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State Committee of Nebraska  
Holiday Assn. Sets Quotas for  
Each County In Weekly DriveCall for Convention of Madison County Plan Organiza-  
tion to Meet at Grand Island Next March;  
Miller Speaks on Paper

By Ella Reeve Bloor  
NEWMAN GROVE, Nebr.—A quota for subscriptions, advertisements and donations for the Farmers Weekly was established for every Holiday county in Nebraska by the state committee of the Nebraska Holiday Association (Madison County Plan) meeting here on Dec. 30.

SEARS-ROEBUCK  
SALE IN DAKOTALawyer Withdraws Bid  
When Farmers Threaten  
Plunge in Water Tank

HARTFORD, S. D.—About 250 strong, farmers from this section gathered near here on December 29 and conducted a Sears-Roebuck sale. The circuit court had ordered a sale to satisfy the \$688 judgment against Fay Aldrich, Hartford farmer.

Nine hundred bushels of corn, 75 tons of hay, and three loads of wood brought a total of 50 cents. A lawyer from Sioux Falls, Jerry Maher, bid 33 cents a bushel on the corn but withdrew the bid when it was suggested that he be given a cold plunge in a water tank. Lawrence Green, a deputy sheriff, got such a scare that he became slightly ill.

Attorneys are threatening to try to set the sale aside as illegal.

NAZIS GUILTY  
IN REICH FIREInternational Commission  
Places Guilt for Arson on  
Hitler's Lieutenants

LONDON—The Nazis were directly charged with the burning of the Reichstag by the Legal Commission of Inquiry into the burning of the Reichstag in its report issued Wednesday, Dec. 20, at the close of its second series of hearings. Included in the report was a statement that it "considers its duty to proclaim that in these circumstances a sentence of death against Torgler would constitute judicial murder."

The Commission is composed of internationally famous lawyers who have taken testimony from scores of witnesses unable to testify at the Reichstag trial either through fear of death or because they were barred from Germany.

The report, which was rushed immediately to the Leipzig court, contained six points; that Van Der Lubbe could not have set the Reichstag on fire; that all evidence shows that the Nazis are responsible for setting the Reichstag on fire; that Torgler, Popoff, Dimitroff and Taneff are not only innocent, but that they had neither direct nor indirect connection with this act of incendiarism; that retroactive application of the Penal Law of March 28 imposing the death sentence in case of arson or high treason would be a violation of an internationally recognized principle of justice; and that the "conviction of Torgler (the accusation against the three accused Bulgarians having been withdrawn) will doubtless and rightly give rise to a universal protest"; and finally, that a sentence of death would constitute judicial murder.

Workers Force Dairy Trust  
to Reduce Price of Milk

SUPERIOR, Wis.—Led by the Unemployed Council here the consumers succeeded in forcing the milk companies to reduce the price of milk from 12 to 10 cents per quart.

The Council circulated a petition throughout the working class neighborhoods, getting over 500 signatures, which read as follows: "We demand that pasteurized milk, Grade 'A', containing at least 5.5 per cent butterfat shall be sold at no more than 9 cents a quart, with at least 60 per cent of this to go to the farmers who sell the milk."

The Milk Dealers Association

promised the Unemployed Councils Committee that it would consider the matter. Forced by the mass protests of the workers, it finally decided to lower the price to 10 cents a quart. The Council, however, is carrying on the fight for a 9 cents quotation. The Milk Dealers are already beginning to retreat on this, selling 3 quarts for 27 cents, with all smaller purchases at 10 cents a quart.

The Unemployed Council revealed that the rising prices of milk do not benefit the small farmers here in the vicinity, since they do not get any part of the

FNCA MOVES  
HEADQUARTERS TO  
PHILADELPHIA.

The headquarters of the Farmers National Committee for Action has been moved from Washington, D. C., to Philadelphia, Penn. The office is located at 1627 North 16th St.

The new headquarters are closer to the center of the milk strike activity in and around the Philadelphia milk shed. A decided advantage to the new location, says Lem Harris, executive secretary, is cheaper maintenance costs for the national office here.

All letters to the FNCA should be directed to the new address.

Soviets Plan  
Huge Program  
of Building2nd Plan Provides Annual  
Output of 103 Billion  
Rubles

## DOUBLE WAGES

Half of Annual Output  
Will Go for Consump-  
tion Goods

MOSCOW, Dec. 31.—Nine times greater than the pre-war level of production and two and one-half to three times last year's level are the features of the Second Five Year Plan approved yesterday by the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

The industrial plan provides for the staggering annual output, in value of 103,000,000,000 rubles by the end of 1937 as compared to 43,000,000,000 rubles at the end of the First Five Year Plan in 1932. More than half, or 54,800,000,000 rubles worth, will be in goods for popular consumption.

Real wages will more than double and the general consumption of goods is to be increased threefold, retail prices are to be reduced thirty to forty per cent.

