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VOICE OF THE TOILING FARMERS

FIVE WEEKS AGO we started a campaign to raise \$5,000 by March 1. You have all seen our sample issue, and many of you have written and told us how much you like it. It is already clear from this sample issue that the FARMERS WEEKLY is going to be just the kind of paper we need in our struggle to improve our conditions.

The big question is this:

HOW ARE WE GOING TO SPEED UP THE CAMPAIGN TO RAISE \$5,000 BY MARCH 1? AND BRING THIS CAMPAIGN TO A SUCCESSFUL CLOSE?

Here are the results of the campaign:

|               | Quota | Amt. Raised      | Amt. to |
|---------------|-------|------------------|---------|
| Ala.          | \$50  | 2.50             | \$47.50 |
| Ark.          | 10    | 2.00             | 8.00    |
| Calif.        | 70    | 5.30             | 64.70   |
| Colo.         | 450   | 39.45            | 410.55  |
| Conn.         | 25    | 25.65            |         |
| Del.          | 40    | 15.05            | 24.95   |
| Fla.          | 10    |                  | 10.00   |
| Ga.           | 10    | 2.25             | 7.75    |
| Idaho         | 15    | 1.31             | 13.69   |
| Ill.          | 50    | 16.10            | 33.90   |
| Ind.          | 50    | 20.60            | 29.40   |
| Iowa          | 75    | 6.25             | 68.75   |
| Kans.         | 90    | 17.00            | 73.00   |
| Ky.           | 50    | 5.40             | 44.60   |
| La.           | 10    |                  | 10.00   |
| Maine         | 15    |                  | 15.00   |
| Mass.         | 15    | 1.25             | 13.75   |
| Mich.         | 50    | 2.70             | 47.30   |
| Minn.         | 125   | 24.20            | 100.80  |
| Miss.         | 125   | 71.50            | 53.50   |
| Mo.           | 450   | 115.30           | 234.70  |
| Mont.         | 10    |                  | 10.00   |
| Nebr.         | 15    | 1.50             | 13.50   |
| Nev.          | 200   | 49.80            | 150.20  |
| N.H.          | 650   | 177.65           | 472.35  |
| N.J.          | 1     | 1.00             | 9.00    |
| N.M.          | 45    | 10.30            | 34.70   |
| N.Y.          | 50    | 3.50             | 46.50   |
| N.C.          | 10    |                  | 10.00   |
| N.D.          | 25    | 43.90            | 21.10   |
| N.Y.          | 55    |                  | 25.00   |
| N.C.          | 250   | 90.55            | 159.45  |
| N.Dak.        | 100   | 26.75            | 73.25   |
| Ohio          | 75    | 2.50             | 27.50   |
| Ore.          | 75    | 33.30            | 41.70   |
| Penn.         | 200   | 30.35            | 169.65  |
| R.I.          | 7     |                  | 7.00    |
| S. Car.       | 5     |                  | 5.00    |
| S. Dak.       | 500   | 103.15           | 396.85  |
| Tenn.         | 10    | 3.05             | 6.95    |
| Texas         | 18    | 4.00             | 14.00   |
| Utah          | 15    | 3.40             | 11.60   |
| Vt.           | 10    |                  | 10.00   |
| Va.           | 15    |                  | 15.00   |
| Wash.         | 100   | 45.05            | 54.95   |
| W. Va.        | 10    |                  | 10.00   |
| Wis.          | 650   | 161.30           | 488.70  |
| Wyo.          | 50    | 11.80            | 38.20   |
| Canada        | 50    | 1.50             | 48.50   |
| <b>Totals</b> |       | <b>\$5,000</b>   |         |
| Quotas        |       | <b>\$1178.16</b> |         |
| Raised        |       | <b>\$1178.16</b> |         |
| To be raised  |       | <b>\$1178.16</b> |         |

This chart shows that in the first five weeks of the campaign only \$1178.16 has been raised. The \$3821.84 has to be raised in the next four weeks.

This is a dangerous situation. Less than 25 per cent of our goal has been reached thus far.

That is why we are ringing an alarm. This is the reason that we are raising all our boosters and friends, our Advance Guard, to fight against the danger that our campaign may not be successful.

This dangerous situation makes it necessary for us to do some plain talking.

What is being done in your state to raise your quota in the campaign for the Farmers Weekly?

What are you doing to get subscriptions from the farmers in your community, and greetings and advertisements from farmers, friends, organizations, and local business men?

How can we speed up the campaign and reach our goal of \$5,000 by March 1?

Let's Have a Plan

1. The first thing we should do is get together your organization, or a group of militant fighters who are interested in the paper. Together with them, make up a plan of how to canvass all farmers in the community for the paper, introducing it to them, explaining how it is going to help them, getting subscriptions from them.

If a plan has been made in your community then it should be reviewed and checked up.

The Main Thing Is Subs

2. Although we have said this many times before, we must say it again. The most important thing to do is get new subscribers. A farmer will be glad to take the

FARMERS WEEKLY after you explain to him how it differs from all the other farm papers he now gets.

It's easy to get subs for the FARMERS WEEKLY. You have no doubt read about J. S. Popill who got 52 subs in Nebraska even before the sample issue was published. So far this Holiday farmer has gotten 59 subs. Mrs. Chas. Thompson, a Farmer Union member in Wisconsin got 16 subs. H. J. Correll of the United Farmers League of Oregon has sent in 32 subs. And there are many others.

In getting subs, you may keep one-third of the subscription price as your commission. This will cover expenses and enable you to make a little ready cash.

Greetings and Advertisements

3. Greetings and advertisements are a good source of funds for the FARMERS WEEKLY. See to it that every local merchant is approached and asked for an advertisement for the paper.

The beginning of regular publication of the FARMERS WEEKLY is going to be an historical event. Every farmer, every organization, every friend and sympathizer of the paper should have a greeting in the first issue of the new paper. Have everyone in your community greet this great new Voice of the Toiling Farmers.

We sent out Greeting lists with our first bulletin. If you need more copies write us, and we will send them to you right away.

Contributions are Welcome

4. In every community there is generally a doctor or a lawyer or school teacher or some other professional who is a sympathizer of the farmers' struggles, and would be willing to contribute something to help start the paper properly. If you know of such people, go to them and explain the part of the FARMERS WEEKLY is going to play in the struggles of the farmers for better conditions. Do not hesitate to ask for their donation.

We Need More Boosters

Many of you are doing heroic work for your FARMERS WEEKLY. For instance, Ed Bunch, state secretary of the United Farmers League in California, has ordered and paid for 800 copies of the sample issue. Joe Chase of New Hampshire has taken 400 copies. Vivian Dahl is doing fine work in Pennsylvania.

We need more such heroes, sowing the seed of the sample issue and gathering the harvest of subs. We need hundreds and thousands of such boosters. Every one of you can become one.

Conditions Call for Militant Paper

Conditions on the farm are getting worse every day. On a ten-day tour that a member of the FARMERS WEEKLY staff made recently in the northern and central parts of Wisconsin, he could not find one farmer who was even so much as making expenses.

Forclosures and evictions are

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## Indian Agent Admits Relief for Indians on Reservation Is Less than 5 Cents a Day

Correspondent States Tuberculosis, Resulting From Lack of Sufficient Food, Is Wide-Spread on Fort Peck Reservation

By an Indian Correspondent

POPLAR, Mont.—(Fort Peck Indian Reservation)—A government official at the Fort Peck Agency made an astounding admission the other day. To a government farmer who had come to the agency to help an Indian family get clothing, this official stated, in the presence of a group of Indians, that many Indian families of six and seven members are forced to live on a purchase order of five dollars every two weeks. This covers both food and clothes.

He must have thought that the Indians could not figure out the amount each person receives per day, but we know that the amount per person, in a family of seven, is only five cents per day.

So it is no wonder that the Indian Agent had to be dragged out of the office recently, as told in the Producers News of Jan. 26.

Much tuberculosis exists among the Indians, and if this condition exists much longer, there is bound

## WALL STREET BEATING DRUM FOR NEW WAR

Vinson Bill for 475 Million for Navy Passes Congress

"National Defense Week" Is Propaganda for New World Slaughter

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Open imperialist war propaganda will start Feb. 12.

While the imperialists and professional militarists waited for the Senate to go through the parliamentary motions of approving the \$570,000,000 Vinson warship and war plane construction bill just passed by the House, the big war propaganda guns are being made for intensive use during National Defense Week which will last from Feb. 12 to 22.

The War Department, which is moving closer every day to open supervision of the whole government apparatus, will use the Reserve Officers' Association, one of the best-trained adjuncts, to attempt to justify the coming imperialist war for markets, before the people of the United States.

Double Army Plane Quota

The House Military Affairs Committee, which is still meeting secretly, will support the demand of John J. McSwain, its chairman, for 2,000 army war planes, despite the fact that the general staff of the War Department only asked for 1,000, your correspondent was informed today by an official close

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## JURY SENTENCES NEGRO FARMER TO DEATH ON MAR. 30

Share Cropper Who Shot in Self Defense Is Convicted

ROXBORO, N. C.—For defending himself against his landlord, who was about to shoot him, Emanuel Biddings, Negro share-cropper of Roxboro, has been convicted and sentenced to die by an all-white jury of landlords. The date of execution has been set for March 30.

The International Labor Defense organizing mass defense, rallying the white and Negro toilers, has announced it will seek to force reversal of this lynch-charge.

Biddings was charged with the murder of T. M. Clayton, after Clayton had advanced on him and shouting to his wife:

"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."

