

"Once to every man and nation
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of good with falsehood,
For the good or evil side."

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THE PRODUCERS NEWS

THE LITTLE CHERRY TREE

IN NO MAN'S LAND grew the little cherry tree—but it doesn't grow there any more. The little cherry tree grew by the bridge—the bridge was built by the county on a county road which they say does not belong to the county. It grew inside the City Limits which they say is outside the City Limits. It grew and nobody knew just where it did grow.

When Lew Hein read about Admiral Byrd planting his flag at the south pole Lew went out exploring in no man's land and he discovered the little cherry tree, and he planted his little flag alongside the little tree and he said: "This little cherry tree grows in no man's land and I have found it and it is mine."

The little cherry tree was a little hatchet and cut down the little cherry tree. Who ever did it is going to be sued by Lew Hein in the highest court for the sum of three hundred dollars—be it the power company; be it the county; be it anybody with three hundred dollars. But what a wicked pirate not to step forward like our noble forefather, George Washington, and say: "Lew, I cannot find a file. I did it with my little hatchet."

SETH TAYLOR'S OLD HORSE LAID TO REST

LONG BEFORE Seth Taylor's old horse died the city of Plentywood been looked upon as a graveyard, but not until the old horse was the city turned into an actual burial ground.

When Seth's faithful old horse drew its last breath Seth shed a few tears then he buried the animal below the pigweeds and daisies growing inside the city limits.

Burying dead horses in a dead town is dead wrong so the judge said and gave Seth a \$10 fine, but suspended the fine, which was not so hard on Seth as the \$15 he had to dig up to pay for his lawyer.

It has not been learned yet if the weary old bones must be dug up and toted to some other resting place, or whether they will be allowed to remain where they are beneath the "pigweed" weeds on the fair grounds.

"KING" WILLIAM EXPANDING HIS DOMAIN

GETTING INTO THE MOVIES

NOT LONG AGO brotherly love and kindness ran away with Bill Hass—he made a special trip over to the state of North Dakota for the purpose of relieving his own brother of the burden of paying taxes by kindly taking the land and old homestead away from him.

Bill is now performing the same kind act, and at the same time expanding his domain, by foreclosing on Carl Hovey and Ed York. With thirty thousand bushel of wheat stored up for seed, Bill can handle a few farms yet.

His many friends in town will no doubt enjoy the fact that King Hass is also paying his kind attention to our little town and has started suit against the Producers News and is foreclosing on the Orpheum Theatre.

Bill Hass will put new life into the town and make movies move. Bill is a good manager, or at least that is what he says himself.

WILD ENDING OF JOYOUS RIDERS

Ann Arbor, Mich., Aug. 12.—Two brothers, one with bloodstains on his shirt, were arrested Tuesday night as suspects in the brutal murder early Tuesday of two boys and two girls near Ypsilanti.

The suspects, Paul Keene, 49, and Lawrence Keene, 38, laborers, were arrested in their shanty wagon, a mile and a half from the spot where the youths and girls were killed.

Those murdered were Thomas Wheatley, 17; Harry Lore, 16; Vivian Gold, 15; and Anna May Harrison, 16. The girls lived in Cleveland, Ore., a cousin of Miss Gold lived in Ypsilanti and Wheatley lived near Denton, Mich.

After they were killed, police believe, the bodies were tossed into Wheatley's automobile, gasoline poured over them and a match applied. The bodies were burned beyond recognition.

The Keene brothers were arrested by Corp. Walker of the state police. He told Sheriff Andres at Ann Arbor that Paul was scraping a substance which resembled blood from a club when he came to the portable shanty at the roadside.

At the county jail both men were stripped and their garments were

SECOND CYCLE OF BANK FAILURES HAS STARTED IN NEW YORK CITY

Four Banks Fail Wednesday Last Involving \$15,000,000 in Deposits Followed by Four Big Ones in New Jersey With \$11,000,000—Banks Close at Omaha as Collapse Moves Westward.

New York.—Four large banks here crashed Wednesday afternoon of last week with over \$15,000,000 involved. Many small depositors are involved and stand to lose their life savings. This new series of bank crashes in the heart of the financial center of the United States follows the crash last year of the Bank of United States with over \$200,000,000 involved, in which 400,000 depositors have not yet received one cent of their deposits.

Cops Mobilized—Hundreds of cops were mobilized in front of the banks to keep the thousands of depositors who pleaded for their money back from the bank. The banks involved are the American Union Bank, International Madison Bank & Trust Co., Times Square Trust Co., and Times Square Safe Deposit Co.

One Big One—The American Union was the largest of these banks to close, having \$7,000,000 in deposits.

FOUR NEW JERSEY BANKS CRASH—New York.—Four New Jersey banks with over \$11,000,000 in deposits closed their doors on Thursday of last week following the closing of four New York banks on Wednesday with deposits of \$15,000,000. There is a big increase in bank failures particularly in the important industrial sections.

Among the New Jersey banks that crashed was the Jackson Trust Co., Jersey City with nearly \$2,000,000 in deposits. Thousands of workers and unemployed lose their savings in this crash and face acute hunger. Another bank to close was the Bergenline Trust Co., of Union City, as well as the Union City National Bank with over \$1,500,000 in deposits.

Workers Plead for Money—Anxious thousands thronged the New York and New Jersey banks today pleading for their money, many saying they could not get food without it. The armed police in front of the banks just laughed at them and ordered them to move along.

TWO OMAHA BANK FAIL—Two large banks failed in Omaha Nebraska last Saturday, involving over a million dollars.

UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE MEETINGS

Following is the schedule of organization meetings of the United Farmers League to be held next week:

Redstone—School house, Monday August 17 at 8 p. m.

Wolf Creek Hall, Tuesday, August 18 at 8 p. m.

Rock Springs School, southwest of Reserve, Wednesday, August 19 at 8 p. m.

Homestead—school house 4 miles east of town, Thursday, August 20 at 8 p. m.

Coalridge—Haaven school, Friday, August 21 at 8 p. m.

Pleantywood, Farmer-Labor Temple, Saturday, August 22 at 8 p. m.

Charles E. Taylor and others will attend these meetings. There have been big turnouts at all meetings and practically everybody is joining.

Local parties are asked to co-operate and have school houses and halls open on meeting days.

It is desired that men, women and all attend these meetings.

THE OUTLOOK MEETING

At the United Farmers League meeting at Outlook yesterday practically everybody present joined. John Ladd, Sr., was elected secretary. Mrs. O. B. Snuggins, John Lien and Earl Cosper local committee. Next local meeting will be in Outlook, Saturday, August 22 at 8 o'clock where all farmers and workers should be present and are invited to join.

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TAXPAYERS MEETING SATURDAY, AUG. 22

A business meeting of the Sheridan County Taxpayers Association will be held at Antelope on Saturday afternoon, Aug. 22. Anyone interested in keeping this organization going is urged to attend.

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Attorney General Rules on Use of County Equipment

Helena, Aug. 6.—Attorney General Foot this week held that county commissioners may not lease or rent county equipment and machinery for use by other persons, unless the county no longer needs the equipment and machinery and sale for it cannot be had. The opinion was requested by M. R. Wood, of Kalispell, chairman of the board of county commissioners of Flathead county.

GREAT ENGLISH AIR LINER HANNIBAL FALLS

Croydon, Eng., Aug. 8.—The 2200 horsepower air liner, Hannibal, one of the world's largest and most luxurious, crashed near Tonbridge today carrying 13 passengers enroute to Paris. None were seriously injured.

The crash was the result of simultaneous failure of two of the four engines. The wing and the undercarriage were smashed.

The liner had been hailed as one of the costliest and largest in regular transport service. Its estimated cost was \$175,000 and its weight was 13 tons.

An eye witness described the thrilling landing of the Hannibal, saying: "The big plane just missed a house in landing. It knocked down a telegraph pole."

YEGGS BUSY AGAIN; THREE ROBBERIES IN COUNTY IN A WEEK

The sheriff's office reports three burglaries in the county during the past week with a loss of about \$90 in cash and approximately \$200 in merchandise.

The places robbed were Rorvig's pool hall at Reserve and Hanson's pool hall at Antelope which netted the thieves about \$100 worth of cigarettes and tobacco, and Sparling's hardware at Medicine Lake where \$75 was taken from the safe which was left unlocked and \$10 from the cash register. Until a check up is made it is not known just what the merchandise taken from the latter place consisted of, but a quantity of ammunition and several guns are reported to be unaccounted for.

No trace of the culprits has been discovered.

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Early Saturday morning thieves broke the lock on the main gate of the Continental Oil Company's bulk station and after driving their car inside, bored a hole about waist high in the big center gasoline tank. They were either frightened away or else were of a rather "ornery" disposition but at any rate they left the hole unplugged.

When Manager Viggo Petersen came down to work Saturday morning the yard was flooded with gasoline and the liquid was still running from the hole at a good rate. He estimates that at least about one thousand gallons was lost. He says he intends to leave a light burning in the yard in the future to forestall, if possible, any similar attempts.