The second Five Year Plan will be completed with the liquidation of illiteracy and will bring with it the general compulsory political-technical education in seven-year schools. Health funds will be tremendously increased and hundreds of new cultural and recreational centers opened.

Light industry will be increased (Continued on page 2)

A.F. of L. Committee Supports  
Unemployed Meet at Wash.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The A. F. of L. Trade Union Committee for Unemployment Insurance and Relief at its executive meeting held here recently which was attended by national committee members from Washington, Atlantic City, New York and Philadelphia, endorsed the program of the National Convention against unemployment and called upon all affiliated organizations to give all possible support to the Unemployed Councils in electing delegates to the convention.

The National Convention Against Unemployment will meet in Washington on February 3, 4, and 5, to plan a united fight for unemployment insurance and immediate relief. A. F. of L. organizations, railroad brotherhoods, independent

unions, Trade Union Unity League and all other working class organizations are being invited to take part in the convention.

On Dec. 15, at a united front conference in Rochester, N. Y. which was attended by delegates from labor organizations, unemployed councils and local unions of the A. F. of L., the National Convention was endorsed and a decision made to elect delegates. It was also decided to call a mass meeting to discuss the program of the struggle for unemployment insurance and immediate relief, and for presenting demands to the C. W. A.

The Common Council of the City of Milwaukee has adopted a resolution in favor of the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill.

FARMER IN DEBT 15c  
FOR PRIVILEGE OF  
RAISING THIS HOG

Minnesota farmers are getting their share of the New Deal, as these two stories show. They were sent to us by a Minnesota farmer.

In Blackduck a farmer shipped a hog to market by truck to South Saint Paul. The market value at St. Paul was fixed at \$1.70 for the hog, which weighed 170 lbs. The charges for hauling, yardage, feed, government check tax, inspection, insurance, weighing and commission reached the sum of \$1.85. As a result of his labor, the farmer is 15 cents in the red on the deal.

At Brownston a farmer shipped a cow to So. St. Paul. After deducting all the expenses for shipping the cow, which weighed 720 lbs., the farmer received 79 cents.

## TAXI STRIKERS CHEER SOLIDARITY



This was the scene as striking Philadelphia taxi drivers hailed the information that eight other allied unions had voted to join them in a sympathetic strike and that the milk farmers, too, were backing them up. About 20,000 workers were on strike.

The Trade Union Unity League had issued leaflets urging a general strike to back up the transportation workers. The NRA Labor Board got mighty worried and as a result International President Dan Tobin of the Teamsters Union, one of the most notorious old labor fakers in the A. F. of L. instructed the unions to withdraw from the strike.

Some of the unions followed F. Dan's instructions, but the taxi drivers, milkmen, bread wagon drivers and laundrymen remained out. These fellows were only recently organized into the A. F. of L. and they are not accustomed to such high-handed methods. The threat of a general strike is not passed.

The Milk Wagon drivers were organized last summer when the U. F. P. A. and the Philadelphia Regional Committee for Action, composed of workers and farmers, was waging war against the milk trusts in Philadelphia. They attended meetings of the Regional Committee, invited Lem Harris and John Herrman to speak at their meetings, and pledged solidarity to the farmers.

Now the farmers are repaying their solidarity.

Washington Opens Campaign  
to Sign Up Farmers Within  
Corn-Hog Reduction ProgramAgricultural Adjustment Administration Plans for  
Pyramid of Committees, Including 150,000 in all  
to Administer Plan for Destroying Pork

By Herbert Barnes  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—The campaign to sign up farmers for the Corn-Hog reduction program was slated to begin about January 1, according to Dr. A. G. Black, chief of the New Deal's corn-hog section.

State committees, county committees and township committees were being formed in the corn and hog areas during the past two weeks and something like 150,000 persons—rich farmers, politicians, farm "leaders," county agents, commission men and other parasites—have been drawn into the machinery, as committee men, to apply and enforce the program.

Of course 150,000 committee men are not necessary for the actual administration of the program. The Department of Agriculture, in all of its present work is using what it calls "farmers' psychology" which, in our good old everyday language means "hoodwinking."

## Hoodwinking the Farmers

In the present case, their "psychology" consists in drafting the outstanding "respectables" of the community, especially the well-to-do farmers, putting them on a committee and then announcing that this committee is "in charge" of the program. The rank and file farmers are supposed to be very impressed by the fact that these leading citizens stand back of the government program. If they had any doubts about the crop-reduction program (and show me a small farmer who does not have well-justified doubts) they are now supposed to be thoroughly ashamed of themselves for their momentary lack of patriotism and join in with contrition and humility.

Wherever the farmer are not inclined to kick over the traces, the AAA has arranged to have these committees elected. This gives the farmers the feeling that they themselves are running the show and allows the government to repeat the old fairy tale of a "voluntary" crop reduction. In almost every case, of course, the committees are just putty in the hands of the county agents and follow his instructions very faithfully.