As Clayton advanced on him, a hand on his pistol, Biddings standing in the door of his cabin, reached around for his shotgun and shot and killed the landlord.

The shooting followed a dispute with the landlord, in which Biddings came forward to defend his son who was being beaten by Clayton.

Send protests to the Governor of North Carolina, at Raleigh.

# Court Postpones Tiala Trial and Refuses to Lower Excessive Bail

RUSH PROTESTS AGAINST TIALA FRAME-UP; HELP WITH DEFENSE FUNDS

Comrade Farmers: Alfred Tiala speaks to you from a jail cell in Warsaw. "Help free us," he says, "so that we may keep Indiana farmers on their farms." Tiala, Mrs. Tiala and Jesse Hann face a year in jail unless you help. Send your protests to Judge Donald Vanderveer, Prosecuting Attorney Seth Rowdabaugh and Sheriff Harley Person at Warsaw, Ind. Send letters to Gov. McNutt at Indianapolis. DEMAND THEIR FREEDOM! Then rush defense funds to the United Farmers League, 1817 South Loomis St., Chicago, Ill. YOU CAN FREE THEM. Lose no time.



VICTIMS OF BANKERS COURTS AND BANKERS LAW

From left to right, Jesse Hann, 22-year-old Indiana farmer and United Farmers League organizer; Mrs. Viola Tiala, and Alfred Tiala, fighting national secretary of the United Farmers League, held in the Warsaw, Indiana, jail for leading farmers in a fight against farm foreclosures. Farmers throughout the nation are rallying to demand their freedom!

## WORKERS SOCIAL INSURANCE BILL IS INTRODUCED IN HOUSE

Nation-wide Protest of Jobless and CWA Workers Makes Dent in Administration's Indifferent Attitude Toward Masses

By Herbert Barnes

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The nation-wide protest of unemployed and CWA workers, and the prospect of the Convention against Unemployment which opens here Feb. 5, have made an unmistakable dent in the attitude of the Roosevelt Administration and the congressmen thronging the capital.

Last Friday, Congressman Lundeen of Minnesota introduced into the House the Workers Unemployment Insurance bill, the social insurance bill which was drafted by the leaders of the Unemployed Councils. The campaign for the passage of this bill has been so successful in Minnesota that the city council of Minneapolis and the municipal bodies of several other Minnesota towns have been compelled to endorse the bill.

Congressman Lundeen could not very well refuse to introduce the measure in congress.

The insurgents to increase the fund, then let the President veto it.

This maneuver can very well be behind the entire noise which the self-styled progressives in Congress are making. In order to stay in the good graces of the workers and farmers back home, they must pretend to support unlimited relief funds. If they are confident that the measure can be defeated, either in the Senate or by presidential veto, they thereby avoid the anger of the bankers whose interest they actually serve.

Affecting Roosevelt

But the President himself has not escaped the effects of mass protest. He stated last Friday that he is "reconsidering" his decision to wind up civil works by May 1 and has an "open mind" on the question.

He has, on pressure, consented to divert \$450,000,000 of the \$950,000,000 requested for relief, to CWA funds. This is \$100,000,000 more than he first planned, but this entire amount will not keep (Continued on Page Two)

## C. W. A. CHECKS ONLY MEANS OF EXISTENCE AT PORTAL, N. DAK.

By Levi Negaard

PORTAL, N. Dak.—C. W. A. checks are the only means of existence around here at present. Feed orders are distributed at intervals but not until a good many have been out of feed for some time. Lots of horses have died around here this winter and can be laid to wrong kind and insufficient feed. Feed, seed, gas and tractors or horses are badly needed here this spring to enable us to put in our crops, the ground has been badly farmed for several years on account of lack of power.

Enclosed find renewal for sub and I hope you will be able to keep the good work going.

## COMPANY WORKS MEN 12 HOURS DAILY ON ALASKA ORE DREDGE

FAIRBANKS, Alaska.—The Fairbanks Exploration Company, controlled by Eastern capital, has closed down their five dredges for this season. They are the "gold diggers" of Alaska. They employed about 500 men at low wage although they took advantage of the higher price of gold. This company does not fly the Blue Eagle like smaller concerns. They work their men from 8 to 12 hours daily and in some instances longer. It is just another example of big business exploiting the laboring man. And they can get away with it as usual in such cases.

Here in Fairbanks there is published a so-called newspaper. It is subject to the same type of propaganda as most of the papers. I have tried to get them to do some work for me but they refused. I guess they did not like my style. Enclosed is \$1 donation.

## Criticize Wallace for Attack on Milk Strike

Joint Committee of Farmers, Workers, Consumers Flays Secretary

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—The Joint Committee of Farmers, Milk Drivers and Consumers of Philadelphia has taken violent issue with Secretary Wallace and in a statement issued February 2 criticized the secretary of agriculture for his attack against a workers and farmers' milk strike.

The committee flatly refused to accept the dictum of the secretary of agriculture and announced that they would carry on their preparations for a strike against the Milk Trust to the benefit of farmers, milk drivers, dairy employees and consumers.

The statement, signed by A. M. Stover, chairman of the committee follows:

"In his address before the College of Agriculture at Madison, Wisconsin, Jan. 31, 1934, Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace made a strong attack against 'strike' as a method of winning workers and farmers demands. We maintain and hereby wish to not-

# ERIK BERT WARNED TO LEAVE TOWN BY BANKERS' SHERIFF

Charge Against Tialas and Hann Raised to "Obstructing Enforcement of Law" With Large Penalty; Trial on February 14

## TRIO IS HELD ON \$30,000 BONDS

Farmers and Farm Organizations Urged to Flood Gov. McNutt, Judge Vanderveer With Telegrams and Letters of Protest

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 2.—Trial of Alfred Tiala, National Secretary of the United Farmers League, Viola Tiala his wife, and Jesse Hann, local Indiana farm organizer came up yesterday at Kosciusko county court at Warsaw, Indiana.

Judge Vanderveer granted the state motion to postpone the trial until February 14 and the original charge of resisting an officer was dismissed and a more serious charge—obstructing the enforcement of the law—was placed against the defendants. The maximum penalty, if found guilty of this charge, is one year in jail and \$100 fine. The judge denied the motion of the defense attorneys Bentall and Block to reduce the exorbitant bail of \$5,000 for each defendant.

Several hundred farmers filled the courthouse seats and were keenly interested and sympathetic to the defendants who are being railroaded to jail merely because they have defended the right of an American farmer to stay on his farm and not to be sold out to satisfy the mortgage sharks.

It was conclusively proved, to the satisfaction of every "neutral" person in the court, that Alfred Tiala, holding a responsible position in a large farmers organization, and as an officer in the Farmers Weekly, would not "skip bail." It was also pointed out that Mrs. Tiala, a mother, was in a nervous condition and should be released.

In spite of all this the judge stubbornly refused to lower the bail. The reason was clear enough—several hundred farms are to be sold Feb. 13 for taxes and the ruling class did not want Tiala free to help the farmers fight this robbery.

While waiting for the trial, the farmers in the Kosciusko and adjoining counties in the state of Indiana are organizing the Farmers Defense committees preparing to give adequate help to the defendants and also preparing to prevent future sales of their fellow farmer's homes. There is sufficient reason for this because about 1200 farms in Kosciusko county will be sold for taxes by February 13.

Expressing their keen interest in the defendants and the United Farmers League, farmers in Kosciusko county have promised to help raise bail for Alfred and Viola Tiala and Jesse Hann.

Sheriff Person in trying to bulldoze farmers into submission and inactivity, called Erik Bert, editor of the Farmers Weekly, into questioning immediately after the trial and threatened him with the American Legion, because he was making arrangements for a meeting with the farmers in the courthouse corridor. Upon the protest of Attorney Bentall to Judge Vanderveer, Bert was released with the warning to beat it out of town before sunset.

Against these threats and for the defense of their rights to stay on their farms, the farmers of Kosciusko county and the farmers in Indiana, should organize. They will be strongly supported by the hundreds of thousands of organized farmers and workers who continue to pour their protests into Sheriff Person, Judge Vanderveer, Governor McNutt and President Roosevelt.

While protests should be continued, the U. F. L. National Office appeals to all farmers and workers organizations to send in money for the Defense Fund in order to put up a strong fight for the release of our national secretary, Alfred Tiala, his wife, Viola, and Jesse Hann, Indiana farmer and organizer.

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## The Coming Death Banquet

THE FOLLOWING letter, received from Mrs. Al Hayman of Grantsburg, Wisconsin, is a stirring, pointed editorial on the war danger and how we must fight against it:

The war lords of Wall Street and Washington, D. C. are very busy in these days of starvation and misery preparing a banquet. Sumptuously prepared at a cost of billions of dollars, produced by the toil of the masses of people. A cost in dollars that has not been surpassed since the birth of the nation.

A great deal of cannon fodder to be used at the banquet, has already been herded into R. O. T. C. and C. M. T. C. and C. C. C. There the healthiest and fittest youth of the land are fed great clusters of patriotism, sheaves of militarism, and tons of war propaganda. The workers' and farmers' youth of today are now ready for the banquet.

They of course will be served first—served with machinegun fire, mustard gas, shrapnel, tanks and with all the other ghastly dishes that comprise the feast of death. The youth of other lands, will also be served first with the same gruesome dishes at the same death feast. Legalized murder will be served to satisfy the greed of the war lords of the nations.