Three Inches of Rain Fell At Reserve Friday Night

A three inch rainfall in about three hours last Friday evening at Reserve, accompanied by a very severe thunder storm gave that village a real thrill. The coolness of town were running several feet deep and one torrent washed out the county bridge on the grade a mile south of town. Another came down the H. C. Riley coulee and tore out a section of the railroad. However the section crew got busy and repaired it in a couple of hours thereby causing no delay to the trains.

The management of the City Cafe has found it impracticable to continue the use of so much electric equipment due to the exorbitant cost of "power" and has substituted a gas burner for the electric heater under the coffee urn and gas lamps for some of the electric lights.

WESTBY SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPT. 8

The Westby school will open on Tuesday Sept. 8, 1931. Registration for high school pupils will be held during the afternoon and evening of August 29th at the school house. Registration can be made by mail. All interested in attending high school should register at this time.

Registration of elementary pupils will take place on the opening day of school.

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By Attorney JESS H. STEVENS, Great Falls, Montana

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The supreme issue, involving all others, is the encroachment of the powerful few upon the rights of the many.—Senator Robert M. LaFollette, Sr.

MONTANA TAX VALUATION IS NOW COMPLETE

Helena, Aug. 11.—Montana this year, has approximately \$1,308,000,000 worth of taxable property on its assessment rolls.

Reports of county assessors, the last of which was received today by the state board of equalization, show \$780,236,155 in real estate, \$55,004,811 in livestock and \$221,042,459 in personal property divided among the 56 counties.

In addition there is \$246,823,311 in intercounty property of public utilities, assessed by the state board and allocated to the counties in proportion to the amount of lines within their borders.

... Mines and Royalties ...

About \$4,500,000 will be available from the tax on net proceeds of mines and royalties.

The aggregate is about \$100,000,000 less than last year. There is a decrease of \$69,911,845 in real property, \$14,620,267 in live stock and \$18,765,719 in personal in the county lists. Mine proceeds assessments are expected to show a heavy drop.

The same utility properties assessed by the state board last year decreased about one-half of one per cent but this year the board took over all power distribution lines. For this reason, the total of its allocation shows an advance of \$4,284,271 over last year's figures.

Earnings are Lower ...

Very drastic decreases in earnings of utilities for the year accounted for the lower assessments of that class of property, Judge J. J. Greene, member of the board explained.

"The heavy losses in valuations will mean restricted finances for public use but the taxing bodies can get along if they watch their expenditures and curtail their activities as individuals and private concerns must," Judge Greene said.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE FARMER—

Let us remind you what has happened to the farmers:

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Rye in 1920 was \$1.90 per bushel, now 35 cents.

Oats in 1920 was \$1.00 per bushel, now 25 cents.

Corn in 1920 was \$1.62 per bushel, now 50 cents.

Butterfat in 1920 was 74 cents per pound, now 22 cents.

Wool in 1920 was 65 cents per pound, now 15 cents.

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HUNGARY FORBIDS CURRENCY EXPORT

Budapest, Aug. 8.—The government issued an emergency decree tonight forbidding transfer of currency abroad without permission of the national bank.

Attempting to bolster the national financial situation, which recently has been endangered, the decree prohibited export of Hungarian bank notes, bonds or stocks and placed a ban on removal of credits in Hungarian or foreign currency to foreign countries.

SHIPPERS PREPARING FOR BATTLE AGAINST RAIL FREIGHT INCREASE

Hearings Reopened in Washington—Farmers, Lumbermen and Manufacturers Oppose the New Proposed Schedule—Judge Bars Wage Discussion.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Opponent of the railroad's fervent plea for the 15 per cent freight rate increase are busy marshaling facts and figures to meet statistics presented for the raise.

Farmers, lumbermen and manufacturers are finding plenty of data available for the hearings which resumed in Washington today.

Fifty-cent wheat, 9-cent cotton, lumber lower than it has been for years and cheap steel, coal and manufactured articles generally supply arguments for those who oppose the blanket raise.

Yet those who insist it would be a further hacking of the already flailing legs of industry and agriculture to boost rates do not deny the railroads need more money.

"But so do we all," they say. "We are in the slough together."

Don't tramp on us in trying to get out.

Nor do the railroaders deny that some commodities should not have their transportation charges increased.

"We know that," said W. R. Coleman, massive-framed president of the Louisville and Nashville railroad. "Give us the raise. It would take too long to consider each rate separately. We will make adjustments later."

Commodities Side of It

That did not stop the questions about particular rates on particular commodities. The opponents, through cross examination, presented their case almost as much as the railroads and security holders.

Railroad attorneys will have the

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STRONG FOR UPHOLDING THE LAW WHILE PEOPLE STARVE

By HANS RASMUSSEN

WHEN OUR GOVERNOR was here someone asked him what he would suggest as our best relief and he said: "Rain, and more of it." Albert Foley could have told us that—even the editor of the Herald might have thought of it.

Since then we have had rain and more of it. We have had cloud bursts and we are not any better off. What we need is something to eat—food, clothes, coal and more of it. What we need is a job—a chance to work and earn some money so we can buy those things. What we need is a train load of the fruit rotting on the ground in California. What we need is some of the wheat they are burning and dumping on the streets in Kansas. What we need is train loads of the potatoes rotting in the ground in Minnesota because it does not pay to dig them. What we need is a cargo of the coffee they are dumping in the ocean for the purpose of holding up the price. What we need is a change of the rotten system that allows this to go on while forty millions of people in the land are starving.

What we need is rulers with bigger brains and bigger hearts!

The Governor had no solution for our troubles; he is for the present system, he is for graft and profit, and there is no profit in feeding starving people, or at least there should not be. The Governor told us we could dig coal on state lands if we could find any, and that was very nice. It is something we have done in this county for years without asking. The more we dig the more coal miners we put out of a job and on the bread line.

He told us to appeal to the Ladies Aid for help. He probably did not know that our ladies aid lost their last \$127.00 when Carl Bull closed his bank in a lawful manner and kept the money. He did not mention where the ladies aid should get their money from while practically everybody is out of work.

The Governor suggested that everybody working should donate a day's pay every month. The same old story! Always load all the burden onto the working people. He never suggested that the copper mining company, the railroads, the power trust, the telephone company, the oil, the gas companies, the banks, the stores, the lawyers and the doctors should donate a day of their income. No! That would have amounted to something, but no! The working people should feed the starving just as if it were them who are responsible for the present conditions.

The state was broke and could do nothing, so he told us. There was no talk about the state being broke last spring when \$200,000 was allowed for a special election and practically every paper in the state coming out in favor of six million dollars of our money being gobbled up by a few road contractors—most of whom live in other states.

When the Governor was asked if it could not be possible that some work could be started on the state highway and the work be given to the starving people of the county, the Governor said no, it could not be done as it was against the law. Of course it was against the law. Law was never made by the common people, neither was a law ever made FOR the working people. Laws were made for big contractors, for bankers, for big corporations. Laws were made for the purpose of skinning the farmer and the producer. Laws were never made for the purpose of protecting them.

When a state road is built in a county what would be more natural and more fair than to give the contract to the county at estimated cost? The money could be earned and spent by the people residing in the county. But, no, it is against the law.

It was not against the law when they built the highway from Medicine Lake to Reserve to let the contract to some fellow from Minnesota for 27c per cubic yard. It was not against the law for him not to move a yard of dirt but sublet the job to someone else for 18c per yard. It was not against the law for the second fellow to do all the light work and sublet all the heavy work to a third party for 14c per yard. That was lawful!

The county could have built that road for 14c per yard and made good money on it. If the county had been given the contract at the 27c for which it was let in the first place, it could have stowed away a nice little sum for a rainy day. But that was against the law. It was not against the law for someone from Minnesota to walk away with one-third of the cost of the road without moving a yard of dirt.

And our Governor expects people to respect such laws. Our Governor will probably be surprised to find out that the people are waking up after a long sleep; that they are rubbing their eyes and looking at one another and saying: to hell with that noise about your law.

SEVEN FEET OF HONESTY

By HANS RASMUSSEN

YOU WILL RECALL how the gambling editor Burley Bowler, from Scooby, came to this county not long ago—came here to help save our county from thieves. You remember how he visited with county commissioners and held little meetings here and there—how he classed the Medicine Lake Twins, Joe Dolin and Frank French, among the burglars and crooks—something Joe and Frank have never denied, something our people new before.

He told how the Plentywood Herald could buy the printing contract for a thousand dollars. He told how all graft and all crookedness would stop at once and how much better it would be for all the people in the county if the printing was given without bids to the honest and upright firm consisting of him and Harry Polk and represented by a third of their kind in Plentywood. He just loved the people of our county.

Never again would our county have reason to complain about the printing bills as long as it was left to the honest twins, Burley and Harry. So the printing contract was given to the Plentywood Herald by Anker and French without competition—without bids. If any arrangement was made for more than a thousand dollars it has never been disclosed. Sheridan county was saved from burglars and thieves by Burley Bowler of Scooby. And what do we find?

We find that these honest people from the very start are attempting to skin the county and grab all they possibly can get away with. The very first commissioners' proceedings they printed is spread over an unusual amount of space. Printing is paid for by the folio. The more space the more pay. It was so bad that even Frank French and Victor Anker could not stand for it but had to take the Herald to task and cut their bill down from \$68.40 to \$61.20.

