargaining with France and England for a delay of the investigation until September in return for armament concessions.

Peace Pacts to Hide War Plans

Rome, May 21.—Representatives of Germany, Italy, France and Great Britain, today signed a four power peace pact. This peace pact, which is supposed to keep the peace for ten years, is essentially part of a united war front of the debtor countries against Wall Street in the struggle over war debts.

Teachers are Capitalist Slaves

(BY O. R.)

Lincoln Nebr., May 22.—I have read several copies of your paper, and would like to suggest to other readers the possibility of doubling the value of the Producers News.

We farmers (I am a farmer's daughter and a teacher) have found that the capitalist press, controlled by rich bankers, insurance companies and the big industrialists publish only those things which help maintain their already shaking position. It is in the interests of these money kings that we be called rioters, gangsters, reds and every conceivable thing in order to keep other farmers ignorant and afraid of our farm movement.

Naturally we must have a farm paper like the Producers News that stands behind us in our fight to save our homes.

HOW ABOUT SCHOOL BOOKS

But we must not stop with the newspapers. What are our children being taught in school? They are taught from books supplied by wealthy publishing companies, a part of the wealthy class that controls our press. Naturally our school books express the moneyed interests of our ruling class for they could not afford to print any thing else.

Now we farmers are finding that the equality we learned in school is a lie. We have found that we are a class that cannot compete financially with the organized capitalist class and that our power lies only in numbers. We are learning that there are two classes, one that produces everything and gets little in return, and the other class that has every

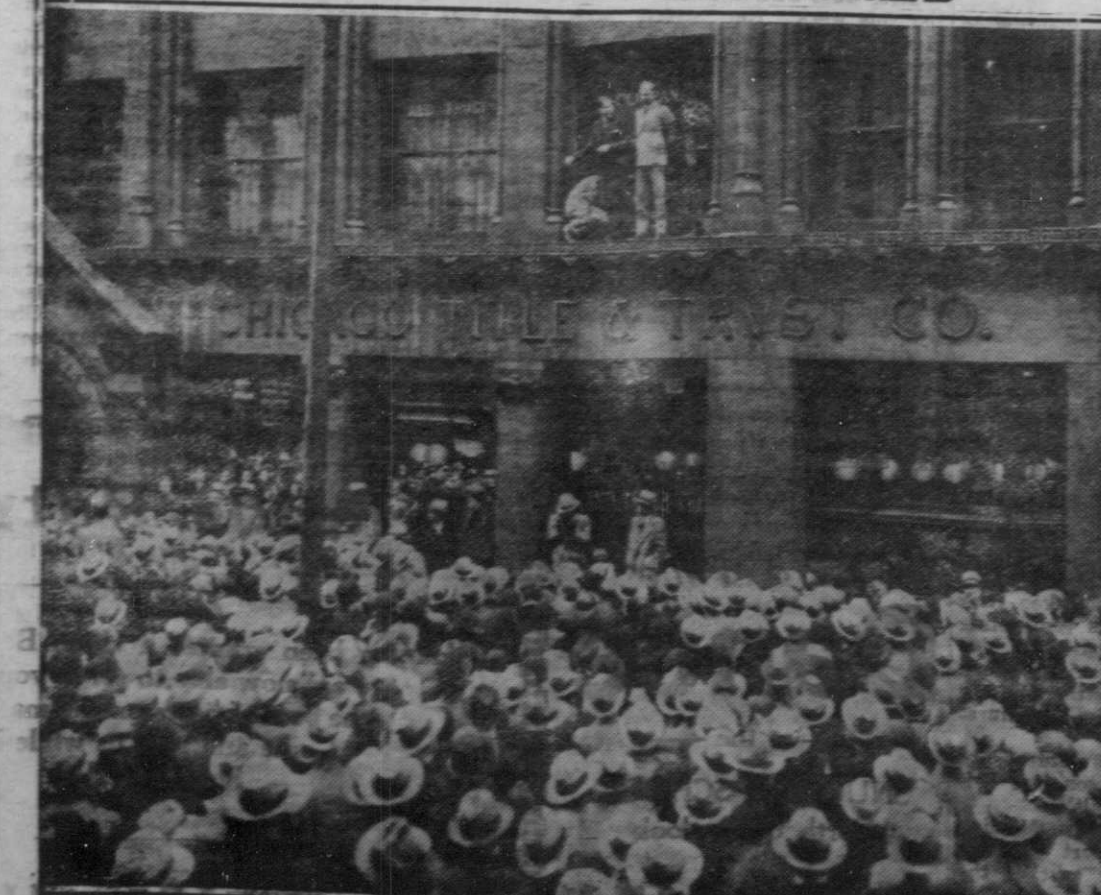
thing and does no honest work. And all the while we send our children to schools dominated by these multi-millionaires who keep their propaganda constantly before our children.

LED TO BELIEVE UNTRUTHS

The children are taught the same equality we were taught. They are led to believe that every evicted farmer's son has the same

opportunity of becoming President of the United States as a son of Henry Ford; that we all have an equal voice in our government thru the ballot. They are taught that money cannot buy happiness

CHICAGO SCHOOL TEACHERS FIGHT FOR BREAD



When thousands of unpaid school teachers demonstrated before the Chicago Title and Trust Co. demanding their \$30,000,000 in back pay Pres. H. D. Pettibone of the bank spoke from the second story. As he ended his speech police attacked the teachers, clubbing men and women to the pavement.