Oh yes, the fathers and mothers of the youth will sit at the banquet table too. They will be served with slogans, "For Your Country," "For Roosevelt," "For Democracy," "For the big Blue Eagle," and "For National Self Defense," dished out in the form of patriotism. Garnished dishes of "Sacrifice," "Duty," "Loyalty and Love" will be piled high on gilded platters, by the Wall Street and Washington chefs.

When the main course is finished the youth partake of the ungarished dessert of wrecked, diseased bodies, demented minds, pools of crimson life blood, bleached bones and mounds of skulls.

Mothers, fathers and loved ones also sup of the dessert—the farewell kiss, the last hand clasp, the vacant chair, crushed hopes, broken hearts and maimed lives.

The curtain is drawn, the feast of death is finished. Where are the war lords, the sponsors of the ghastly banquet? In the counting house, counting out their bloody loot, paid for by the murdered youth and the sacrifices of the workers and farmers.

This huge war preparation is a challenge to every teacher, every militant worker and farmer, every honest intellectual, every father and mother and every organization, to protest to the government to immediately cease these preparations for the wholesale murder of our boys and girls.

## 246 Polish Peasants Tried For Leading Impoverished to Resist Tax Collections

Huge Protest of Masses Against Exploitation and Police Brutality Force Courts to Pass Light Sentences on Farmers

WARSAW, Poland.—The huge protest of the Polish masses aroused by the descriptions of the frightful poverty of the peasants in Central Galicia, and the police brutality in tax collections, given by the defendants in the first series of trials of 246 peasants arrested during a revolt in Galicia last summer, has forced the court to pass relatively mild sentences on them. Nevertheless, the sentences total to more than 100 years for the 246 defendants tried in 8 mass trials, four held in Cracow and four in Tarnow.

Among those tried in Cracow were 16 peasants from Lapanov, accused of participating in a riot in which six peasants were killed and 40 wounded; 12 from the village of Groble, the indictment stating that they "forced the police to leave the village"; and 30 peasants accused of hindering the District Governor in his activities.

In Tarnow, 141 peasants were tried for participation in the armed conflicts in the Repezyca district; 46 peasants from other villages in the Repezyca district for organizing support of the fighting peasants in the village of Nockowa; and five for taking part in the bloody conflict with police in the village of Grabiny, in which 2,000 peasants participated.

Many more smaller trials were held, with more to be held, and others to be retired. The trials, which were staged to intimidate the peasants and to suppress the peasant movement, have instead popularized the heroic struggle of the 100,000 insurgents, and revealed their need and misery. Because of the strong pressure of the campaign for their defense conducted by the Polish Red Aid (ILD) and other anti-fascist organizations forcing relatively light sentences, the struggle of the peasants has become more determined. Songs about the revolt spread from village to village calling for resistance to the punitive

expeditions and support of the arrested peasants. A glimpse of the causes of the uprising and the struggle of the peasants can be obtained from a description of the revolt in the organ of the rich peasants "Zielony Sztandar."

"Sheriff Rachwal accompanied by police came to the village of Kozodry and began to collect the taxes which were already due. He took away the last possessions of the peasants. Special indignation was aroused by the fact that he took the last cent away from Bier-nacki, a peasant who is living in great poverty."

"The indignant peasants forced their way into the Municipal offices where the sheriff and police were, and compelled the sheriff to return all the money he had taken away from the peasants."

"In connection with these events, 34 peasants from Kozodry have been brought before the court in Repezyca."

The same paper also reports that "The prisons are becoming so crowded with peasants that probably there will soon be no more room."

A large number of trials will soon be held in connection with the peasants strike in Poland last October. Trials are taking place now behind closed doors and are rushed through hurriedly.

## The Letter Box

Wolf Point CWA Workers Pass Resolution Protesting Graft in CWA Projects—We Examine and Criticize the Document

The following resolution was passed by CWA workers at Wolf Point, Mont., says H. G. Frank, corresponding secretary of the group. It is a sample of misplaced faith:

To our Public Officials

We have understood and still believe that the main object of the great federal projects, which were conceived and put in motion by our President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, was for the purpose of bringing prosperity back to this country by the distribution of work and money to all unemployed, that the same should be distributed evenly and that the pay to be in proportion to the workers ability to further this movement.

We believe that it was and still is the intention of our President, that the officers placed in charge of this work and money shall use their offices only for the advancement of the "New Deal" and not for the purpose of accumulating money at the expense of the unemployed of our country, yet we find in some offices, men holding chief positions of trust and responsibility, using these positions and authority for the purpose of hiring members of their own families, that they may secure added luxuries, and thereby depriving other families of, not luxuries, but the necessities of life.

It is matters like this, the greed of those in authority, grabbing the chance to profit at the expense of the common people because of their inability to do anything about it, which causes unrest the country over, it fosters discontent and dissatisfaction, by giving the workers the impression that this is not a "New Deal" but the same old "Raw Deal" which they have had before, therefore, in the spirit of fair play, we demand that those instances be remedied by the discharge of the surplus members and the installing of a registered CWA worker, with qualifications to handle the work, without regard to political, fraternal or family relations.

Respectfully submitted, Wolf Point C. W. A. workers.

H. G. Frank, Cor.-Sec.

Why Did Roosevelt Start CWA Projects?

Editor's Note: This resolution was passed on Jan. 28. Even at that time it should have been clear to CWA workers of Wolf Point that President Roosevelt had inaugurated CWA work to help the capitalists not to help the unemployed workers.

When we compare the miserable \$350,000,000 which Roosevelt has asked for CWA work, with the six or seven BILLIONS appropriated for war preparations, we get a pretty good picture of the aims of the Roosevelt administration. Moreover, Roosevelt has stated

positively that all CWA work will be discontinued by May 1. To make the meagre funds appropriated last even that long, Roosevelt is cutting one million CWA workers off the lists every two weeks. In the past two issues, the Producers News has carried the information of thousands cut off in both cities and rural areas. Time has been cut for millions more, and income drastically reduced.

These workers, who are unemployed and destitute through no fault of their own are being turned out by the Roosevelt administration to go hungry or starve. Why? For the one purpose of saving money for the big capitalist taxpayers and bondholders.

The Roosevelt administration inaugurated CWA work only to keep the masses quiet and to prevent, if possible, their struggles for real relief. It was especially designed to head off the growing demand for unemployment insurance.

There has been plenty of graft and corruption in CWA work. There has been plenty of discrimination and politics, with the jobs going to the favorites of the local political and business bosses. The Roosevelt administration has suddenly "discovered" this situation months after the radical press has brought forward conclusive evidence of this state of affairs.

But Roosevelt and his lieutenants are not babes in the woods. They know their politics. For them to pretend that CWA graft and favoritism is a "surprise" to them, is pretty raw. When the Administration used its corrupt political machine to administer "relief" it knew positively that such would be the results. If it had wanted any other results, it would have granted the demand of the Unemployed Councils and the United Farmers League, and put the control of relief funds in the hands of rank and file committees elected by the workers and farmers who need relief.

We think that the Wolf Point CWA workers did a fine thing when they met and passed a resolution protesting the graft and corruption in CWA work. But we think it very unfortunate that they should have mistakenly thrown all those bouquets to President Roosevelt.

We are going to get real relief through struggle, not through pretty words. We are going to stop graft in relief by organizing strongly, and electing our own committees to administer relief. Certainly we can expect nothing from the head of a corrupt political machine such as the Democratic party, nor from a president who prepares for war for the benefit of Wall Street and at the expense of the toiling masses of farm and factory.

## WORKERS SOCIAL INSURANCE BILL

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a full crew on CWA beyond May 1. In fact, the lay-off program must be followed if the amount is to continue that long, as Harry L. Hopkins, Emergency Relief Administrator, admitted before a House Committee Friday.

The remainder of the appropriation, \$500,000,000 is to go for direct relief for the following 12 months.

Some Congressional leaders are trying to avoid the responsibility for the small relief appropriations by declaring that the President has hundreds of millions at his disposal which he can use for relief, if necessary. While this is no doubt true, they know very well that unless appropriations are specifically allotted to relief, Roosevelt will allow millions of unemployed to go hungry under the excuse of "having no power" to relieve them.

The report of the House committee on this subject, submitted Friday to members of Congress, recommended continuing CWA until May 15 by "gradually diminishing the number (of employed) from time to time."

The committee admitted that approximately 20,000,000 people—4,500,000 families—were getting relief from one government source or another last March. This is one person out of every six in the United States. And while the committee doesn't say so, it is well known that many who needed relief got none, and the majority of those on relief do not receive sufficient to keep them in health.

During November, the committee said, 11 per cent of the families of the United States (3,400,000) were on relief.

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increasing every day. Most of you have heard how Alfred Tiala, national secretary of the United Farmers League, was jailed in Indiana together with his wife, Viola Tiala, and Jesse Hann. Their "crime" consisted of leading a thousand farmers in action to stop

a foreclosure sale.

These worsening conditions and increasing attacks against our fighters make more necessary than ever the immediate and regular publication of our FARMERS WEEKLY. The paper will be a nation-wide leader of the farmers' struggles to improve his conditions—a leader of the fight against the attacks of the banker class.

But our paper is in danger. The campaign to put it on a solid basis is proceeding too slowly.

Unless there is an increase in activity in spreading the paper, we will not reach our goal of \$5,000 by March 1.

Action, Action, Action  
Delegates to the Chicago Conference! Boosters, members of the Advance Guard! Friends of the FARMERS WEEKLY! Forward! Spread the FARMERS WEEKLY, the only militant farm paper in America which fights for the interests of all toilers on the countryside.