At the time the printing was let the Producers News had submitted a bid, which the two commissioners would not even look at. Had the Producers News got the printing contract at its figures, the printing of this very same commissioners' proceedings, for which the Herald asked \$68.40 and was paid by the county \$61.20, would have been printed by the Producers News for \$27.20. But, when the Producers News submitted its bid there was no deal made about anybody getting a thousands dollars out of it.

Compare the \$61.20 with the \$27.20 for publishing the same commissioners' proceedings and see how you like it. Take the figures to honest Victor Anker and ask him how he likes it. Ask him how his seven feet of fairness and absolute honesty feels about it. Ask him if he is still proud of the fact that he is making the taxpayers pay \$61.20 for \$27.20 worth of service. Ask him if an honest man, whose word can not be depended upon, should still be regarded as honest or if he should be looked upon as a crook. Ask him if our county commissioners are here to look after the interests of our own people or if they are here to look after somebody in Scooby and Williston. Ask him if Burley Bowler gave him a thousand dollars or what part of it he got.

DICTATORSHIP

By SCOTT NEARING

ONE OF THESE DAYS the German communists will set up a proletarian dictatorship. Then, one capitalist spokesman after another will raise his voice in protest against such "communist" methods.

But dictatorship is not a communist device. It is a means to which society turns in a crisis. Germany is a dictatorship now, in July, 1931. The country is ruled by decree.

Constitutionally? Yes. Article 48 of the constitution authorizes a dictatorship in an emergency. But though the dictatorship is authorized by the constitution it is a dictatorship none the less.

The July 13 decree closed all the German banks and stock exchanges for two days and virtually established a moratorium. This decree affected the life of the entire German economy.

In June, by decree, the Brüning government cut wages, reduced the pensions of incapacitated war veterans; abrogated the legal provisions against night work in bakeries; limited the working week, increased income taxes. This executive order modified the living standards of the bulk of the Germany population.

Meanwhile, under other decrees, newspapers are suspended; meetings are dispersed; demonstrations are forbidden; port meetings are cancelled. The so-called rights of speech, press, and assembly go glimmering.

If the German people must bear the very real burdens of a dictatorship, why should they not get their money's worth? Why should they not have as a result of their sacrifices, such important benefits as the Russian masses are enjoying in the beginnings of socialist construction and the foundations of a classless, profit-free, co-operative world? Such questions are being asked everywhere.

Tales of starving unemployed in the United States so touched the hearts of a number of natives in Cameroon, West Africa, who have little enough of money or food of their own, that they raised the sum of \$3.77 and sent it to New York last month to help the "starving Americans."

Organized refusal by jobless workers to pay rent and by farmers to pay interest on mortgages was advocated recently by Benjamin C. Marsh of the People's Lobby as a means of forcing government relief for destitute workers and farmers.

erintendent's office. There as a Mrs. Debing. When I came down the street I met a healthy, portly looking gentleman. My neighbor said, "I wonder if that is the new minister." But some one said, "Heck, no! He looks healthy because he's lived on his wife's meal ticket for ten years now." That was Mr. Debing. Another matter: Why should we taxpayers keep two Petersens when we have men that can fill those jobs on less pay. Why don't the business men from Plentywood and other Sheridan county towns look into this and take some action? It looks serious to us farmers.

Yours,
—A HOMESTEADITE.

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Who Gains When Wage Payments and Prices for Farm Stuff are Relentlessly Cut?

To the Producers News:

The New York Journal of Commerce as quoted at page 5 of the August 8th Literary Digest states: "There is no longer any valid excuse for delaying the process of scaling down wage payments after the radical and permanent changes that have occurred since the industrial depression became pronounced and world-wide."

Reading between the lines said statement admits that industrial depression has been added to farm depression; that prices now paid farmers for their products have reached a new permanent low level; that it is the purpose of international capitalism to scale down wage payments to permanent world levels.

It is well known who lose when wage payments and farm product prices are slashed but it is not well known who greatly profit thereby.

Capitalists, Bankers and Usurers Have the Same Odor

There is a class of people under the American form of government that is politely called capitalists. It includes bankers. Their true name is usurers.

Usurers from time immemorial have been in bad odor. Cato the Censor, a Roman farmer, general and statesman, nearly half a century before the birth of Christ, in a discourse to his sons about occupations, said: "It is at times worth while to gain wealth by commerce were it not so perilous; or by usury, were it equally honorable. Our ancestors, however, held and fixed by law that a thief should be condemned to restore double, the usurer quadruple." By that, it is seen how much worse a Roman thought it to be a usurer than a thief.

Usurers Work to Make Debtors' Dollar Cheap

Usurers continually strive to make the lender's dollar dearer and the borrower's dollar cheaper. The more cheap the dollar it takes to pay a dear creditor dollar, the greater the gain of the usurer. For example, a farmer owns a wheat ranch. Its average yield is 20 bushels per acre. In a given year, wheat sold at one dollar per bushel. He mortgages his farm for \$20 per acre for a term of two years. He pays off half the mortgage the first year. Depression overtakes him the second and wheat drops 25 cents a bushel. There is yet \$10 per acre due on said mortgage and it would take 40 bushels of 25 cent wheat to pay it—twice as much wheat as it would have taken to pay the mortgage at the time it was made. He can't borrow more on his farm. He can't pay. The usurer takes said farm at \$10 per acre, altho, intrinsically, said farm is just as valuable as it was the day the usurer loaned the money on it.

Miles City, Montana, August 11th, 1931.

EMBARGO IS PLANNED ON RUSSIAN PRODUCTS TO U.S. AFTER JANUARY

TREASURY Officials in charge of enforcement of the customs laws are planning to seek a drastic embargo against all Russian products beginning January 1, next.

The plan as exclusively revealed to the United Press is to attempt to shut out Russian products by a liberal interpretation of the tariff act, especially those provisions affecting goods produced by "forced or indentured labor."

The argument customs officials plan to use is that all labor in Russia comes under this category because of its non-voluntary and draft character under the five year plan, and because of the penalties imposed if the soviet industrial orders are not followed.

Opposition of American business men who sell to Russia forecasts heavy pressure upon Secretary of the Treasury Mellon to prevent any such interpretation of the law.

The administration, on the other hand, will have support of those interests in this country whose profits suffer from competition with alleged Russian dumping and whose representatives in congress at the last session sought such a blanket embargo by direct act of congress on all Russian imports, particularly oil, lumber, manganese and coal.

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would make a stiff fight against any interpretation if subject to a test in the courts, and Russian sources already are threatening reprisals against United States trade—a cessation of buying—if the plan is carried out here.

Present tariff law provisions prohibit importation of any goods made by convict labor and on several occasions, shipments, particularly of lumber and pulpwood have been held up at ports but none ever had been kept out.

Customs officials in explaining their proposed interpretation of the law, cited a decree of the soviet commissariat of labor, issued last fall, which says that skilled workmen who refuse the work offered will be put to doing unskilled labor and if they refuse this will be removed from the employment register. To be stricken from the employment register means that the worker loses his food book, depriving him of his right to buy at stores and is driven from his lodgings. This, customs officials say, constitutes forced labor.

Russia does not have a large stake in her sales to the United States, except that the United States offers one outlet for the products she is pouring into the markets of the world in the effort to pay the way for her five year plan.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Public officials, negro leaders and police pooled their efforts today to prevent a recurrence of the rioting which cost three lives and many injured in the South Side negro belt last week.

Armed squad cars cruised the district, breaking up all large gatherings.

It's Red!

Negro leaders, sociologists and representatives of the city administration, agree that the riot was the result of communist agitation and not racial troubles, sought to strike at the roots of discontent by providing food and shelter for those unable to find work. Eviction for non payment of rent, the immediate cause of last night's riot, was ordered temporarily suspended in the district. The courts at the same time issued a warning that in-

terference with bailiffs was a serious offense, punishable by six months sentence for contempt of court.

The Riot

The riot started when a crowd prevented municipal court bailiffs from evicting a 72-year-old negro woman. Before sufficient police had arrived to break up the mob, three negroes had been shot and killed, another supposed rioter seriously wounded and three policemen injured.

More Spanish Bombings

Madrid, Aug. 8.—A new series of terrorist outbreaks alarmed the capital today. Five bombs exploded in telephone line manholes and police frustrated other bombing plots in the vicinity of government buildings, where the constitutional assembly is in session.

Special Privilege Laws Cheapen Dollar of Workman and Farmer.

The chief contrivances of usurers to cheapen the value of the dollar of workmen and farmers are high tariffs, property taxes, Federal Reserve Banks, National Banks, the Federal Farm Board and the Interstate Commerce Commission. All said contrivances are special privilege laws designed for the purpose of taking tariffs, taxes, usury and carrying charges out of the value of the dollar of the workman and farmer. That leaves said dollar with little debt paying or purchasing power.