The corn-hog committees, like the wheat committees, will be valuable to the Administration in other ways. With the help of the local newspapers, they will attempt to mobilize public opinion against any farmer who refuses to sign up. During the world war, the government found such local committees of rich farmers and business men (Defense Committees, they were called) most useful in persecuting those war-tired farmers who opposed the war. In the present campaign, the same old terms of "patriots" and "slackers" will be called into service, you can be sure.

## Thou Brother's "Peener"

The corn-hog committees will also be used as spies. "Thou art thy brother's keeper," the government says to the committee

UFL STARTS BALL  
ROLLING ON CWAOrganize Farmers Working  
on Projects for Better  
Conditions

By W. E. Brocker  
OWEN, Wis., Dec. 27.—Gravel haulers on a CWA project in Beaver township, Clark county, hauling 1½ yards to a trip and having to make three trips a day, which required about nine hours, only get paid for six hours work. They were told by the boss if they didn't want to make three trips they had to make their boxes big enough to haul 2½ yards, so as to haul 4½ yards in two trips which still would require 6 hours to make the trip.

The UFL stepped into the picture and called the farmers in a meeting, where the following demands were formulated:

1. That they would only haul 1½ yards to a load.
2. That they would only make two trips a day, which would be within the six hour day.
3. That in the event it took longer than six hours to make a trip on longer hauls, they would not work longer than 30 hours a week.
4. That every hauler would go back to work after Christmas with the 1½ yard box on his wagon.

A committee was elected, to visit each hauler and get his signature on the demands.

The next day the committee got the signatures, and then went to Mr. Boss to present the demands. When he saw the demands he hit on the table with his fist, until it jumped off the floor, and said he wouldn't listen to them. But the committee was not to be bluffed and mister boss had to listen and he had to accept them.

The result was, the farmers

BANK STOCKHOLDERS  
GET 85 MILLIONS IN  
DIVIDENDS IN 1932

NEW YORK.—The five largest banks in New York City paid out \$85,000,000 in dividends to their stockholders during 1932, it was announced recently by Clinton Gilbert, a Wall Street company.

This huge sum went into the pockets of a handful of wealthy stockholders, not exceeding a thousand in number, it was said.

Two banks paying these huge dividends are the Guaranty Trust, (Morgan controlled), Chase National (Rockefeller).

Negro Sharecropper Shoots  
Landlord in Self Defense;  
Now Faces Death SentenceNorth Carolina Tobacco Farmer in Danger of Lynching  
or Execution Because of Quarrel Growing Out  
of His Refusal to Be Robbed

ROXBORO, N. C.—Charged with murder because he shot and killed his landlord in self-defense, Emanuel Biddings, Negro tobacco farmer, faces lynching or a lynch verdict of death when he comes up for trial Jan. 12.

The International Labor Defense, investigating the circumstances of the case, has uncovered the full story, revealing the direct relation between the lynch-charge of murder and the oppression and robbery of the sharecroppers by the white landlords of the South.

Biddings raised a crop of tobacco on halves with his landlord, Clayton. The tobacco was placed in a barn in the field. Biddings went to Clayton's house to tell him he was going to take his share out so he could sell it. Clayton being out, Clayton's wife told him to go ahead. Biddings took his share and brought it to his house.

Soon Clayton arrived and told Biddings the tobacco must either be returned to the barn, or placed in the pack house. There he found tobacco belonging to Clayton strewn all over the floor. When Biddings asked the landlord to have the tobacco moved so that he could bring his in, the landlord refused and ordered the Negro not to touch it himself.

Biddings returned to his house, and began to store the tobacco in the loft of his cabin, his children passing it up to him. Clayton soon arrived and knocked the tobacco out of the children's hands, pushing one boy against the wall. Biddings' wife, Mrs. Katie Biddings, called to him:

"You'd better come downstairs! Mr. Clayton is fighting with the children."

As soon as Biddings came down stairs and spoke to him, Clayton called to Mrs. Biddings:

"I want you to come and hear the last words I am going to tell this god-damned nigger before I blow his brains out."

At the same time he put his hands into his pockets as though to draw a gun.

In self defense, Biddings took

PA. FARMERS BACK  
STRIKE OF MILK  
DRIVERS IN PHILA.United Farmers Protective Association Takes Lead in  
Mobilizing Farmers for Active Support of Great  
Transit Workers StrikeMilk Trust Uses Board of Health as Tool to Forbid Dis-  
tribution of Raw Milk to Strikers, Hospitals, and  
Needy on Grounds of "Health"

DUBLIN, Pa., Dec. 31.—Farmers here decided to mobilize their forces to aid the milk wagon drivers now on strike in Philadelphia, after hearing the report of a representative of the strikers Friday.

Lewis C. Bentley, president of the United Farmers Protective Assn., stated that "Milk drivers are fighting for a decent living wage against the same milk trust forces which have kept the farmer on a starvation level. We believe the milk wagon drivers will win, and we are ready to support their strike 100 per cent."