Make a plan for the campaign in your community. Get subscriptions. Get greetings, donations, ads. Use the sample issue to help you in this work.

The deadline for material for the first issue will be Feb. 20. Anything received after that date will be used in the next issue.

The farmers can raise \$5,000 by March 1 for their paper. More boosters and more action will put the campaign over the top.

BECOME A BOOSTER! LET'S HAVE MORE ACTION!

## SCORE WALLACE'S ATTACK ON STRIKE

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crimination practiced under the basic and surplus plan will not go on indefinitely unless we mobilize our forces against it. We knew the only pressure we can use against the dairy trusts is an attack on their profits. This attack we can effect through strike.

"The growing bond between drivers, consumers and farmers in many milksheds is proof that the great mass of the working class citizens of the country are behind us in our open statement that we propose to use strike when necessary. No threats of Mr. Wallace will intimidate us into giving up this powerful weapon which we hold in our hands."

## Captain of "Globetrotters" Tells of Discrimination

Negro Athletes Jim-Crowed in Northwestern Towns He Says

PLENTYWOOD, Mont.—Inman Jackson, captain of the Harlem Globe Trotters who plays center on this fast professional Negro basketball team, was surprised and pleased to find Sheridan county farmers organized behind a program which emphasizes solidarity with the Negro farmers of the South.

When he learned the kind of paper the Producers News is, and what the United Farmers League stands for, he was glad to discuss the Scottsboro case, the Negro's struggle against discrimination and Jim Crowism, and the necessity of solidarity between Negro and white toilers.

Jackson's six-foot-two almost filled the little cubbyhole of the newspaper office where the interview took place. But he folded himself into a chair with the easy gracefulness of a top-notch athlete.

He told of the discrimination which confronts this troupe of Negro athletes almost wherever they go. "And Jim Crowism," he said, "does not stop at the Mason and Dixon line. In Great Falls, Mont. we were refused service at almost every restaurant in town. In Minneapolis, the team was denied hotel rooms and were eventually sent to a flop house down by the railroad tracks."

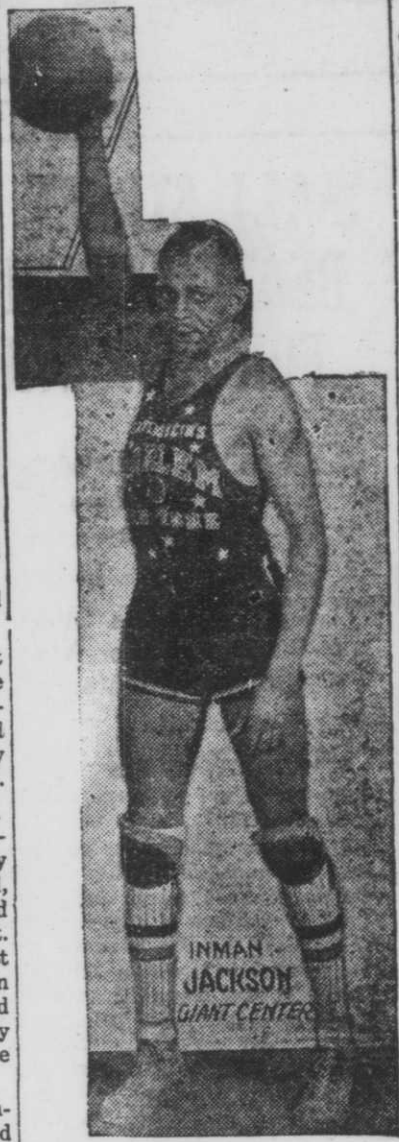
At Fargo, N. D., and at Marshalltown, Ohio, they had also faced the segregation rules fostered by the moneyed ruling class. At Chadbourne, Nebraska, after playing the high school team there, they were unable to find either a place to sleep or a restaurant which would serve them food. At Alliance, he said, they had to beg for lodging.

In Denver, Colorado, Easter, the small Negro forward who made the tour with the Globe Trotters last season, was refused a seat in a theatre, although he had purchased tickets for himself and girl companion.

"Race prejudice," said Jackson, "shows itself in many ways, sometimes unexpected ways. For instance, we don't like it when the sports writers refer to us as 'darkies.' Although the person who uses this term may not realize it, and may really feel very friendly to us, it is a condescending word. It sounds as if we Negroes are not to be taken seriously."

"We are Negroes and proud of our race, but we do not like such condescending words as 'darky.' This may sound funny to some people, but we Negroes see so much of race prejudice that we are very sensitive to such things."

Jackson attended New York university in 1925, leaving that school to attend Wilberforce university, a Negro college at Xenia, Ohio. When he left college, the same discrimination faced Jackson as faces the thousands of other Negro intellectuals. There were no jobs for a



college-trained Negro, and he had to fall back on his athletic prowess to earn a living.

But in athletics, too, there was discrimination he said, recalling the discrimination against Negro athletes in the Eastern colleges. "In basketball, discrimination is the rule," he said. "In track, a Negro athlete meets less outright discrimination. Although he may be snubbed by coaches and officials, and even by some of his fellow students, it is impossible to jim-crow a stop-watch. The records made by Negro athletes—some world records have been made by them—are hard to juggle."

Jackson had never heard of the Labor Sports Union and its fight to prevent discrimination against Negro athletes, but his eyes lit up when we discussed this working-class organization.

"Of course I cannot believe the Scottsboro boys are guilty," he said. "Even if one didn't know conditions in the South, he would be convinced by the fact that Ruby Bates testified as to their innocence."

In leaving, Captain Jackson said, "I wish you would say to the farmers here through the paper that for the Negro people I want to thank them for the stand they take, and for the support they have given the defense of the Scottsboro boys and the Negro share-croppers in Alabama."

## Hopkins Urges CWA be Ended

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sums of something which may or may not require it as the time comes."

At the same time Mr. Hopkins estimated that an average of 3,000,000 families would be on the relief rolls this year, and he called for an appropriation of not less than \$500,000,000 to meet the demands of this number.

A complete survey of the unemployed made by his organization revealed 4,500,000 families on relief rolls throughout the country last March, representing 20,000,000 people or one out of every six persons in the country, Mr. Hopkins said.

That figure dropped to 2,955,000 families in September, rose slightly in October and reached 3,400,000 in November.

Cross Section of Country  
Mr. Hopkins said those on the relief rolls represented a cross section of the entire country, farmers, mechanics, office workers and factory workers.

"We know that they represent twenty-five or thirty times as many people as were on relief in 1929," he declared. "We know they are not a lot of chronics, who were always getting relief. In the main, these people did not get relief before."

"We know, from a careful study of their records, that they are made up of the finest people in America," he admitted.

Looking into the future, Mr. Hopkins said that studies indicated a large percentage of those now on the rolls were unemployed. Old-age pensions would take care of many of these, he declared, and "some form" of unemployment insurance was necessary for the future.

"I do not think the Federal government should be encouraged to stay in the relief picture forever," he continued. "We have done nothing and will do nothing to encourage the set-up of a permanent relief machinery of this kind in the United States."

"I think we are going to continue to have a larger number of unemployed than we had in 1929."

High Wage Scales Denied  
Replying to criticisms of CWA wage rates by representatives of the business men who said they were "too high," the administrator boasted that 90 per cent of the workers got less than \$18 a week if they worked the full thirty hours. He added that they seldom worked more than 26 hours because of bad weather and so on.

But he admitted that if the CWA were to continue he would consider a revision of the wage scales.

Under the act which established the FERA, Federal money was granted through the States. Half of the \$500,000,000 allotted was to be granted on a matching basis with State funds and the other half was to be granted at the discretion of the administrator.

Mr. Hopkins said that all money in the matching funds was gone, with \$43,000,000 of FERA money left.

Mr. Hopkins said a "strange" fact led to the establishment of the CWA program, as many who re-

fused to come to the administration for direct relief came when the system of work relief was established.

Take Work, But Not Relief  
"We had been taught to believe, in the study of the poor laws, that the way to get people off relief rolls is to offer them a job," he continued.

"Well, just the opposite happened. We found that when we started work relief many people, fine people, who would not come to us for direct relief, would come for work relief, because they said it was a job."

"Those of us who were administering it knew that it was relief by whatever name you called it, but the unemployed said the distinction and they said, 'we have a three-day-a-week job.'"

Drought relief, in which it was necessary to send in feed for animals, also revealed reluctance to accept free gifts, Mr. Hopkins said.

"In fact, we cannot give relief in the form of food to some of those farmers unless they work for it," he declared. "They would rather, it seems, let the cattle die. That whole attitude of the people toward relief should be encouraged."

In other words, Mr. Hopkins would like for destitute farmers to feel that they would lose all respect if they applied for relief. He would like for them to be "ashamed" to come for relief. In his opinion, it is much more respectable for farmers to let their stock, and even their children die, rather than embarrass the government and Wall Street by demanding relief.

This is the attitude toward relief which Mr. Hopkins says, "should be encouraged."

## WIFE OF SENATOR PRAISES FASCISM

WASHINGTON.—Frances Parkinson Keyes, wife of one of the richest United States Senators, is actively supporting Fascism in the United States. She delivered a public lecture here Friday night, saying the Hitler movement is "a great movement of youth for the unification of Germany."

The wealthy lady's lecture was illustrated. She presented an official Goebbels propaganda film showing Joseph Paul Goebbels, Nazi Propaganda Minister, and Adolf Hitler himself, speaking the Nazi doctrine—a film closing with the slogan, "Free Germany from Marxism!"