Organized Control People See Only Loss of Purchasing Power

Organized central people think of the unemployed and the bankrupt farmers only in terms of purchasing power. It is conceded that such loss caused by unemployment and ruinous prices for farm products means staggering figures, yet, that loss is trifling when compared with the permanent loss of workmen and farmers by reason of slashing the prices of what they sell and the shrinkage in value of their property by cheapening their dollar. Workmen and farmers could forgive temporary unemployment or temporary low prices for farm products but they can never forgive those whose cunning contrivances destroyed the debt paying power of their dollar and because a cheap dollar would not pay off a dear dollar took away from them the savings of the best years of their lives—savings which they looked forward to as a competence for old age. Hundreds and hundreds of thousands of workmen and farmers have been so robbed, scrapped by organized control and dumped by their government on the junk-heap of human poverty.

F. L. WILLIAMS,

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GREEN SEES REVOLT UNLESS THE VAST HUNGRY MULTITUDE IS FED

New Bedford, Mass., Aug. 10.—President Wm. Green of the American Federation of Labor today warned of "a rebellion of the army of unemployed which will upset our present political system, unless industry and government co-operate with labor" in the current industrial depression.

Green spoke before the 46th annual convention of the Massachusetts Federation of Labor.

Stressing the seriousness of the unemployment situation, President Green asked: "Are we going to make it necessary for workers to

raid stores because their children are starving? Can the financiers and the wealthy feel secure in their homes when millions are hungry?"

Way Out

Distribution of work so that every man shall have his share, even if it were necessary to reduce the work week to three days, maintenance of the present wage scale and expenditure of government monies for public works were cited by Mr. Green as means of solving the unemployment problem.

RELIEF MEETING IS HELD AT VIDA

Vida, McCone County, Aug. 11.—Between 300 and 400 people, most of them from northern McCone county gathered here to discuss the economic situation of McCone county farmers. O. B. Horsford, president of the McCone county Farmers Union, presided. Mr. Horsford said he thinks prices have more to do with the agricultural situation than production.

Paul Krebsbach of the Vida State Bank, who had a conference with Gov. Erickson when the latter was at Wolf Point last week and who also attended a fact finding meeting at Glendive last week, gave a report of these meetings.

Gov. Erickson had been expected at the Vida meeting but was called to a conference at Malta with Secretary of Agriculture Hyde the previous evening.

Mr. Krebsbach gave the audience assurance that even though Gov. Erickson did not attend the meeting he had the welfare of McCone county at heart and was doing everything in his power to set at work agencies for relief.

Mr. Krebsbach recently visited the district seed loan office at Grand Forks. He said advice on disposal of fields that are too poor

to harvest is to utilize them to the best advantage, whether that meant plowing them under or turning cattle into the fields. Mr. Krebsbach said one acre plowed under now is worth 10 plowed next fall. He urged farmers to plow as soon as possible so the land will absorb more moisture. He cited the experience of 1923 and 1924. The former crop was almost a failure and the next was good. He said the feed loan is of little value at present as farmers have no need to buy feed now. What they need will be feed for their stock this winter. He said that in spite of the poor crop the average per capita indebtedness in the Vida community is much less than formerly that there is \$100,000 less in loans than five years ago and he asserted Twin City banks would rather carry eastern Montana farm paper than from any other state in the union because Montana always has a faculty of coming back.

F. B. Duncan of the agricultural department of the Great Northern railroad told of the Malta conference. He said Secretary Hyde was limited by law in his handling of the drought situation but that both he and Gov. Erickson are concerned. "Your problems are our problems," he said. "We must keep our heads, look forward and carry on. I believe we have the

confidence, spirit and backbone to win."

The Great Northern railroad resolutions adopted, was agreed to carry stock feed into drought areas freight free. R. D. McKenna of the traffic department explained that fixing rates was in the hands of the interstate commerce commission. He said other industries are in nearly as hard shape as the farmers and that the "railroad" can't take care of the farmers at the expense of the other people.

As a means of reducing taxes it was suggested that McCone county lands be reappraised. Hans Hanson, northern McCone county farmer, could see no use of reappraisal to the expenses of reappraisal as the levy would have to be raised if the valuation of the land is reduced.

Clyde Bixbe, Linder Hank and Mrs. Harold Bawden are a committee to handle Red Cross work in the north end of McCone county.

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OF HER AUTOMOBILE
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THE HEAD OF A BED IN
WHICH THEY SLEPT IN AN
OMAHA, NEB., APARTMENT
COLLAPSED ON THEM

The Letter Box

THREE-SEVENTHS OF ONE CENT
PER PERSON

Antelope, Mont.,
August 11, 1931.

Dear Editor Taylor:

I notice that in your last paper "A Hungry Farmer" tells us that he gets 12-3 cents per day for a family of four. Now I am getting aid from the Red Cross and am also only getting \$5 per month for myself, wife and two children. I have done a little more figuring than "A Hungry Farmer" and it figures out to be 3-7 of one cent

per day for each of us. Now I am telling you that 3-7ths of one cent's worth of groceries per day is slim living and I am also soon going to be hungry. I agree with you "Hungry Farmer" we are going to have to help ourselves next winter.

Respectfully,
NIELS C. SUNDSTED.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. VanHee were Outlook business callers Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rasmus Madsen of Fred were visitors at the Hans Rasmussen home Wednesday.

Ed Hannah was over from Raymond Monday in regard to road work.

Wm. Anholt of Westby motored over the first of the week to get some electric equipment repaired.

Many farmers have made application for federal feed loans the past week.

The opening of bids on the new school house have been delayed from the 18th of August to the 19.

Charley Norton of Medicine Lake was around town Tuesday hobnobbing with friends.

John and Herman Anderson of south of McElroy were in the county seat the fore part of the week on coal business.

Hans Hardersen and son were in town Monday from their farm in the Archer territory, looking after business matters.

"Shorty" Jackson and family departed this week for the west in quest of a new location—one where more prosperity can be had.

A marriage license was issued on August 3 to Fred Chapman of Antelope and Caroline Johnson of Comertown.

Mrs. A. A. Johnson and son, Lester, of the Comertown district motored into Plentywood to get repairs for a pump and also to do some shopping.

Henry Oksa, bonanza farmer of the McElroy territory was a visitor in town Monday.

Miss Effie Desoria was in Plentywood Wednesday from the Welliver country where she is working at the Louis Marsh home.

Pete Kelsen, a successful farmer from south of McElroy, and wife and daughter, were in town Monday on a shopping tour.

Grace Buck of Antelope is employed at the Elgin Cafe in the capacity of waitress, commencing her duties last week.

Simon Hansen of Comertown was in town Monday meeting with the county commissioners in regard to the new herd law that is going into effect in this territory.

Henry Walder of Outlook was a Plentywood business visitor Wednesday morning. While here he paid the taxes on the Farmers Elevator at Outlook.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Onstad and children returned to Plentywood from Broadus Sunday. Mrs. Onstad and Lyle will remain here for the school term.

Richard Paulson, a farmer from the Reserve country was in the city the first of the week on business with the county agent in regard to the federal feed loan.

Peter Mack and family of McNulty precinct motored to Plentywood Wednesday with some provisions which they disposed of to needy parties.

Carl Bull was seen making a rush at the front door of the old Farmers & Merchants State Bank early in the week while on a rushing business trip to the city.

Fred Morck and Cal Peterson have been circulating a petition among the business houses the past week for the removal of the bank at Outlook to Plentywood.

Hershel Timbreit is now up and around again following a set back shortly after he was released from the local hospital following an operation. He was confined to his bed for several days.

The local west bound passenger train has been having difficulty the past week in arriving on time in Plentywood arriving sometimes as much as three or four hours late.

The county has repaired the side walk at the corner of the county library, doing away with part of the step from the walk to the crossing. Hans Thompson was in charge of the work.

Olaf Hagen and son of Archer were business callers in town Wednesday. While here they sold some poultry to the Wolf Point Hatchery, a man who was here this week purchasing poultry.

Miss Cora Risa returned last week from a short visit in North Dakota. While at Valley City she visited with Miss Brix and Miss Wynn, former teachers in the local schools.

William Erickson, former executive vice president of the now defunct Farmer & Merchants State Bank, has opened an office in the Riba building. He is representing several old line insurance companies and will also deal in real estate.

The new sewer and water extension from main street to the Reinertson "settlement" just south of the track is almost completed. A fire hydrant has been installed at the corner near Martin Reinertson's house which will add to the fire protection in that part of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cady are visiting at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Palubicki in Plentywood. They arrived Tuesday from their home at Laurel. Mr. Cady will be remembered as former history teacher and athletic coach in the Plentywood school and Mrs. Cady was Miss Mary Palubicki.

After the heavy rain Friday Officer Robke and Francis McNulty have been leveling the streets with the small grader. The main thoroughfare has undergone a thorough scarifying process which brings comfort and joy to the hearts of those who can still afford to drive a car and use the streets.

City Attorney and Mrs. A. C. Erickson and son Billy returned Tuesday from a five weeks' sojourn in northern Minnesota. A. C. shows a little reduction in waist line having done a little work with the axe and picked many gallons of berries while in "Paradise." The Ericksons visited with the Dan Olson and Art Rueber families near Little Fork and other former Plentywoodites who now make their homes in that part of Minnesota.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new abutment at the north end of the bridge across the Muddy at the former "Poultry Ranch." The water in the Muddy is so low that it was possible to dig a ditch down the middle of the channel and drain the remainder of the water away from the bridge making it possible to build the foundation below the bed of the stream where it would be disturbed by high water and the ice jams of early spring. George Overby is superintending the work.