Farmer support of the drivers' strike at this time will consist mainly of collections of milk in the country to be turned over to the milk drivers for free distribution to families with babies and invalids in the city. The distributors have refused to purchase milk from many farmers in an attempt to foster and coerce farmer animosity toward the strikers. All the milk that is being collected, however, comes from those farmers who have been deprived of a market.

Farmers are now collecting milk in three counties, and the area and quantity collected is increasing daily. The Philadelphia Board of Health, and their allies the Milk Distributors, are alarmed at the turn events have taken and are attempting to stop free distribution of milk to babies and invalids.

Raise Fake Cry  
The Milk distributors, alarmed that their huge profits are being threatened, have persuaded the Board of Health to raise the bog-a-boo of milk dangerous for human consumption. The farmers and their children have been drinking this milk all their lives. No dire results have taken place, but on the contrary, farm children seem to be ideally healthy. The Board of Health, in its protestations of concern for human rights, is very indignant. The farmers, in the words of Shakespeare, think the Board of Health "doth protest too much."

The Board of Health should tell the public what the farmers already know very well, that children of wealthy parents have been given unpasteurized whole milk for years. The farmers, in distributing this milk, are conferring a good thing to the public—it is a great deal better milk than the public can purchase from the distributors. The farmers are willing to have the Board of Health make an accurate analysis of the milk distributed at any time. The farmers themselves have such inspections and analysis all the time.

The Milk Drivers Union and the farmers have formed a permanent joint committee, which meets every two days and which will continue after the strike to plan and execute joint action of drivers, farmers and workingclass consumers, for better conditions.

SOVIET VESSEL  
VISITS FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Marine Workers Industrial Union, together with other workingclass organizations has prepared a rousing welcome for the "Karise," a Soviet ship which will dock here Jan. 5. An entertainment has been arranged for the crew and officers.

The Karise will be the first ship flying the red flag to enter the Golden Gate. Workers have been invited to visit the ship and see how Soviet sailors live.

The Karise was bought by the Soviet government in Seattle where it was reconditioned. From Frisco it will sail to Vladivostok.

We are calling for mass protest among sharecroppers, poor farmers, and city workers, demanding the immediate release of Biddings; quashing of the indictment against him on the ground of unconstitutional barring of Negroes from the Grand Jury; charge of venue from Pearson county to the industrial city of Durham, N. C.; exclusion of landlords and inclusion of the white and Negro sharecroppers in the trial jury.

Protests should be sent to the county court at Roxboro, N. C.

down the shotgun that was just over his head as he stood inside the doorway, and shot down his landlord.

Lynch sentiment among the landlords of Person county, where Roxboro is situated, is running high. The case involves directly the right of croppers to sell their produce, whether tobacco or cotton. By denying this right, the white Southern landlords keep the Negro and white sharecroppers working for them in perpetual debt-slavery.

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Butter Bought for Relief  
Fails to Reach the JoblessPurchased 44 Million Lbs.  
From Trusts but Unem-  
ployed Still Without

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Although the federal relief agency has purchased 44,000,000 pounds of butter from the meat and milk trusts, very little of this butter has found its way to the unemployed. This fact was brought out in a letter to Secretary Wallace from the National Co-operative Milk Producers Federation.

This situation proves the contention made by the Farmers National Weekly in its issue of Oct. 28, a week after the hearing on the butterfat processing tax was held in the Mayflower hotel.

At that time, the writer for the Weekly stated that the butter-buying program was intended to relieve neither the unemployed nor the farmers, but offered an easy way out for the packers and milk trust whose storage of butter was

48 per cent higher than the year before. To purchase this butter from the trusts, the government decided on a processing tax amounting to \$27,000,000 annually. The letter from the federation to Secretary Wallace follows:

"At the time when this program of purchase was inaugurated," states the federation, "it was believed that relief organizations would be very glad to receive shipments of this butter to distribute to 16,000,000 persons who had been living in want during the present economic depression. To our surprise we found a sluggishness on the part of both the federal relief administration and the local relief agencies to distribute and receive this butter."

"We are reliably informed that little butter has reached the people on relief, although more than 44,000,000 pounds have been bought for this purpose during the 16 or more weeks which have elapsed since the operation began."

through propaganda, lies, terror, united struggles for the  
and every other means to disrupt live.





### Printing Strike Threatened

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Unless the president turns down the proposed graphic arts code, high officials of printing trade unions said today a strike would be the outcome.

### Unemployment Growing, Green Says

WASHINGTON, D. C.—According to William Green, president of the A. F. of L., unemployment increased in December over what it was last year. Unemployment is increasing faster now than at any time since January 1933, he said.

### Cigar Industry Outlaws Strikes

TAMPA, Fla.—Cigar manufacturers have forced the workers here to sign a pact outlawing lockouts and strikes for 3 years. A code for the industry has not yet been approved.