Thousands attended; in Constitution Hall, the new building of the red-baiting Daughters of the American Revolution. The lecture was under the auspices of the National Geographic Society, a lecture-class organization to promote "science" and "exploration." Mrs. Keyes recently visited Germany.

She is one of the most banal and best-selling of commercial "women's magazine" writers, has fully exploited the position of her husband, Henry W. Keyes, gentleman farmer, banker, Senator from New Hampshire.

## To the Advance Guard of The Producers News:

WHEN YOU READERS of the National Edition of the PRODUCERS NEWS receive your copy next week, that will be the last time you will get your paper from Plentywood. In fact, that will be the last time you will be greeted by the familiar make-up and form of the Producers News.

From then on you will receive the FARMERS WEEKLY, published at Chicago. For many of you, this will mean getting the paper several days earlier. It will mean getting the last minute news of farm struggles and world events. For all of you, it will mean a larger, more interesting, more newsy paper.

This is what the executive council of the United Farmers League had in mind when it proposed to the Farmers Second National Conference in Chicago that our three militant farm papers, the Producers News, the Farmers National Weekly, and the Co-op Bulletin, be amalgamated. A bigger paper, a better paper. No duplication, but a single united front struggle (yes, it's a struggle, too) to build one mass fighting organ with a nation-wide circulation.

The work which you, members of the Advance Guard and readers of the Producers News, have done

## Farmers National Weekly

VOICE OF THE TOILING FARMERS  
1817 South Loomis Street Chicago, Illinois

Established at the Farmers Second National Conference by Amalgamation of Producers News and Farmers National Weekly.

Enclosed is \$1.50 for one year's subscription to our new combined paper.

Please send me sub blanks. I pledge to get subscriptions before March 1.

I also pledge to raise \$\_\_\_\_\_ in Greetings advertisements and donations.

To aid me in this work, please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the March 1st issue. Enclosed is money.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

to build the Producers News, has made this step possible. To you goes much of the credit for the Farmers Weekly entering the scene of struggle in its comparatively strong position. Three years ago, even two years ago, without the corps of boosters which has grown up around the Producers News, this would not have been possible.

The progress of the united front drive for \$5,000 by March 1 while not as successful as we would all like, has shown the determination of the hard-pressed farmers to build and consolidate a press of their very own.

Into this drive, the Advance Guard of the PRODUCERS NEWS must throw itself with increased determination, with increased activity. You will of course send no more subscriptions or bundle orders to Plentywood. These should now go to Chicago, to 1817 South Loomis Street.

But that isn't all. Here are the tasks which confront the Advance Guard of the Producers News, and which require immediate action.

1. Order a bundle of the first regular issue of the Farmers Weekly... Get your order in to Chicago before March 1, accompanied by money. The price for the bundles is

100 copies or more, 1c each  
50 to 100 copies, 1 1/2c each  
Less than 50 copies, 2c each

2. Get more subscriptions. If you have no subscription books, write to Chicago for them.

3. Get advertisements from local merchants. Advertising material will be sent or request.

4. Get greetings and donations, from organizations and individuals. The name of every individual who contributes 25c will be printed. Organizations should take a space of \$1 or more to express their solidarity with the fighting farmers' paper.

5. Put in a regular order for bundles to sell to your neighbors or to brother members of your organization.

With war and fascism, hunger and eviction facing us, there is no time to lose in building a nation-wide circulation for the "Voice of the Toiling Farmers."

THE STAFF OF THE NATIONAL EDITION

The Producers News

# Producers News Launches Drive for Subscriptions

## Jury Decides in Favor of the Brown Grain Co. in Suit Against Spoklie

Middlemen-Speculators Expect to Use This Favorable Verdict to Blackjack Collection of Notes from Small Farmers

PLENTYWOOD, Mont.—After a trial that lasted four days, the jury gave a verdict in favor of the Brown Grain Co. of Minneapolis, in the grain company's suit against Albert Spoklie, a large farmer of Coalbridge, for payment of a note of \$2,348.

While Spoklie himself is a well-to-do farmer with some eight sections to his name, the grain company holds notes against some 20 farmers in that section, many of whom are small farmers, and the Spoklie suit was intended as a test case. With this victory, the company expects to intimidate the other farmers and force collection of their notes.

The case involved speculation in grain futures, handled through the Farmers Elevator at McElroy. The Brown Grain company encouraged the farmers to buy futures, on margin and when the price of grain fell, the company cleaned out the farmers and tightened its grip on the elevator.

By Hans Rasmussen  
Listening to a court case for four days gets awfully tiresome. The lawyers wandering over the same ground day after day, one asking questions over and over again, and the other one

### 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 50¢ 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.

## Want Ads

PAVE YOUR Brickwork, Stucco and plastering done by Hans Rasmussen.

IF YOU WANT A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY to make \$8.50 a day and get a new Ford Sedan as bonus besides, send me your name immediately. No contest or lottery. Particulars free. Albert Mills, 3363 Monmouth, Cincinnati, Ohio. 461tp

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## Free Radio!!!

Given to the Holder of Lucky Dance Ticket  
Contest begins Saturday, January 20 and continues through to March 10—both dates inclusive.

**A Keg of Beer** will be raffled at this Dance. Number on ticket.  
**Dance No. 5 Sat., Feb. 10**  
The Original "TEMPO KINGS"  
**Farmer-Labor Temple**

## O'TOOLE GIVEN TWO AND HALF YEARS BY PAUL

Suspended Sentence Fixed as Motion for Retrial Is Denied

PLENTYWOOD, Mont.—Admitting that the evidence did not warrant conviction, Judge S. E. Paul nevertheless refused the motion of Defense Attorney Owens for a new trial in the case of Raymond O'Toole, and gave the young unemployed worker a suspended sentence of two and a half years. Notice of appeal was filed, to be taken within 30 days.

When the judge made the admission that the jury had not sufficient evidence to convict, he must have realized that he had made a blunder. He recessed court and after a few minutes returned. "On reading the testimony of Dr. Strakan," he said in effect, "I recognize the basis on which the jury brought in a conviction."

Leaders of the United Farmers League and of the recently organized Plentywood Branch of the International Labor Defense are not disposed to let this sentence go through without a fight. They point out that a suspended sentence puts O'Toole at the mercy of the authorities at all times. He can be remanded to jail on the least pretext, without a trial.

This is the present status of the celebrated "pig case" of Plentywood, in which an unemployed worker is convicted of first degree burglary for the alleged theft of \$4 worth of pork from a Main street notable.

Farmers and farm organizations, unemployed councils, and other militant organizations are urged to send letters of protest to Judge S. E. Paul, Plentywood.

A drive for funds to fight the case is being made. Money should be sent to Clara Reiten, secretary Plentywood Branch, I. L. D., Plentywood, Montana.

### Large Shipment Relief Flour and Pork Arrives

Seven thousand pounds of flour is now being unloaded at the relief station. Smoked pork is also there and a quantity of butter is also said to be hidden away in the basement.

Information of that kind is kept away from the people as much as possible by the relief office.

## BRANCH OF LABOR DEFENSE FORMED

Will Defend Militant Worker Class Prisoners

PLENTYWOOD, Mont.—The Plentywood Branch of the International Labor Defense was formed at a meeting in the Farmer-Labor Temple Sunday night. An executive committee was elected consisting of the following: John Boulds, Anna Herron, Hans Hardersen, Shorty Jackson, and Clara Reiten. Miss Reiten was named secretary-treasurer.

It was decided that defense funds could be spent only by a majority vote of the executive committee. Records of collections and expenditures in defense cases will be published whenever the committee thinks advisable, but the books of the organization will be open at all times.

A resolution protesting the arrest of Alfred Tiala, his wife, and Jesse Hann, was passed unanimously and a copy sent to Judge Donald Vanderveer, Warsaw, Ind.

The branch set February 18 for the next meeting, which will be held at 8 o'clock at the Farmer-Labor Temple. All Plentywood folks are invited to attend and join the I. L. D.

The Plentywood Branch is the first local of the I. L. D. to be set up in Sheridan county, although there are 60 members throughout the county.

### MARKETS

Thursday, Feb. 8, 1934  
Dark Northern wheat ..... 64  
Dark hard wheat ..... 66  
Winter Wheat ..... 62  
Amber Durum ..... 59  
Rye ..... 35  
Barley ..... 27  
Flax ..... 157  
Dairy butter, lb. .... 20  
Eggs, doz. .... 20  
Potatoes, bu. .... 125

pretending that it knew nothing about the transactions of the McElroy elevator, which it more than owned and had their representative there night and day.

The Brown Grain Co. probably received a lot more than \$40,000 in cash margin money and furnished credit for the farmers to gamble with to the extent of probably \$40,000—and didn't know that these farmers were gambling. And a jury of twelve farmers unholding that kind of bunk, returned a verdict against Spoklie and in favor of the Brown Grain Co.

## Paper Is Important Weapon in Hands of Farmers and Workers in Fight Against War and Hunger

DEAR FRIENDS AND READERS OF THE PRODUCERS NEWS—

It is time we got down to business and took stock of our present situation. What are the prospects facing the farmers and workers of Sheridan county?

Tax-sales and foreclosures, evictions, grasshoppers, and even a cutting off of relief are just around the corner for the smaller farmers, UNLESS we organize strong and hold our ranks close.

For the worker, the immediate future is one of miserable, inadequate relief, discontinuing CWA jobs, and a struggle for bare existence.