Notice is hereby given that all Claims against Sheridan County must be presented to the Clerk of this Board not later than three days after the first Monday of each month, otherwise Claims will be laid over until the following month. Claims for Road and Bridge Work must show the exact location of where work was done or they will not be approved. All claims must have proper vouchers attached. THIS RULE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FROM AROUND SHERIDAN COUNTY

OUTLOOK

Sunday, Miss Louise Craig from Outlook and her father from Hinsdale motored to Minot where they visited with Miss Mary Craig who is a patient in the Trinity Hospital. They returned Sunday.

Mrs. Sam Thompson who has been visiting with relatives in Fortuna returned to her home Sunday. Her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Thompson returned with her Douglas is visiting a few days this week at the Sam Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lisle Garrick and two sons returned home from Spokane, Wash., Saturday evening. In Spokane they visited with Mrs. Garrick's mother, Mrs. Wunderlich. Dick Wunderlich returned home with Mr. and Mrs. Garrick.

Mrs. N. J. Nelson went to Glasgow Thursday where she will visit at the Montgomery and Rach homes. Nelson will also have dental work done while away.

Mrs. Ike Selvig who has been assisting in the N. J. Nelson store left for Bainville Sunday.

Harry Prescott and Claude Mills for Lake Qu'Appelle, Sask., on Monday. They would like to make the catch on the season's fish.

Henry Walder and John Lein who have been traveling in Minnesota returned home Sunday. The spent some time at Little Fork where a number of people from this section are living and report that conditions are getting along fine and apparently getting a little enjoyment out of life.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Flannery returned home from Minnesota Monday. They have been looking for a new location.

Thursday evening Grandma Fawcett and old resident of this community passed quietly to the great beyond. The funeral was held at the Outlook hall Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Omar of Chicago are visiting friends and relatives in Outlook.

Max Deck has bought a half interest in the Bakery at Plentywood.

Martin Homme, who has been in Harlem on business, returned home Sunday evening.

Miss Louise Craig, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goodlad and daughter Viola returned to Outlook Thursday and returned Friday.

Mr. Craig, father of Louise, of Hinsdale, has been visiting at the Craig home the past few days.

Miss Smith of Culbertson, a former teacher in the Outlook school, visited with friends in Outlook the past week.

Wednesday evening an ice cream social for the benefit of the Outlook church was held on the N. J. Nelson lawn. The social was well attended.

Saturday afternoon a number of lady friends dropped in at the Sam Thompson home and took the lady of the house by surprise, explaining that the occasion was her birthday.

The Ladd, Sr. and O. Ladd of Memphis, Tenn., were Plentywood visitors Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fawcett and family and Clifford Hamilton of Gettysburg, S. D. motored to Outlook Sunday. They intend to stay about a week.

Miss Craig, who has been in Minot is slowly improving. She expects to be home within two weeks.

N. J. Nelson and daughter Lucille took Mrs. Ike Selvig to Bainville on Sunday where the latter will visit with her sister.

WESTBY

Miss Gladys Paulsen is visiting in the country this week with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Iverson, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stagerberg and Mr. and Mrs. Seiner Ekness were Westby shoppers Saturday.

Emilie Forsberg returned home Friday after spending a week with her cousin Irene Hultgren.

Paul Hultgren returned home Friday from Winnipeg where he disposed of a load of pigs.

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Rockstad were Westby shoppers Monday.

Mrs. Maggie Paulsen and children were guests at the home of Walter Petersons Sunday.

Coal at the Anderson mines is now \$1.50 per ton.

Miss Martha Gunderson is visiting relatives at Columbus, North Dakota. Kenneth Holst called on Donna Myers Monday night.

The Flying Fishers held their last meeting at the C. L. George home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Sand were Crossby callers Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hultgren returned from the Twin Cities and other eastern points on Monday night.

Harvey Larson and Donald Wiley returned from Idaho Saturday. Larry Larson met them at Plentywood.

Mrs. Helen Paulsen returned home Saturday after spending a week visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hultgren left for Valley City on Tuesday morning with another truck load of pigs.

Mrs. Alvin Stagerberg is taking care of her children while they are gone.

The 4-H Cooking Club held their meeting at the Peter Miller home on Tuesday, August 4th.

Olof Gunderson and family were visitors at the home of Ole Galarud on Sunday.

Monday night, Aug. 10, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hultgren were serenaded by the city of Westby—sponsored by the populace of the city of Westby from infants up to grandmothers. The first course of the treat was artificial daisies which which Mr. Hultgren produced the real stuff, candy to the ladies and Berni Schultz, Mrs. Hultgren's daughter, were taken to the Orpheum Theatre by two policemen, Anton Nelson and Berni Schultz. Mrs. Hultgren held captive in the car while Luther was handcuffed and forced to run behind the Orpheum.

They were taken back to the city of Westby where they were released. Luther Hultgren was sentenced to produce three cases of beer on Tuesday, Aug. 11 and the fine paid by Mrs. Hultgren was a piano solo.

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Congratulations are extended to the newlyweds for a happy married life. The city of Westby extends a hearty welcome to Mr. Hultgren.

Mrs. Ellen, accompanied by her daughter Clara and Vivian, was a Westby caller Monday.

Luther Hultgren received the furniture for his home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hultgren's daughters, Helen and Frances, motored to Flaxton Tuesday to visit Mrs. Iverson's mother and grandmother.

RESERVE

A three inch rain fall in about three hours last Friday evening accompanied by a very severe thunder storm gave the burg a real thrill. The rain was so heavy that it ran down several feet deep and one torrent washed out the county bridge on the highway west of town. The water came down the H. C. Riley creek and tore out a section of the railroad track. However, the crew got home and repaired it in an hour or two thereby causing no delay to trains.

G. W. Wolbert of town took in the Legion dance at French's barn Saturday night.

G. W. Wolbert of Williston was a week end guest at the J. J. Gibbons home.

Mr. von Eichen of Bainville is spending a few days at the Carl Peterson home.

The Farmers Elevator is taking advantage of the cheap rates on feed grains from eastern points and is stockpiling on various kinds of grain.

Stock buyers are preparing for another shipment of livestock to Chicago this coming Thursday.

NORTH RAYMOND

The Sunny Smile 4-H Club members met their last meeting with Ruth Ross on Wednesday, August 5. The afternoon was spent in sewing and an enjoyable time was had by those present.

Carl Hovey was operated on for appendicitis Tuesday afternoon at the Plentywood hospital. He is recovering nicely.

Robert Chapman and sons Lee and John of Plentywood were business callers at the Melvin Evenson home Tuesday. The Chapman family left for Colville, Washington, the latter part of the week where they expect to make their future home.

Mildred Holland, who has been staying with her sister, Mrs. Peter Fink, left for Outlook Wednesday, at which place she will stay at the Ed Fink home until school begins.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hysler and children, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fink and Budde and daughter, Venice, were afternoon visitors at the Harry Holland home Sunday.

Ruth Ross was a caller at the Jas. Larter home Tuesday. She remained there until Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Karlson of Outlook were business callers at the Herbert Blair and W. O. Wilson home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Holland and Mrs. Melvin Evenson were afternoon guests at the William Robinson home on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blair and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wilson drove to Outlook Saturday night. The end of the 6th inning the boys were six scores ahead but the men made a rally and won 8th and 9th innings and overcame this lead. Knud Paulsen and Arnie Nelson held down the mound for the boys and Carl Peterson and Holger Christensen for the men.

The United Farmers League organized Dagmar precinct Thursday with 24 members. Niels J. Nielsen was elected executive secretary.

RACINE VALLEY

The rain Friday evening was a regular cloudburst with hail in it. Jim Kase's, Emil and Niels Rasmussen's corn and millet were completely haled down. Several bridges and culverts were also washed out. This is the heaviest rain since 1921 old times.

The men's team beat the club team in a nine inning baseball game Sunday at Mikkel Paulsen's place. The score was 17 to 17. At the end of the 6th inning the boys were six scores ahead but the men made a rally and won 8th and 9th innings and overcame this lead. Knud Paulsen and Arnie Nelson held down the mound for the boys and Carl Peterson and Holger Christensen for the men.

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COAL PRICE CUT WITH 4-H CLUBS

on Coal from the two Anderson Mines at Westby. Price is now \$1.50 per ton HERMAN ANDERSON — and — JOHN ANDERSON MINES

TOP O' THE MORNIN' CLUB ...On July 28 the Top o' the mornin' club held its fifth meeting at Jess Hedges home. There are now eight members in the club since Ardella Stoen and Marie Hedges joined.

Before having our business meeting we went on a club tour thru the Antelope stumps. Mr. McLaughlin told us about the six "A" cans and quality found in each also

which brands of fruit were best and explaining the cause for difference in price of A fruit. He also told how some fruit was graded and cured.

At 2:30 the meeting was opened by all singing America followed by roll call each member answering with one rule of etiquette.