### U. S. Builds Super Plane

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A super-plane equipped with a double super-charged motor, now in process of construction will give United States one of the fastest type of military aircraft in the world, according to Rear Admiral Ernest J. King. The plane is still in an experimental state.

### Penn. R. R. Given PWA Money

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company pulls the plum this time with a \$77,000,000 loan from the Public Works Administration to be used in completing electrification of the Philadelphia-Washington division and in building 7,000 new freight cars and 100 electric locomotives.

### Relief Funds Build Airplane Landing

NEW YORK CITY.—C. W. A. funds in Westchester county will be used for the building of an emergency airplane landing field at Greenburg. Work will be provided for between 800 and 1,000 men for a period of three months.

### Oklahoma to Sterilize Criminals

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—More than 2,000 habitual criminals and insane persons are listed as subjects for sterilization under Oklahoma's program to eliminate subnormal and criminally inclined elements. Under the law a third term convict is regarded as an habitual criminal and is subject to sterilization.

### Flood Brings Tragedy to Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—The coming of the new year brought tragedy into many homes as the lowlands about Los Angeles were flooded with some 12 inches or more of rainfall, killing between 31 and 50 persons. Many of the dead are unidentified. Many bridges went down under the down-pour.

### LaGuardia Proposes to Be Dictator

NEW YORK CITY.—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia proposed to the city legislature a two year period in which he would be allowed a free hand to solve the financial problems of New York City. According to the terms of his proposal, he is to be given sweeping powers in determining economies, salaries of employees, reduction and elimination of city agencies and unlimited power to furlough or transfer city employees.

### Movement to Restrict PWA Grows

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A movement to restrict the allocation of funds from the public works administration program will be under way in this session of Congress, according to statements of high democratic leaders. They contend that the public works board has allotted upward of \$2,000,000,000 to already established departments without any consideration as to whether Congress in the past approved or rejected projects on which the money is to be spent.

### Morgenthau Made Secretary of Treasury

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Henry C. Morgenthau, Jr. former head of the Farm Credit Administration and since acting secretary of the treasury, was made full Secretary of the Treasury, following the resignation of William Woodin. It will be remembered that there was a great clamor for Woodin's resignation at the time of the Morgan investigation, when it was revealed that Woodin was on Morgan's favored list about six times.

### Union Leaders Hold Back Strike

WILKES BARRE, Pa.—Leaders of the United Anthracite Miners of Pennsylvania temporarily held back a strike call being pushed by almost every one of the 300 delegates attending the union convention here. Thomas Maloney, president of the union, got the miners to delay action by saying that John D. Moore, technical advisor to the national labor board, was in the city and it would be unwise to act before they heard the federal representative. "The attitude of the labor board has been 'to hell with the miners'," shouted one delegate. "Let's strike now."

## With Scottsboro Boys Saved for Present, Ala. Convicts Nine Others

Nine Negroes, One a Woman, Sentenced to Electric Chair on February 9—Sister of Ben Foster Tells Story of Vicious Frame-up

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—The state of Alabama—the landlords and industrialists—the nine Scottsboro boys wrested from their hands so far by the toiling masses of the world, has set itself a holocaust of nine other Negroes for February 9, 1934.

The official lynchers have caught nine Negroes, one of them a woman, framed them, slapped them into jail, and sentenced them to die. In a single day, the state supreme court of Alabama, before whom the Scottsboro case is to come for review, affirmed the sentences of nine Negroes, and set the same day for the execution of all nine. They are all in Kilby prison and on Feb. 9 they will be strapped in the hot seat, one after the other, to make a holiday for the lynchers.

The horrible story of how one of them, Ben Foster, from Selma, Ala., was tortured and framed was revealed today when his sister, Adie Foster, came to Birmingham "to see the I. L. D. folks" to tell them about it and to ask them to let all the toiling masses of the world know about it. Ben Foster was framed on a charge of murdering Clarence McCain. The story his sister Adie told, a story of horror that exposes the full brutality of the lynchers is told below.

The eight other Negroes sentenced to die February 9, whose cases, following the white ruling-class tradition which governs the courts, are probably no different from Ben Foster's, are:

Teaser Autrey, a Negro woman charged with the murder of Rosa Mae McKnight, her mistress, in Monroe county.

Hardie White, charged in Mobile county with the murder of Luther Williams, a street-car conductor.

John Thompson and Lewis Cummings, charged with the murder of Henry Blom in Mobile.

Ernest Waller, charged with the murder of Daisy Montgomery, in Selma.

Solomon Roper, charged with murdering Brazier with an axe, in Selma.

Fred Kinney, charged in Perry county with the murder of Jim Phillips.

Leo Fountain, charged in Monroe county with the murder of Robert Martin.

Three of these, it is to be noted, are from Selma, in Dallas county, the same place where Bennie Foster was framed and tortured as told below.

Adie Foster told me about this today. She is a slight, pretty woman in her twenties.