For the toiling population, there is the prospect of a horrible imperialist war.

Now we all know that ORGANIZATION is our only defense against the ravages of war, hunger and exploitation. We must consider how to proceed to organize all of our fellow workers and all of our fellow farmers for the fight against these conditions.

The Producers News is one of our best weapons. The workers and farmers of Sheridan county, having their own paper, are already better armed than the workers and the farmers in many parts of the country who have nothing but the capitalist gutter sheets. And the Producers News can be an even more powerful weapon in our fight if we utilize it properly.

Every reader of the Producers News knows, from a weekly reading of his paper, what the war-plots of Wall Street are. He knows the secret purposes of the Blue Eagle, the New Deal. He knows weeks ahead of others the plans of the Roosevelt Administration to cut down relief. He is forewarned, and therefore, forearmed.

Isn't it clear, then, that our job is to make every farmer and worker in Sheridan county a reader of the PRODUCERS NEWS? Isn't it clear that if we are to fight against imperialist war, if we are to force more relief from the Wall Street government, that we should circulate the PRODUCERS NEWS far wider than its present subscription list?

We think the answer is yes, and we are going ahead to put on a drive for new readers, and for renewing old subscriptions. We are asking every one of our readers to cooperate.

We have divided the county into nine districts. We are asking one of our old boosters to act as captain of each district. Here is the line-up:

Chris Heiberg, Dagmar; O. N. Vance, Medicine Lake; Harry Williams, Reserve; John Klis, Reserve; Fred Radon, Outlook; Harley Potter, Daleview; Mrs. Grace McGowan, Raymond; Herbert Balke, Dooley; Geo. Rebo, Comertown; Dave Gunderson, Homestead.

Of course the captain can't do it all in your district. You must help. You should be a member of the captain's committee, get a sub book from him, and call on your neighbors to secure subscriptions. If time does not permit this, then at least you should send in your own subscription and pay up what you owe.

The allotment checks are pretty small, of course, and they have been delayed so long that they have been eaten up many times in credits at the stores. But nevertheless, many farmers have been waiting for this little cash to pay up their subs to the NEWS. For this reason, this is the best time for our drive.

And another thing—the next issue of the national edition of the Producers News will be the last. From then on, the national edition moves to Chicago and becomes a part of the Farmers Weekly. But the county edition of the PRODUCERS NEWS is still here to fight our fights and lead us in a struggle for the things we should have.

The moving of the national edition takes away one source of finances which we have had. But it also broadens our opportunity for making the county paper cover more fully local news, county happenings, etc. The truth of the matter is that we must dig hard for finances, but we must also build and improve our local paper.

We have said before that every farmer and farm wife should consider himself or herself a correspondent to the NEWS. Every workingman or woman should write letters, news articles, stories for the paper. For after all, the PRODUCERS NEWS is going to be just as good as you folks make it—or just as bad as you allow it to be. We cannot over emphasize the fact that it is YOUR paper.

The fact that we are busy with building the local paper does not mean that we have no responsibility for the national paper, the Farmers Weekly. The drive for \$5,000 by March 1 for the WEEKLY is something in which every militant farmer should be interested. Moreover, we wish every militant farmer in the county would be a subscriber for the WEEKLY. For this reason we are making a club subscription offer to those who can afford to take both papers. The PRODUCERS NEWS AND THE FARMERS WEEKLY WILL COME TO YOU FOR ONE YEAR FOR A TOTAL OF \$3.25.

If you subscribe separately, of course, the price is \$2 for the Producers News and \$1.50 for the Farmers Weekly.

Let us not delay in putting on our drive. If every reader will feel the necessity for putting the PRODUCERS NEWS on its feet, solicit subscriptions and advertisements throughout the county, we will not only be a stronger paper, BUT WE WILL ALSO BE A STRONGER ORGANIZED GROUP OF MILITANT WORKERS AND FARMERS.

Date.....193.....

PRODUCERS NEWS  
Plentywood, Montana.

☐ I am enclosing \$2.00. Please list my subscription for one year.

☐ If this is a renewal check here.

☐ I am enclosing \$3.25. Please list me one year for the Producers News and Farmers Weekly.

Name .....

Address .....

## CROWD MARVELS AT FANCY SHOTS OF NEGRO TEAM

Globe Trotters Give Exhibition of High Calibre Basketball

By Walter Rasmussen

A record crowd turned out to see the Plentywood-Globetrotters basketball game at the Plentywood high school auditorium Tuesday.

The attendance, numbering well over a thousand, was composed of people from every point in the county, which certainly pays a tribute to the drawing card ability of the Harlem Globetrotters. The excellence of these Negro basketballers is building a fan crowd in this section of the country, willing to testify to their quality any time, any place, any where. In truth after the game Tuesday fans were getting in each others hair, shouting "Did you see Jackson push the ball out of the basket?" "But Easter's shots thru the girders." "Yes, and at the other side of the .."

The score was 40-43 with the Negroes on the heavy end of the tally. That however, was relatively unimportant as very few people knew the actual score of the game but they did know they had viewed one of the best basketball exhibitions that it would be their good fortune to see. Everyone realized that the score could have been 430 to 40 if the Harlem team had extended itself.

Manager L. J. Moe of Plentywood deserves special credit, not only for staging this exhibition but for assembling the fine team that played Tuesday.

Roy and Morris Homme of Outlook, Billy Ryder of Froid, Cliff Olsen of Homestead, and Lloyd Skor and Pud Marsh of Plentywood comprised the local setup. Plentywood played very good basketball thru the game. Their expected drubbing was taken with a grin, and good sportsmanship reigned thru the game. Everyone realized that the Negro quintet could have made the game short and painless as a wooden leg, but the Plentywood team made a good showing notwithstanding.

Pulls and Easter the swift comparatively diminutive sharpshooters startled the crowd with their fancy shots. Long and Anderson bewildered opponents while the crowd cheered their snappy passes and general playing. To say nothing of Inman Jackson the giant center who jumped up and pushed the opponents ball out of the basket twice during the evening. The ease with which they handled the ball, their swift passes and the general team work makes them an aggregation unsurpassed by any team in the country. And if you do not believe this plenty of the fans who saw the game Tuesday will be willing to bet the old homestead you are wrong.

### PLENTYWOOD-SCOBEY

The Plentywood High school basketball team playing at Scobey Friday of last week made a good showing but was not able to score during the overtime period played, and was nosed out by Scobey.

## 1479 Allotment Checks Here for Distribution County Officials State

Allotment Officials Direct Farmers Not to Apply for Checks Until They Receive Notice That Their Check Has Been Received Here

BULLETIN: The checks arrived Thursday morning.

PLENTYWOOD, Mont.—Checks for three-quarters of the Sheridan county allotment contracts are expected any day now following the receipt here of information that 1,479 acreage reduction contracts have been confirmed in Washington, according to a statement issued at the county allotment office. About 600 contracts have not been confirmed yet.

Farmers are urged by allotment officials not to apply for their checks until they receive notice that their checks are here.

The statement of the allotment officials follows:

"The county allotment committee has received confirmation this week of 1,479 acreage reduction contracts from Washington. The checks in payment of the first installment are expected any day now.

"Inasmuch as checks for all contracts are not being received in the first payment, applicants are cautioned not to call for the checks until notified they are here. Contracts signed by corporations are

## LOCAL AIRPORT TO GET HANGAR

Construction work on a 30x80 foot hangar was started the first of this week at the local airport.

The credit for getting this work done goes entirely to our local pilot, Thor Thorstenson. Due to his persistent efforts the government has made available \$500 for building material, and a about two thousand dollars more has been promised for the purpose of putting the landing field in condition later on. About 25 men will be employed.

Thor has been appointed by the government as supervisor of this work, with authority to pick his own men for construction work.

### Guest at Local Hotel Loses \$80 and Trousers

A gentleman staying at a local hotel was greatly surprised upon waking Wednesday morn to find his trousers, with the sum of \$80 cuddled in a pocket, gone — vanished, departed, (missing to you.) A strenuous search was put up (after he had borrowed a pair of pants) but to no avail. It is thought that the thief must have entered the room some time during the night but no clues are available. However, Jacob Reiger and Robert Robke have their collective noses on the trail and undoubtedly will ferret out something, the pants maybe.

### NOTICE

The annual stockholders meeting of the Sheridan Memorial hospital will be held at the hospital Tuesday evening, February 20, 1934, at 8 o'clock. All stockholders are urged to attend.

Mrs. E. H. E. Helgeson, Secretary.

### IS CASTOR OIL A BLADDER LAXATIVE?

No, but juniper oil, buchu leaves, etc., is. Use it to drive out impurities and excess acids that cause the irritation which results in getting up nights, bladder weakness, leg pains, backache and burning. Juniper oil, buchu leaves, etc. is pleasant to take in the form of BUKETS, the bladder laxative. Use a regular 25c box. If not satisfied your druggist will return your money. You are bound to feel better after this flushing and you get your regular sleep.

E. I. MILLER, Druggist, says BUKETS is a best seller.

April 25  
1914

April 25  
1934

## Our 20th Anniversary

ON APRIL 25, 1914, Harry Koike arrived from Minot and purchased the building, now occupied by the City Cafe, from the late Pete Krebsbach, the fixtures from Joe McIntosh, and ventured forth in the restaurant business in the bustling little village of Plentywood.