The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting then the membership committee reported. There was no old business so new business was discussed.

The next meeting will be held at the Chas. McLaughlin home at two o'clock on Tuesday, August 11th.

The Antelope clubs will hold a picnic for their mothers in the Weldon Richardson grove Friday, August 7th.

Mrs. A. T. Larsen spoke on how to set a table correctly. Esther Folsom and Nora Romstad demonstrated how to set the table.

Ardella Stoen and Marie Hedges demonstrated how to serve poached eggs and make a puff omelet.

—Club Reporter.

WIDE AWAKE PIG CLUB

The Wide Awake Pig Club met at the Hardware August 1st. Helmer Holje told about the treatment his pig got for tape worms. There was no set program because Donald Everson and Lester Borvig were to make up a program before next meeting and inform us what were to do. Donald went to a hospital in Minot so we were out of a program.

—Club Reporter.

FLYING FINGERS CLUB

The Westby Flying Fingers 4-H Club girls met at Helen George's Tuesday, August 4, 1931. We first had our business meeting which we opened and closed with songs. After that we started on our dresses. Several girls got their cut out and started the basting. A fine lunch was served about five o'clock.

The next meeting will be held at Margaret Holst's on Tuesday, August 18, 1931 at which time we will continue working on our dresses.

—Club Reporter.

BUSY NEEDLE SEWING CLUB

The Busy Needle Sewing Club met at the Helmer Thoresen home on August 4th. We discussed the judging of wool and renovated garments. We planned a picnic to be held with that of the Top o' the mornin' cooking club the following Friday at the Richardson grove. We decided to precede the picnic with a regular meeting. There were three visitors at our meeting: Mrs. R. D. Clark and Miss Katherine and Mrs. Axel Romstad.

After the business meeting was adjourned we practiced singing club songs and Mrs. Thoresen served a delicious lunch.

Wednesday, August 7th we met at Weldon Richardson's for our picnic but due to rainy weather we held our meeting in doors. We answered roll call by giving a reason why we joined the 4-H Club. It was decided the next meeting would be held at Axel Romstad's on August 18th. After the regular business meeting we sang songs, played games and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

AGED OUTLOOK LADY PASSES ON

Mrs. A. J. Fawcett passed away Thursday, August 6, 1931 at the home of her son, Ephraim at the age of 93 years, 2 months and six days. She was born in Peterboro, Ontario, Canada, June 1st, 1838.

On October 10, 1856 she was united in marriage with Andrew Fawcett, who passed away 41 years ago. To this union was born 12 children, six boys and six girls, six of whom survive her, namely: William of Pickton, Ontario; Robert of Victoria; B. C. Samuel of Gettysburg, S. D.; Mrs. A. Mattson of Reno, Nev.; Mrs. John Rose of Vancouver, B. C. and Ephraim of Outlook with whom she made her home. Four brothers also survive.

She was a member of the Methodist church. Services were conducted by Rev. E. J. Bott of Plentywood at the Outlook hall and the body was laid to rest in the Outlook cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the many friends who were so kind to us during our recent sorrow and for the many beautiful floral tributes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Fawcett, and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fawcett, and family.

LEPER POSTMASTER HAS HIS UNCLE SAMUEL GUESSING

San Francisco, Aug. 12. A leper postmaster at the leper colony on the Hawaiian island of Molokai, Postal Inspector Miller reported today on his return from Honolulu, is \$1,500 short in his accounts and admits it but what can the government do about it?

Miller pointed out the man in question has a serious case of leprosy and so cannot be sent to a penitentiary. All the authorities of the colony on Molokai except the superintendent and a few nurses are lepers.



Mrs. Tunney Awaiting Arrival of a New Champion

Damariscotta, Maine, Aug. 12.—A fall she suffered on a motorboat landing at St. John's island 10 days ago was thought to have caused the transfer to a local hospital of Mrs. Gene Tunney, wife of the former heavyweight champion who is awaiting the birth of a child, it was learned today.

Hospital authorities refused to give any information but it is believed that her conditions are not dangerous.

Tunney has spent several nights in the hospital with Mrs. Tunney.

NORTH POLE SUB IS AGAIN ON THE BLINK

Tromsø, Norway, Aug. 11.—The submarine Nautilus in which Sir Hubert Wilkins set out to reach the north pole under the ice today was reported adrift in the arctic seas with engine trouble.

The trouble developed soon after the submarine left Tromsø yesterday for Spitzbergen.

Tromsø, Aug. 13.—Sir Hubert Wilkins polar submarine Nautilus was headed northward toward Spitzbergen again tonight after several hours of drifting helplessly in the arctic seas.

A motor boat sent out from this village this morning to render assistance reported that by four o'clock the crew had succeeded in making repairs and the submarine headed north at full speed.

WHEAT FORECAST SHOWS INCREASE

Washington, Aug. 11.—Drouth in the west and south cut deeply into American agricultural production last month but generous supplies of most important crops still are assured.

Forecasts made by the agricultural department today showed the rainfall shortage in July had reduced the prospective corn crop by 193,000,000 bushels, spring wheat by 100,000,000 bushels, spring wheat by 88 million bushels, barley by 45 million and flaxseed by four million bushels. Estimates for hay, potatoes and some fruits also were lower.

For the country as a whole, however, an average crop is expected. A composite of prospective yields for 23 principal crops is 10.9 per cent above last year's when drouth was widespread and 0.3 per cent below the average for the last 10 years.

Corn was said to need rain badly but in only a few important states it was already so seriously damaged that it cannot recover.

In the northwest a production of spring wheat is estimated at 118,402,000 bushels as compared with 156,402,000 on July 1. This is the smallest crop since 1910.

Sen. Walsh Says Hoover's Moratorium is a Big Flop

San Francisco, Aug. 13.—United States Senator Thomas J. Walsh of Montana told members of the Democratic club of California here today the democrats are due to get control of the house of representatives during the next congress. And if they do, he predicted, there will be a democratic president of the United States next year.

Sen. Walsh attributed his confidence in his party's chances to the depression.

"I cannot rejoice at the economic condition of the country but I do rejoice that this condition has been the means of conceding more power to the democratic party," he said.

The senator called President Hoover's moratorium a "complete flop," asserted the farm board had failed to help farmers and said the

tariff had not decreased unemployment.

MOTHER!

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FOR RENT—Three room house, full basement. Mrs. A. J. Moore. (201f)

WANT to take in boarders and roomers during school term. Mrs. Hans Anderson, Comertown. (20-11)

REWARD—For information leading to the recovery of one set of nickel trimmed harness and collars stolen from my barn. Notify Martin Reinertson, Plentywood. (181f)

REGISTERED HEREFORD BULLS FOR SALE. Call or write James Onby, McCabe, Mont. (21f)

FARM FOR SALE—320 acres with good improvements, 1/2 mile from school and church. Six miles SE of Dagmar. \$5,000.00. Terms. Hans Rasmussen, Plentywood. (21f)

STRAY TAKEN UP—Black gelding weight about 1200, star in forehead, branded something like K8 or N8; been in my herd at farm 8 miles north of Dooley for about three months. Owner can have same by paying for advertising and keep. Frank Brightman. (15-5)

LEARN AUTO MECHANICS, Tractor, Electricity, Welding, Best trade. Practical training. Free catalog. Hanson Auto & Elec. School, Box 326-X, Fargo, N. D. (15-8)

WILD LAND in Aitken C.nty, Minnesota at \$2.50 to \$15 an acre of 40 acres to 1000 acres. No claim, seldom a drouth or hail, near independence and a few cows wild fruit plentiful, grass in abundance. No commission, only a small fee for showing lands. Bruce Taylor, P. 11422, Minn. (17f)

The FAMILY next DOOR



THORNG ATTENDS GREAT UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE CONFERENCE AT STANLEY, NORTH DAKOTA

Delegates Pack Big Stanley Court Room—Adopt Immediate Relief Plans and United Organization for Carrying out Plans—Delegates Report Thousands of Farmers are Facing Starvation; that there is No Feed for Cattle and No Seed for Next Spring—League Organizes Farmers for Action.

Delegates from Williams, Divide, Burke and Mountrail counties, North Dakota to the United Farmers League Tri-County conference at Stanley, North Dakota on July 20th packed the large court room in the magnificent court house at that place. There was not standing room left in the room and many could not gain admittance.

Mother Bloor, United Farmers League state organizer for North Dakota called the conference to order. Ashabul Ingerson, son of ex-Senator Ralph Ingerson of Burke county was elected chairman and a Mr. Hugo of Belden, North Dakota was elected secretary.

Editor Charles E. Taylor of the attended as a visiting delegate from Montana. Clem Harris, recently home from a two year sojourn in Russia and Comrade Burnett was present and a spectator from the headquarters of the communist party at New York, who are making a survey of the farming conditions of the northwest wheat belt, were also present as observers.

Mother Bloor, Clem Harris and Charles E. Taylor addressed the convention, speaking on world conditions of agriculture and the drought conditions and relief, and of the necessity of organizing the farmers especially the poor and middle farmers, into the United Farmers League, the largest and most wide spread organization of farmers in the world, and affiliated with the Farmers Internationale at Moscow, Russia.