Just 28 Years Old

"Ben is just 28 years old," she said. "Here's everything that happened. Ben went out on the Summerville road near Selma, and he got into an argument with a white boy they call Junior Welsh. The white boy shot Ben and broke his arm. Then Ben hit back, but he didn't do much damage because he was hurt so bad himself.

"Ben was in bad pain with the arm and so he went to the Good Samaritan hospital. The doctor bound up his arm. But by this time the sheriff had heard about it and he got people together, and bloodhounds, and trailed Ben from the spot where they had the fight, to the hospital. They took Ben to the Selma county jail.

Third Degree

"It happened that nine days before that, a white man they call M. C. McCain had been killed. No one knew who did it. Neither did the police. Ben was at my house at the time, and it was just about the time that McCain was killed that Ben was starting down Philpot avenue to play dominoes at his friend Eddie Mitchell's house.

"When they got Ben in jail, with his broken arm and all, they tortured him to say he killed McCain. I reckon they just naturally had to have a goat. They had to blame it on somebody and the police didn't know who did it. They put him in the sweat-box but he wouldn't say he killed McCain.

"Then they took him out late hours and carried him across to Alabama River, and beat him with a pistol. But he wouldn't say he killed McCain, because he didn't do it.

"Then they took him back to jail and they got a big police dog as high as my waist and they stripped Ben naked and sicked the dog on him. They let the dog tear at his naked flesh, secret places and all. They told Ben not to dare to touch the dog. He just had to lie there and let the dog tear at him. But he still wouldn't say he killed McCain.

"Then the police chief, Norman Stanfield, stuck a pistol right into Ben's mouth and told him: 'If you don't admit you killed McCain we'll barbecue you.'

"Ben said, 'I'd rather have any death than a burnin' death, but I won't say I killed McCain.'

"Then the grand jury met and they couldn't find a true bill against Ben for killing McCain. So the police chief came to Ben again and made him sign a paper. That paper was a blank. There wasn't a smidge of writing on it. But when they brought it into court later on, it was a signed confession. They filled that part in later. There wasn't anything on it when Ben signed it. The police

chief said, 'Shut your eye and sign this.'

"When Ben went to court about the fight with the white boy, they had a lawyer there to defend him who wouldn't do anything for him at all. He said: 'I can't do anything for you on account of the McCain business.'

"They wouldn't let Ben tell in court about how they tortured him in jail, and they wouldn't let me on the stand to tell it either.

"They had Ben charged with assault on Junior Welsh, with intent to kill him. But Welsh came into court and said: 'I don't want to see Ben Foster hurt on account of our quarrel, because our fight was our business and I hit him first and I did more to him than he did to me.'

"But the court didn't pay any attention—just went ahead and sentenced him to die February 9. 'That's all that happened. Please put it down and let the workers know about it.'

Now I've only talked with the sister of one of the nine Negroes slated to die in Kilby's hot seat on February 9. I haven't talked with the sister or brother or the friends of any of the other eight. And yet I'd be willing to swear that when we find out about the other eight, they'll turn out to be more shameless, dirty frame-ups, just like this one.

Will the lynch-robots be allowed to go ahead with this legal slaughter this Bartholomew's massacre? The answer is up to us, the workers, black and white.

## SELLS 75 COPIES PRODUCERS NEWS

### Farmers Eager to Get Issue Containing Program of Chicago Conference

By a Farmer Correspondent

MITCHELL, S. D.—There were three delegates from here who went to the Chicago Conference, D. P. Brim, Hagen Hagenson, and Carson Anderson. Shortly after their return from Chicago, the Farmers Union and Equity called a joint meeting with workers in the basement of the Equity Creamery and Produce House. Brim, Hagenson, and Anderson were called upon to talk and gave a very fine report of the Chicago Conference. The meeting was very successful.

Hagenson held seven or eight meetings in Hutchinson county near Merno lately. He reports having secured seven members for the United Farmers League at one meeting. At two other meetings he got five each and at others from three to one.

He went from house to house among the farmers, part of the time afoot, and sold 75 copies of the Producers News. It was the issue containing the Program adopted by the Chicago Conference.

Blue Buzzard is no help to poor farmers, he says

Farmer Finds His Neighbors All in Immediate Danger of Foreclosure

By a Farmer Correspondent

PITTSFORD, Mich.—I have been to farmers' homes in Hillsdale county trying to sell my honey. One farmer I visited with owned a 70-acre farm with a gross income from his farm for the year 1933 of \$225. His total expenses which had to be deducted immediately were \$133. This leaves him \$92 with which to live on for twelve months, or something over \$7 a month.

This farmer has fed all of his hay and corn that he produced on his farm and has had to buy hay and corn to the amount of \$60 to feed his horses, cattle, and chickens through the winter. The farmer cannot pay his interest or his taxes and live. Now his banker tells him to either refinance the mortgage or be foreclosed.