Harry has seen the transition from the little prairie town—the rendezvous of the early homesteaders, cattle and sheep men—to the thriving little city which is now known far and wide. He has seen Plentywood pass successfully through periods of inflation and prosperity, deflation and depression and now enters on his 21st year—a year which it is hoped will mark the beginning of another era of prosperity.

### TWENTY PRIZES

In commemoration of the 20th Anniversary he is giving away twenty valuable prizes to customers of the City Cafe. The prizes are:

Two Crosley Radios  
(1 Travo and 1 Travette model)  
Two \$6.00 City Cafe meal tickets  
Two \$5.00 Orpheum Theatre tickets  
Four boxes of cigars  
Ten cartons of cigarettes.

Commencing Saturday, February 10, a ticket will be given each customer with each 20c purchase which is good for one chance on any of the prizes. The drawing will take place Wednesday, April 25, 1934, the exact time to be announced later. Only one prize will go to a winner.

## The City Cafe

HARRY KOIKE, Prop.

Plentywood

"Only Good Things to Eat"

Montana



### Nazis Abolish Flat Roofs

DESAU, Germany.—Flat roofs have been declared "Bolshevistic" by German officials so all flat-roofed houses have now a respectable peaked roof.

### Sea Serpent Seen in British Columbia

The oft repeated tale of a sea serpent has been revived. "Amy" the sea serpent has been sighted in the Powell river by witness who described it as 30 to 40 feet in length and black.

### Lynchers Freed in Missouri

ST. JOSEPH, Mo.—Although a strong case against lynchers, which was supposedly pushed by the Missouri governor, was presented here, the case collapsed with the acquittal of Walter Gorton, one of the 7 defendants.

### Man Amuck in Studio

LOS ANGELES.—Clarence Walter, crazed Montanan, went berserk in station KHH, killing one man and wounding another. He went insane while home listening to the radio and drove to the studio where he committed the atrocities.

### Fish Racketeers Indicted

NEW YORK.—Forty gangsters and politicians controlling the Fulton Fish Market, were given two indictments by a Federal grand jury. These racketeers had levied tribute from the fish dealers for a number of years until the recent investigation.

### Senate Probes Air Mail Contracts

WASHINGTON.—The senate continued probing into the high governmental contracts given to aircraft companies. People like Herbert Hoover, Jr., Col. Charles Lindbergh, and the House of Morgan have all been under investigation as helping with the rifting of the contracts.

### New York Taxi Drivers on Strike

NEW YORK.—Striking hackmen continued to stay out in a protracted protest against the grasping taxi companies and Liberal Mayor La Guardia's attempted settlement. Over two-thirds of the cabs were not in use while the striking taxi drivers picketed leading auto transport terminals while cab drivers were forced to run for shelter.

### Plentywood to Have Tournament

PLENTYWOOD, Mont.—Arrangements have started for the district basketball tournament scheduled to be held in Plentywood Feb. 23 and 24. It is expected 11 teams will participate this year, including Peerless, Flaxville, Scooby, Plentywood, Medicine Lake, Antelope, Westby, Comertown, Dooley and Whitetail. The winner of the tourney will go to Great Falls, March 8-11, to participate in the state meet.

### Deportation Warrant Cancelled

BOSTON, Mass.—Victory in the long fight against the efforts of the Department of Labor to deport Bernard Creagan came last week with the receipt of a letter announcing the cancellation of the deportation and arrest warrants.

Because he was a leader of the unemployed workers of Worcester, Mass., attempts were made by the immigration authorities to deport Creagan to Scotland, but the mass campaign for his release led by the International Labor Defense stopped the deportation several times and has finally resulted in complete victory.

### Waldorf-Astoria Employees Out on Strike

The general hotel strike in New York sharpened with the news of the arrest of Sylvan Rodman, editor and publisher who attempted to make a plea for the striking hotel workers, in the dining room of the Waldorf-Astoria. You will remember the Waldorf was the hotel at which the principal Roosevelt ball was held. While American Federation of Labor officials and the rest of the capitalist boot-lickers were dining inside to honor "our President" striking employees of the same hotel picketed the sidewalks in front demanding a wage scale equal to the NRA scale.

### Dismiss Packing House Leaders

PHILADELPHIA.—Thirteen anti-fascist workers are held for the grand jury following a hearing before a police court magistrate on Feb. 1, on charge of "breach of peace" and "inciting to riot." They have been released on \$600 bail.

They were arrested the evening before when police squads brutally broke up an open air anti-fascist meeting held under the auspices of the American League against War and Fascism, though a nearby meeting of the Nazi organization "Friends of the New Germany" in the Philadelphia Quartette club was allowed to proceed peacefully.

The excuse given by the sergeant in charge of the police for breaking up the meeting was that the group displayed a banner with the inscription "The NRA is breeding War and Fascism," thus completely exposing the fake charge of "breach of peace" and "inciting to riot."

## COUNTY BOARD IS FORCED TO GRANT DEMAND FOR FEED

### Delegation of Farmers Told That 16 Carloads to Be Shipped Here

PLENTYWOOD, Mont.—The county commissioners received a visit Tuesday afternoon from a delegation of 20 farmers, called to town by the United Farmers League to demand feed and hay for Sheridan county farmers. The commissioners were forced to grant the demand.

It had previously been announced that Sheridan county was to get only three carloads of hay. The relief committee and the county commissioners had fulfilled their obligations to the Wall Street bankers and the money class by keeping even normal relief out of Sheridan county.

The farmer delegation, with this information in their minds, demanded that the county commissioners take action at once and secure adequate feed and hay. It was pointed out that cattle and other stock were dying of starvation.

The commissioners promised to get busy at once. Two hours later, after the commissioners no doubt had burned the wires between here and Helena several of them hunted up the delegation at the Producers News office and informed them that 16 carloads of hay are being shipped to Sheridan county. A similar amount of feed was also promised.

The hay will be distributed as follows: Plentywood, 3; Medicine Lake, 1; Antelope, 2; Reserve, 3; Redstone, 1; Outlook, 2; Raymond, 1; Dooley, 1; Comertown, 1; Westby, 1.

This is far from enough to satisfy the need of destitute Sheridan county farmers. However, it shows that organized action can force results from the officials. More organized action will get more results.

## Local Brevities

A number of Dooley folks attended the basketball game and dance Tuesday evening.

Arnold Hanson and Alice Corcoran of Comertown were married Tuesday by Judge Belanski.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Toedte of Comertown were in Plentywood on Tuesday.

Melvin Bretzke, Dooley, was a Plentywood caller this week.

John Bucklin, Redstone, was attending to business matters here Tuesday.

Levi Crause of Raymond was a Plentywood visitor Tuesday.

Harry Williams, Reserve, was in the city Tuesday.

Simon Hanson of the Comertown country spent a few days in Plentywood the first of the week.

Jalmer and Arnold Hanson and Louie Dixon of Comertown were in Plentywood Monday, the former seeking medical aid.

No parking worries at the Beaufort Hotel 112 3rd Street South, opposite Federal Building, Minneapolis, 75c, \$1, \$1.50 per day. Parking next door.

Walter Bye, north of Comertown was a Plentywood caller Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Nelson of the south Comertown country were in Plentywood Saturday.

Work on the airport was started this week with John Walkoski, Jensen, Hans Thompson with Ole Hippe being in charge.

A large number of school children have been absent this week on account of flu and bad colds.

The youngest son of Leonard Johnson will be able to leave the hospital the latter part of this week, having recovered nicely from his appendicitis operation nicely.

Levi Paul suffered a broken arm at basketball practice last week. This will weaken the Plentywood high school team considerably as he was one of the most valuable players.

"Swede," alias Alden Johnson, Vic VanHee and Charles Strubeck loaded the road machinery left here last fall by the Lawler company.

## Broader Horizons

Many business men are learning that new markets can be reached successfully by telephone. By alternating telephone calls with personal visits to other towns you can contact many new customers inexpensively.

If you are purchasing, you often can get better prices or quicker delivery by telephoning.

Whatever the occasion a telephone call is practically as satisfactory as being there in person.

The Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company

## FROM AROUND SHERIDAN COUNTY

### OUTLOOK

Roger Corkery left for Burlington where he will take up his duties in the mine.

Tony Wilson, an old timer here, was visiting with friends and old neighbors last week.

Mrs. John Fink has been spending the week at her mother's home.

Conrad and Agnes Benson, Margaret Lundeen, Norma Bjerke, Joe Billet and Earnie Skaggs were Sunday visitors at the Joe Koski home.

Mrs. Arthur Ueland and Mrs. Alexander entertained at a bridge dinner last Sunday.

Maurice and Roy Homme played basketball with the Plentywood team at Williston, with the last Williston team. The score ended 31-33 in favor of Williston.

Stella Corkery who has been visiting in the Minot territory all winter returned to her home on Thursday.

Otto Lietz' sister from Sauc Center, Iowa is visiting at his home.

A group of young folks gave a surprise party last Sunday evening at the home of Amund Johnson, the occasion being the birthday of William Boe and Esther Johnson.

Max and Christine Deck called at the home of their mother last Wednesday evening.

The card party given by the Catholic ladies was well attended, twelve tables being in play.

Miss Margaret Lundeen entertained at lunch the following last Saturday: Mabel Larter, Mae Hass Agnes and Conrad Benson, Esther Koski, Ruby Ross, Norma Bjerke, Eileen Ordahl, Lucille and Merton Anderson, Von Jones, Raymond Ordahl, Joe Billet, Chester Ross.

Comertown-Dooley

A dance was held at the Jim Vincent home northeast of Comertown Saturday, Feb. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Toedte and children called at the Chris Mikleson home Saturday.