Adopt Relief Plans
The conference after the speaking got under way on the tasks before them. It finally adopted the following immediate relief plans, both for apparatus and methods of procedure.

IMMEDIATE RELIEF
Resolved—That this conference of farmers of North Dakota, under the auspices of the United Farmers League, recommends that a state relief committee of members shall be elected here today—and

the function of this committee shall be:

FIRST—To instruct each township secretary of the United Farmers League to make an immediate survey of the farmers and report at once to the relief committee. These reports to be made on inspection blanks furnished by the state relief committee.

SECOND—Relief stations shall be set up in every county where relief shall be received and distributed to the townships under the direction of the county secretary.

THIRD—Relief shall be solicited not only from the county commissioners, according to the demands of the United Farmers League and from the Red Cross Funds which are ours by right—and not as charity—but also by appeals sent out to all other more prosperous counties and states. Appeals for wheat and all other necessities for human beings and food for the starving cattle.

AND WE DEMAND that all railroads and transportation companies all transport these relief supplies free of charge.

This relief to be sent in to the designated relief stations decided upon by the relief county and township secretaries, under the direction of the state relief committee.

The North Dakota Relief Committee was elected and a warehouse has been secured at Stanley for a relief depot for northwestern North Dakota.

In the evening after the conference a street meeting was held at which Andrew Olmolt, Clem Harris, George Maki, Charles E. Taylor and Mother Bloor spoke. Over a thousand were out to hear the speaking which was broken again and again with applause.

It was also recommended that organization work be pushed in drought sections of northeastern Montana, which work has already commenced in earnest and meeting with great success.

MORE "SCARED" THAN HURT

Special to the Producers News.
Froid, Aug. 13, 1931.

Well, Mr. Hyde has been to Froid and made his investigation for farmers' aid. He drove up to the bank directly and from there to Sunshine John Schmitzer's house and from there with John himself to Williston. Of course John knows more about what these farmers need than the farmers themselves, so Hyde got his information and according to the Williston paper Hyde says we are more scared than hurt. Where could he have gotten this information?

It is hoped by many that the day will come when that class of fellows will be more hurt than scared.

MCELROY U.F.L.

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ton for good, clean upland hay—these prices allowing a little above actual cost to provide for the cost of inspection by a representative of the county, which was considered advisable to avoid the introduction of any new weed seed in this area, with sow thistles particularly in mind.

Those present signed up for 3700 bushels of feed barley, 1750 bushels of feed oats, and 98 tons of hay at the prices indicated above, which prices also made an allowance for expenses incidental to distribution.

The farmers were indebted to Jacob Twest of Comertown who gave his services in the making out of the feed loan application blanks for those who had not yet made application. Because of lack of time some had to wait and go to Comertown Friday to get Mr. Twest's assistance.

The farmers express also their appreciation to Messrs. L. O. Bloome, A. F. Kimball and O. P. Bissnette, of Crosby, the Divide county, North Dakota commissioners, for the information and help they so generously extended to them; and the Sheridan county officials. In this matter they have gone to great pains to aid the farmers of northeastern Sheridan county to meet the hay and feed situation caused by the drought.

The matter of coal and how to obtain it during the coming winter was taken up. The farmers were of the conviction that none of them could get coal without some help as the coal in that area is all too far from the surface for any of them to get without the money to pay miners which none of them has. Coal is a serious problem and that should be solved as early as possible. If money were available to pay miners they could go to work at once, which would also relieve a lot of distress among them for if they could get work they could take care of themselves and thus relieve the county of just that much expense.

LINDY'S PLANE Crosses Canada Into BLEAK ALASKA

Point Barrow, Alaska, Aug. 10.—Near the roof of the world, within sight of the perpetual polar ice cap, Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh plotted their route today for the remainder of their vacation trip to the orient.

Welcomed Saturday by a handful of excited whites and several hundred eskimos they brought their monoplane down on a lead of open water in Bering sea after a 536-mile flight from Aklavik, N. W. T., made in six hours and 30 minutes.

Mrs. Lindbergh was in almost constant communication with the radio stations here and at Aklavik during the flight.

They left Aklavik after a three-day stay at 7:30 last night. At 10:30 the plane radioed that they were flying over a low fog bank and would turn inland to find better weather. A little more than an hour later a second message said they had emerged from the fog. The route lay along Beaufort sea and the Arctic ocean. As soon as word was received here of their takeoff whites and Eskimos began to gather at the beach to watch for the plane.

Lindbergh was undecided as to when they would continue the trip or where they would refuel. There was a possibility he would go on to Nome, 523 miles away, before refueling.

The coast guard cutter Northland, carrying fuel supplies for the plane and food for Point Barrow, has been locked out by the ice pack and was believed still to be off Cape, 100 miles away to the southwest.

Groups on several high points of land here cheered when they saw the monoplane approaching and rushed to the water front to await its mooring.

Dr. Henry Griest, medical missionary, put out to the plane in a small boat to extend the official welcome. Charles Dewitt, Brower, fur trader, mayor and founder of Point Barrow 47 years ago, was not here as he is a passenger on the Northland.

The visitors found the settlement devoid of staples, such as coffee, potatoes and eggs but since the 1900 gold rush today by entertaining the Lindberghs with a trip to the historic gold fields where huge dredges are at work and to other points of interest in the famous mining town.

The flying couple planned to take off Thursday morning across Bering sea for Karagin island, off the coast of the Kamchatka peninsula where fuel and supplies have been placed on its southwestern tip.

The hop, slightly over one thousand miles will take the Lindberghs over the northern and western tip of St. Lawrence island to Cape Navarin and then eastward down the Kamchatka peninsula to Karagin island.

After refueling there they will leave for Petropovsk, about 450 miles away, near the end of the peninsula and then for Tokyo, about 200 miles distant. They will probably stop about half way between Petropovsk and the Japanese capital.

The long over-water hop between St. Lawrence island and Cape Navarin will be about 250 miles. From the Kamchatka peninsula the route will carry the vacationists over the Kurile islands, noted as a breeding place for sudden storms.

After they leave here the Lindberghs will endeavor to maintain contact with the St. Paul island radio station in the Pribilofs, from which will be relayed news concerning the light down the Siberian coast.

Radio compass bearings will be given the fliers by the naval radio station at St. Paul island, from which they will be able to determine their position with the radio direction finders and thereby get reliable checks on the compasses, which may be expected to be erratic in that latitude.

The plane will have a full load of almost 500 gallons of gasoline when it leaves Nome.

In order to conserve fuel on the jump here the Lindberghs lowered their normal cruising speed from about 140 miles an hour to 105 miles.

Watsonville, Calif., Aug. 2.—The sinking of a large tract of land in Elkhorn slough, four miles south of here, slowed up to about one inch an hour today. Southern Pacific engineers and recluses were pressed belief it would soon stop.

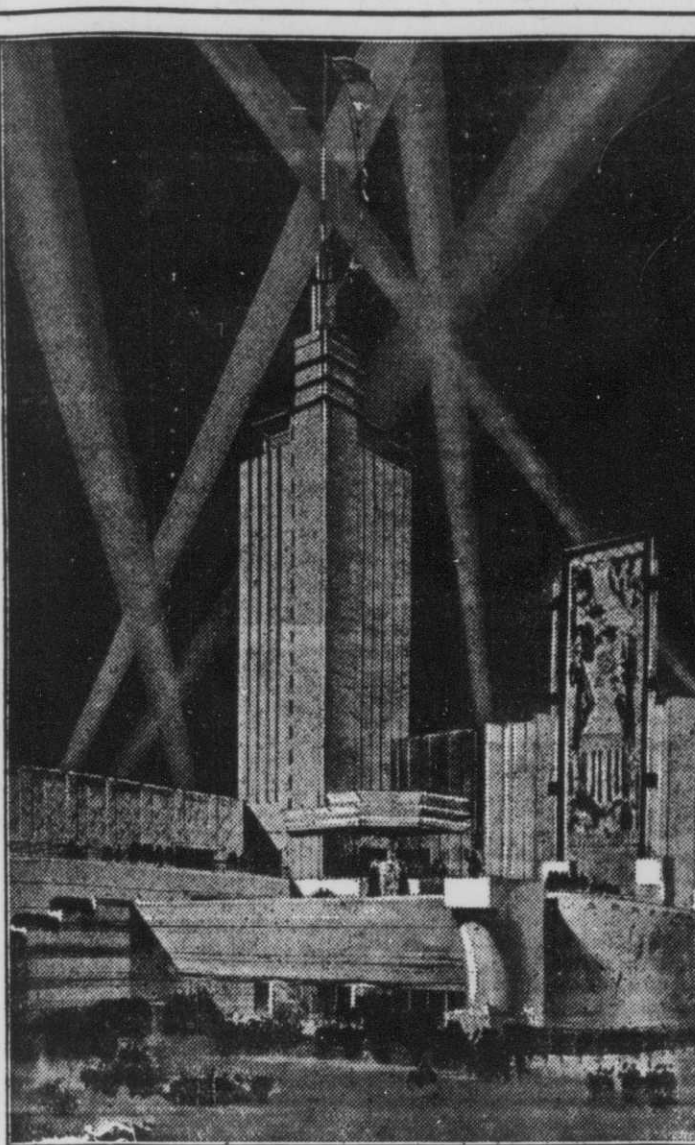
The sinking began Sunday of last week and until Friday continued at the rate of about four inches an hour. About 300 feet of Southern Pacific track across part of the slough was menaced and 5,000 tons of crushed rock were poured under the track daily. The total depth to which the land has sunk is approximately 85 feet.