Butterfat Drops

The price of butterfat has dropped from .23 a pound to .14 a pound. Also the prices of milk, eggs, hogs, veal calves and beef cattle are all going down under the N. R. A. The blue buzzard isn't doing any of us poor people any good.

I was in another house where the lady could not buy my honey because she had no money. "We are back three years on our taxes and we cannot pay our interest on our mortgages. We do not have what we ought to eat," she said. I told her I would trade my honey to her for corn. But she said: "No, we have got to sell our corn to try to pay our fire insurance."

She broke down and cried and said she was afraid they were going to be evicted from their home.

TOWNSHIP MAPS for Sale

Topographic maps of nearly all townships of Sheridan county for sale at The Producers News. To close them out they are offered at 25c each or five for \$1. These maps, which show the original homestead entries or early owners also show the creeks, lakes, hills, valleys, etc., and originally sold for \$1 each, costing nearly that much to produce. They are going fast—get your today.

## CUBAN EXILE BEATEN UP



Armando Infante was at one time an ardent supporter of Machado, bloody dictator of Cuba. After the overthrow of that Wall Street agent, Infante came to New York. Just the other day, in his hotel room, Infante was so badly beaten that he was sent to the hospital. He denied his beating had any political implications.—Federated Picture.

## Country News

### OUTLOOK

Henry Wolde's went to Plentywood last Thursday and has been in the hospital having his hand cared for.

Frederick Thorsen drove down to Archer Friday where he took the train to Dargatz, walking the balance of 15 miles to his school.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Scott entertained at bridge last Friday the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Nelson and daughter Marjorie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koester, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mills, Mrs. Crabtree, Mr. and Mrs. Ueland and Mr. and Mrs. Goodlax.

Miss Vida Goodlax left for Minot last Tuesday where she will resume her duties in the Westland Oil station.

Walter Lund and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Kohler and little daughter left for Minneapolis last Saturday. Walt will go back to his work again and the Kohlers hope to obtain work.

Howard and Harold Homme are attending a few days with their brothers who are attending school in Sobey.

Morris Homma was a holiday visitor at the home of Ed Hannah. Mrs. Oscar Boe, sons, and daughters, Miss Esther Johnson and Margaret Cooper, were supper guests at the home of John Lewis last Wednesday. The evening was spent in playing various games.

Mrs. William Corkery was called to Raymond Tuesday to help care for her mother who is very poorly.

Mrs. William Reed was a business and social caller in Outlook last Tuesday.

Mrs. Ward, a former resident of Outlook, now a resident of Kall-swell is visiting at the Roderick home.

### Conestown-Dooley

Eldred Goetzinger and Mrs. David Nelson called at the Helen Franklin home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tinke and family drove to Raymond Sunday to take their eldest son to the home of his aunt, Mrs. Jack Smith where he has been staying and attending school. He was home for the Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Goetzinger and daughters called at the J. Thompson home Sunday.

Donald Hunter of Dooley, who has been seriously ill, is now back home.

Miss Elizabeth Nelson was a caller at the Christ Toeche home Friday.

### RESERVE

Alfred Peterson is confined to his bed with a pair of badly frozen feet.

Mrs. Ray Kallak is under the care of a doctor this week.

A doctor was called to the Aage Jacobsen home last Saturday night on account of the illness of little Leo and Paul Jacobson, both boys are much better at present however.

Miss Hawtin, sister of Mrs. Paul Jacobsen returned to Culbertson Monday after spending the holidays at the home of her sister here.

Art Gabrielsen's father came from Minneapolis and spent a few days here with his son, returning to his home Monday.

Viola Everson returned to her school at Thompson Falls, Mont., last Saturday.

Helen Everson spent the week end in Plentywood with some school mates.

Harriet Connolly paid a short visit to her family over Sunday, returning to Plentywood Monday.

With 10 to 25 below zero and a foot and half of snow, we are in the midst of a real old fashioned winter. Roads are practically impassable for cars and are plenty tough for teams. A spot on the county road leading to the highway from town persists in blocking up with every gust of wind, making it almost impossible to get to the highway with a car. A bunch of the boys shoveled out this spot on Sunday, trying to remove the Lyngas car and on Monday

the Henderson truck was called to pull another unfortunate out. The new gravel being put on the street by the CWA outfit, is also causing some trouble as it mixes with the snow and make a tough road.

### SMOKE CREEK

Wayne Baker has been assisting with the work at Irving Galloway's this week.

George and Albert Tryan motored to Flaxville one day this week.

Mrs. Westley Cromwell visited at her mother's home one day this week.

Mary Burielt is visiting friends in the country during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Otto were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bjerk on Sunday.

Miss Gladys Burke is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Days during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hansen entertained a number of friends at their home on Monday evening. Progressive whist was played until midnight after which a luncheon was served.

Geo. Johnson and John Krassin were Flaxville shoppers Saturday. We have been informed that Raymond Otto is the winner of a \$100 prize given away at Flaxville on New Year's day.