Buster Brown came out from Plentywood Saturday to spend a few days with his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berglund and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marsh and family and Martin called at the Peter Bieglov home on Friday.

Paul Olson was a week end guest of Ralph Mikleson.

Mrs. Martin Isaacson who was ill is now improving steadily.

### FLAXVILLE

(Too late for last week)

Cecil Savajau and father went to Glasgow Thursday to look over prospects for work on the dam.

Mildred Stafne is caring for Mrs. Ed Mehls and daughter Verona, who were severely burned some time ago when gasoline in which they were cleaning clothes exploded.

Mrs. Lohman died Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. She had been a resident of Flaxville for a number of years.

The high school basketball team plays the Whitetail team Friday night at Whitetail.

The CWA inspector was here looking over the graveling project Thursday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bunsen Tuesday. Mrs. Bunsen is getting along fine.

The east bound train was derailed on the side track Tuesday and was held up an hour before being put back on the rails.

### RESERVE

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Strand returned from Minot last Wednesday night. Mrs. Strand had been in a hospital there for some time and is now greatly improved in health.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Henderson and Mrs. Robt. Henderson left for Billings last Wednesday. Letters from them indicate that Spring-like weather prevails there.

Merle McGrath who has been visiting his cousins, Kenneth and Jimmie Connelo returned to his home near Regina, Sask., last Monday.

Hans Tomoson made a business trip to Williston last Wednesday. He returned with a load of salt pork for the relief agency at Plentywood Friday. He also was trailing a road plow for use on the newly graded road.

The dance last Saturday night was well attended. The roads were opening up and a number of cars were able to get to town Saturday.

This was the last Saturday night dance in town for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Axel Christensen and children drove over from Brockton last Sunday.

Marion Murk visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murk last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Larsen entertained a large group of friends to a sumptuous dinner Wednesday evening.

Nearly everyone in town drove to Plentywood Tuesday evening to attend the basketball game between the Plentywood team and the Harlem Globetrotters, a Negro team.

This will be shipped to Glasgow.

The Plentywood basketball team, with manager L. J. Moe motored to Williston last Wednesday to play the fast Williston quintet.

The game, tip and nuck thruout, ended with a score of 31-33 with Plentywood clutching the diminutive end of the score.

Leo Donaldson and Guy Buck drove to Williston Tuesday on business.

### ORVILLE

Mrs. Harold Sund and children of Peerless are visiting at the Ole Sund home.

Chester DeTinne of Soo made a trip to Flaxville Tuesday. He also visited at the Worth Logan home over night on his return.

Mabelle Norgard returned home Friday after spending a week in Scooby visiting friends.

Mrs. Tolle Olson is seriously ill at this writing.

Mrs. Lohman, mother of Mrs. Kramer of Flaxville, passed away Wednesday evening.

Saturday evening a group of young folks took a sleigh ride to the Martin Froshan home and spent a very enjoyable evening, the occasion being Mr. Froshan's birthday.

Miss Mina Sund returned to her home Monday from Minneapolis where she had been the past year.

Mrs. Ernest Rutherford, Mabelle and Evelyn Norgard called on Mrs. Tolle Olson Monday.

### WESTBY

Mrs. Luther Hultgren is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. Engler and Miss Erma Engle of Minot.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stubbe and Gordon and Miss Ethel Nesten were dinner guests at the Thome home Sunday.

Mrs. Art Hetland and children, and Mrs. Gust Stubbe were callers at the Alvin Stageberg home Wednesday afternoon.

The basketball game between the Crosby and Westby high schools was well attended. The score was 32-38 in favor of Westby.

Miss Ethel Nesten is visiting at the Thome home this week.

Miss Mary Hudson and Miss A. Vang called at the Maurice Berg home Sunday afternoon. Mrs. M. Berg is confined to her bed with a sprained ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stubbe were visitors at the E. E. Morrison home Monday evening.

(Correspondent No. 2)

Miss Hudson and some of her pupils were busy Saturday afternoon making valentines and trimming the room.

The Lutheran church choir have started practicing for an Easter cantata. Miss Maren Johnson is directing the Junior choir and meet at the church every Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Rostad directs the senior choir and Miss Johnson the ladies chorus.

Miss Mason is spending much time in drilling the rhyme band that will render several selections when the Senior-Junior mid-winter concert takes place. We are more than anxious to hear the little ones.

Mrs. H. Witzburger is enjoying a visit from her sister from Gladmar, Sask.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Ellington of Sidney, Mont., recently. Mrs. Ellington will be remembered as the former Carry Tangen of Westby.

Mr. and Mrs. Ogrande, Plentywood, audited the books at the Ashborne elevator this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stageberg and daughters, Art Nordhagen, returned Friday from a short visit at Ray, N. D.

Oscar Helseth is able to sit up a little at this time. He has been confined to his bed the past three weeks with a severe case of inflammatory rheumatism.

The L. D. R. girls are making a friendship quilt which they intend to raffle at a later date. Anyone wanting their name sewed on the quilt should leave a dime with Mildred Johnson or Alice Helseth.

The L. D. R. girls are working hard for an altar for the church, so don't hesitate if they ask you to put your name on the quilt.

Westby friends of Mrs. Pete Nelson of Alkabo, are glad to hear that she will return to her home from Minot in a short time. She recently underwent a major operation there.

Several friends and relatives spent last Wednesday afternoon at a birthday party for Mrs. Paul Hultgren.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Nereson, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Meyers attended the Globetrotters basketball game at Crosby Thursday night.

The W. H. D. met at the home of Mrs. P. C. Peterson, assisted by Mrs. John Rohweder as hostess. The club worked on yo-yos.

It was decided to meet Thursday night with a pot-luck lunch and to tie a quilt for a needy family. To-date the club has made 16 quilts and sold three since a year ago last fall.

It was also decided to meet once a week at the different homes and work for one on other of club members for a while. This club is doing good work on all lines, not only in quilt making.

The regular meeting will be held with Mrs. Ed Iverson and Mrs. Herbert Witzberger as hostesses at the home of Mrs. Hans Hansen the last Tuesday afternoon in February. Four new members being admitted Tuesday, making a membership of 27.

Mrs. Earl Chaffee returned Saturday from a short visit at Dooley, Outlook and Daleview.

Cards are out announcing the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Truman Stageberg of Helena.

Mrs. Alvin Stageberg had as her guests Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Art Hetland, Mrs. Gust Stubbe, Mrs. Otto Enger, Mrs. Luther Hultgren and her mother and sister Irma, who are visiting here from Minot.

Emil Bundt assisted at the Crystal cafe a few days this week.

## WALL STREET IS BEATING DRUMS

(Continued from Front Page)

to the committee. The cost is estimated at about \$80,000,000.

The War Department is also soliciting civil technicians for war training, it was learned today. I was informed that the War Department recently mailed queries to graduate engineers, asking them whether they wouldn't like to cooperate with the government in some preparatory military training.

In addition, various reserve officers' organizations have been notified in the past year to keep in physical trim and in readiness for call.

War Propaganda Campaign

Speakers' bureaus, radio addresses over national hookups and "essay contests" among students at schools and at colleges, will be directed during this "defense" week by the reactionary American Legion leadership; the Navy League, which was founded to increase the profits of steel corporations by such patriots as the elder J. P. Morgan; the American War Mothers; the Military Order of the World War; the radi, red-baiting, big-bosomed daughters of the American Revolution; the Coalition of Patriotic Societies; the United States Naval Reserve Association; and "other patriotic organizations."

This war propaganda program, the Reserve Officers Association announced today, "is rapidly nearing completion. The period selected for this observance . . . is particularly significant in that it is inaugurated on the birthday of the savior of the union, Abraham Lincoln, and terminates on the birthday of the founder of the union, George Washington." Whose birthday will be selected for the declaration of war was not announced.

Pershing Is Pleased

In addition, General John J. Pershing, who manages to get along on \$22,500 a year while thousands of World War veterans starve, has given his blessing to the "week." Pershing yesterday wrote Col. Kemper Williams, National President of the R. O. A. that "the wisdom of Congress in providing the funds for a navy 'second to none' establishes one arm of our defense forces on a proper and satisfactory basis. The Army should likewise be of sufficient strength and properly equipped to permit its efficient employment . . . I hope that adequate National defense in all its phases constitutes our best guarantee of peace."

In 1917 the Imperialistic character of the World War was hidden under such misleading slogans as the now notorious "make the World Safe for Democracy." Today, however, the Imperialists are attempting to convince the workers that their interests coincide with such imperialistic worshippers of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington as the Standard Oil Company.

This is borne out by the subjects selected for the "essay contests"—"The Navy and our trade lanes" and "the economic value of the soldier." The word, "Navy," is the narcotic which will be used in the attempt to keep the workers from realizing the true significance of the colossal war preparations.

National Radio Hook-up

The coast-to-coast radio hook-up will present McSwain; Carl Vinson Chairman of the House Naval Affairs Committee, who just steered his \$570,000,000 navy bill as a present to the aviation and steel corporations through the House; and Mrs. Wm. L. Ochiltree, president of the American War Mothers, who will take care of the sentimental self-sacrificing, heart-wringing, mother-son part of the war propaganda address.

"The purpose of National defense week," according to National Headquarters of the Reserve Officers Association, "is to disseminate useful information to the citizens of the United States concerning national defense," the R. O. A. announcement declared.

\$5,000 by March 1 in Subs, Greetings, Donations for Farmers Weekly.

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