This North Dakota State Conference realizing that these immediate demands can only be put into effect by a strong united organization of farmers, call upon all farmers in their townships and counties to organize immediately branches of the United Farmers League, with their executive committees functioning as committees of action, to mobilize all the farmers of the respective townships to put these above demands into effect.

Recognizing that capitalism is bankrupt and that big business leaders have nothing to offer the farmers and workers but increasing poverty and actual starvation we realize that there can be no permanent solution to the problem confronting agriculture until farmers and workers take power into their own hands and change the entire structure, and establish a workers and farmers dule, we call upon all poor farmers and workers to join with us in the struggle for immediate demands and help each other and finally join in the struggle for the establishment of a workers and farmers rule.

UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE

For Chicago's 1933 Exposition



One of the entrances to the medical exhibit in the Hall of Science of A Century of Progress—Chicago's 1933 World's Fair—construction of which has already commenced. Rising from colored terraces and decorated in white, gray, red and gold, this 700 by 400 foot structure will be a masterpiece of modernist architectural design.

SHIPPERS SOON BE OFF TO KAMCHATKA

(Continued from front page)

Nome, Aug. 12.—Nome experienced one of its greatest thrills since the 1900 gold rush today by entertaining the Lindberghs with a trip to the historic gold fields where huge dredges are at work and to other points of interest in the famous mining town.

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The hop, slightly over one thousand miles will take the Lindberghs over the northern and western tip of St. Lawrence island to Cape Navarin and then eastward down the Kamchatka peninsula to Karagin island.

After refueling there they will leave for Petropovsk, about 450 miles away, near the end of the peninsula and then for Tokyo, about 200 miles distant. They will probably stop about half way between Petropovsk and the Japanese capital.

The long over-water hop between St. Lawrence island and Cape Navarin will be about 250 miles. From the Kamchatka peninsula the route will carry the vacationists over the Kurile islands, noted as a breeding place for sudden storms.

After they leave here the Lindberghs will endeavor to maintain contact with the St. Paul island radio station in the Pribilofs, from which will be relayed news concerning the light down the Siberian coast.

Radio compass bearings will be given the fliers by the naval radio station at St. Paul island, from which they will be able to determine their position with the radio direction finders and thereby get reliable checks on the compasses, which may be expected to be erratic in that latitude.

The plane will have a full load of almost 500 gallons of gasoline when it leaves Nome.

In order to conserve fuel on the jump here the Lindberghs lowered their normal cruising speed from about 140 miles an hour to 105 miles.

Watsonville, Calif., Aug. 2.—The sinking of a large tract of land in Elkhorn slough, four miles south of here, slowed up to about one inch an hour today. Southern Pacific engineers and recluses were pressed belief it would soon stop.

The sinking began Sunday of last week and until Friday continued at the rate of about four inches an hour. About 300 feet of Southern Pacific track across part of the slough was menaced and 5,000 tons of crushed rock were poured under the track daily. The total depth to which the land has sunk is approximately 85 feet.

This North Dakota State Conference realizing that these immediate demands can only be put into effect by a strong united organization of farmers, call upon all farmers in their townships and counties to organize immediately branches of the United Farmers League, with their executive committees functioning as committees of action, to mobilize all the farmers of the respective townships to put these above demands into effect.

Recognizing that capitalism is bankrupt and that big business leaders have nothing to offer the farmers and workers but increasing poverty and actual starvation we realize that there can be no permanent solution to the problem confronting agriculture until farmers and workers take power into their own hands and change the entire structure, and establish a workers and farmers dule, we call upon all poor farmers and workers to join with us in the struggle for immediate demands and help each other and finally join in the struggle for the establishment of a workers and farmers rule.

UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE

stopped at 5:06. A wrench in the car was bloodstained. Sheriff Andres and Deputy Fraser said they were convinced the two couples had been held up by assailants who followed them from some road house. From a bloodstained slipper found in a nearby ditch Sheriff Andres said he believed the girls had been attacked.

Two rifles were found in the Keene shanty and a bullet taken from one of the bodies will be checked by ballistics experts to determine if it had been fired from either rifle.

Both men denied knowledge of the killings but Sheriff Andres said they were too drunk to be questioned intelligibly. The manhunt for additional suspects continues.

HUNGER STALKS

(Continued from front page)

Eggs in 1920 were 60 cents per dozen, now 15 cents.

Hogs in 1920 were 22 cents per pound, now 6 cents.

THE HORDE OF UNEMPLOYED
Then let me remind you of the six million unemployed who are without money to provide food and clothing for themselves and their families.

THE 506 SUPER-MILLIONAIRES—

Then let me remind you of the 506 super-millionaires who paid income taxes on more than \$1,000,000 each in 1929. They reported a total net income of \$1,185,000,000. That is more than the 500,000 railroad employees engaged in the marine and engine service end of the transportation industry earned last year. It is more than the selling price of all the wheat and all the cotton produced in the entire United States last year.

THE SOULLESS PROFITEERS—

To whom else do I refer? I mean those who keep the rates for electricity, gas and telephone service so high that 25 of these public utility corporations last year made 27 million dollars MORE PROFITS than in the BOOM year of 1929. I mean the great industrial and business corporations which floated stock at speculative prices to investors who lost 16 Billion dollars when the crash in 1929 came.

IS COLLAPSE A WORLD ONE?

Is it surprising with this economic and industrial pyramid standing upside down that we had a financial collapse that shook the world?

"We shall not have permanent prosperity in this country or in the world until we increase the price of the commodities that come from the ground." — The Progressive (LaFollette's magazine.)

GOV. ERICKSON AND SPECIAL SESSION—

Gov. Erickson, has been making a survey of conditions in the state, and according to the Associated Press reports, he finds that 8,000 families, 40,000 people. (The governor's figures are conservative—Editor.) will have to be

provided with relief this winter. At the recent state convention of bankers, the Governor state, according to newspaper reports, that an income tax is inevitable. The Governor is also quoted as having said in connection with this relief that the state has not any use to the legislature in special session. That is what the legislature is for, as a matter of fact—TO PROVIDE MONEY for state officials to spend. When our "highway enthusiasts" wanted to put out on people a \$6,000,000 highway bond issue, the governor, other state officials and our legislature, found a way—also two-thirds of the registered voters did not vote for the referendum—and we have been using big machines of foreign contractors and much foreign labor to build "scenic highways" this year. The last legislature would not permit any part of the gasoline tax money to go to the counties or cities for road and street purposes, which would have provided considerable employment for local people and would have relieved largely the present unfortunate situation.

We urged the legislature to set aside one cent of the five cent gasoline tax for the counties, dividing sixty per cent of it on the ratio that the county highway mileage and forty per cent on the ratio of total number of automobiles in the county bears to the total number in the entire state; and that another cent of the five cent gasoline tax be divided among the cities and towns on the basis of the mileage of their streets, which would amount would about offset what they now spend on their streets. This plan would have provided additional money for cities and towns to improve their streets and given local men employment, and the counties could have furnished more employment for their farmers. The State of Wisconsin has a somewhat similar plan.

SOMETHING CAN BE DONE—

This plan could be adopted this year if the Governor would call the legislature in special session. That would be much better than asking the Red Cross to support 8,000 families, 40,000 people, in Montana, this year. The legislature could also pass an income tax law, effective this year. Some good lawyers believe that a constitutional amendment is unnecessary, and that the legislature has the power to pass an income tax law under present constitutional provisions.

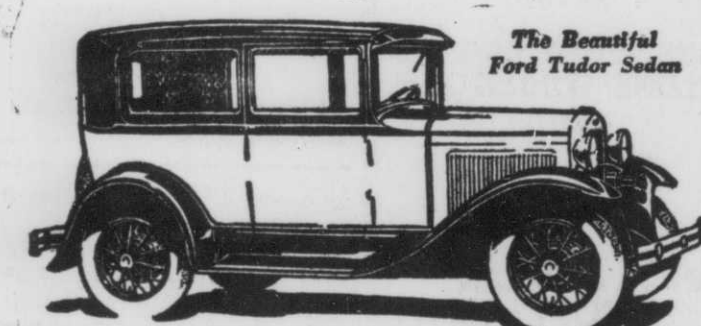
GOVERNOR MUST CALL A SPECIAL SESSION—

Will the governor call a special session of the legislature? He will if the people demand it. If the senators and representatives, mayors and county commissioners, chambers of commerce and service clubs will write the governor asking that the legislature be called in special session, he will do it. This is an emergency matter, and you should help right now.

NEXT WEEK—

Next week we will give you the roll call in the house and senate on the income tax bill. Did your senator and representatives represent you on this bill as you wish to be represented?

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