Oral Jay is receiving medical attention in a hospital at present. Everett Barren has been working for Wesley Cromwell the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Galloway and daughter expect to move to town in the near future.

Hiram Cole has been on the sick list the past week.

WESTBY

The Pentecostal Mission held their Christmas program Friday evening. The program was well conducted and the children all did their parts well. The Christmas message was delivered by Evangelist Knudson of Crosby.

S. Oheim and son Norman of Crosby were in town Saturday.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sather was christened on Saturday evening by Rev. Almie.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogstad were callers at Westby Friday.

Bergloft Sands was home for the holidays. She is attending college in Minneapolis.

Walter Rogstad who is attending college at Moorhead, Minn., is spending the Christmas holiday in Westby with home folks.

The W. D. C. met at the home of Mrs. Oscar Neston Tuesday evening trying quilts for the needy.

Walter Erickson was in a car accident Christmas day and received numerous bruises and some broken bones. He was taken to the Noonan, N. D. hospital Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Holst entertained a number of friends on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Neston and daughter Ethel, were guests at the home of R. Stubbe on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sather are the parents of a daughter. Both the mother and infant are doing nicely. Mrs. Sather is at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee at Westby.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hultgren arrived home from Minot last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Hans Peterson were guests at the E. E. Morrison home Sunday.

The ladies aid will have their meeting Friday, Jan. 12.

(By Correspondent No. 2)  
The Westby home relief work-



### Argentine Revolt Broken by Martial Law

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina.—Martial law was declared as 20 persons were reported slain and many wounded at Rosario in northern Argentina, in an attempted revolt. At the same time demonstrations at Santa Fe and Buenos Aires were broken up by police who fired into the crowds.

### Island Strikes Against High Gas Prices

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico.—An island-wide strike against high gasoline prices has brought most traffic to a standstill. Gasoline is selling at 25 cents a gallon. Drivers of public vehicles quit, as did the street cars. Police and 200 reserves have been called out to break the strike.

### Coal Strike Threatens in England

LONDON.—A nation-wide strike of coal miners is looming. The executive committee of the Miners' federation, forced by the unrest of the rank and file miners, have gotten the government to consent to answer them on a list of demands for the return of rights lost in the general strike of 1926. Delegates from various mining districts have been elected to hear the government's reply.

### Cuba Fails to Pay Interest

HAVANA, Cuba.—Colonel Manuel Des-paigne, secretary of the treasury, unofficially announced that Cuba cannot pay the \$3,950,000 interest due this week on three loans floated in the United States by the Chase National Bank and the First National Bank of Boston. The government will use the money to pay government employees, who otherwise would go on strike.

### Mine Owners Bury Six Miners Alive

WARSAW, Poland.—In order to prevent the unemployed miners from digging coal for themselves from abandoned pits, the mine management of one mine in Lagere had the entrances to the pit broken down by blasting, although they knew six miners were in the pit.

### Austrian Munitions Exports to Japan Increase

VIENNA, Austria.—Munitions exports of the Berndorf Krupp Works to Japan and South America have increased more than 80 per cent. Some departments are working double shifts. A Japanese military commission, headed by a general, is in Vienna at the present time.

### German Press Under Government Control

BERLIN.—Beginning with the New Year, the press of Germany passed completely into the control of the government. Dr. Joseph Goebbels, reich minister of propaganda, assumed the dictatorship of the press in all form, newspapers, news agencies and publications of all kinds. In effect newspaper men from the chief editor down, become practically civil servants directly responsible to the state.

### Civil War in China Continues

FOOCHOW, China.—Responding to a warning from the national government at Nanking that foreign powers withdraw their nationals from dangerous zones in Fukien province, United States consular officers advised all Americans to take refuge on Nantai or Kulangau islands. Fukien has seceded from Nanking and a civil war is going on between the Nanking war-lords and the Fukienese.

### Rumanian Premier Assassinated

BUCHAREST, Rumania.—Premier Duca was assassinated in the city of Sibiu where the royal palace is situated on Dec. 29 as he was about to board a train for Bucharest. He died instantly when a student fired four revolver bullets into his head. The student is said by police to be a member of the recently outlawed anti-Jewish iron guard.

### Dutch Businessmen Demand Russian Trade

AMSTERDAM, Holland.—The Chamber of Commerce at Dordrecht has sent a communication to the Ministerial Council, advocating the establishment of trade relations with the Soviet Union. The communication declares that such relations are necessary for Dutch business.

### Communists Propose no Rent for Unemployed

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia.—The representatives of the Communist Party in Parliament have submitted a motion, proposing that unemployed workers and employees should be freed from the obligation of paying rent so long as they are out of employment.

### German Youth in Bad Health

BERLIN.—A report issued by the consultative physician at the Youth Office of the German Labour Front, contains the characteristic information that in the cities 43.4 per cent of all the young people (in the towns with fewer than 20,000 inhabitants, 33.04 per cent) must be classified as unsound in health, needing treatment and recuperation.

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