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SHERIFF POSTPONES MICHIGAN SALE AS 300 FARMERS MEET

UNITED FRONT

Elected Committee Con-
tains UFL, Bureau and
2 Unaffiliated Farmers

"IF THIS BE RED"

Sale Will be Postponed
Again if No Moratorium
Granted Farmers

(BY G. C.)

Scottville, Mich., March 4.—The farmers around here are organizing into a Committee of Action on the basis of the Farmers National Relief Conference. They succeeded in stopping three foreclosure sales so far.

The last attempt to foreclose was made by a closed bank. They tried to foreclose on Wm. Nanscom of Eden township. The Committee of Action held a county conference and passed a resolution demanding that the sale be postponed until a moratorium is made legal, whenever that may be.

300 AT MEETING

About 300 farmers gathered at the court house in Ludington on March 1 and listened to a stirring speech by Clyde Smith while Geo. Casper headed a delegation inside the court house to lay the cards before the sheriff.

When the time came to sell the place Sheriff Colyer adjourned the sale for 30 days and said if the legislature wouldn't grant a moratorium by that time, he would postpone it again.

UNITED FRONT COMMITTEE
The committee which interviewed the sheriff was composed of two United Farmers League members, one Farm Bureau member and two unaffiliated farmers.

In answer to the gossip that it was a Red proposition the Farm Bureau member said he wasn't a Red but that we'd all be Reds if there wasn't going to be some relief for the farmers.

The secretary of the County Conference who was unaffiliated to any organization other than his township committee said, "If we have to be Reds to stick up for our rights we'll be Reds. The National Committee has a sound program and we should support it."

UFL GROWS ON RELIEF DEMAND

Producers News Stimulates
Organization of Mont.
Farmers

Trout Creek, Mont., Feb. 24.—We had a good meeting last night at White Pine. A committee of five from Trout Creek, which grew to be a committee of 20 before we started, attended.

Our Trout Creek chairman opened the meeting with a few remarks on the United Farmers League, after which the UFL program was read and unanimously adopted.

The White Pine friends then elected a full line of officers. The local demands adopted were the same as those we passed at the Trout Creek meeting.

DEMANDS ADOPTED

1. Cash for all relief work instead of grocery orders on private stores.

2. Six hour day at 50 cents an hour.

3. Distribution of relief to be carried on by a committee elected by this organization.

4. County Commissary.

5. No discrimination against single men or anyone who has been a resident of this county for more than 30 days.

These demands are directed against the policy of the local relief agencies and politicians who support the merchants association.

YOUNG FARMERS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Most of those in attendance were young farmers who have never before had any experience in organization. However, they showed great interest and enthusiasm.

Twenty members were signed up, and we hope that with the aid of the Producers News they will be militant fighters for the interests of the working class.

50 MEMBERS ALREADY

This makes fifty members in the United Farmers League and another meeting coming up tomorrow. We have no organizer, no leader. This is a spontaneous movement caused by a few copies of the Producers News.

WILL ORGANIZE REAL STRIKE OF DAIRY FARMER

Wisconsin Grange Master
Thinks Big Salaries
Should be Hidden

WHO IS SINGLER?

Why Did He Call off the
Strike After Meeting
Gov. Schmedeman?

(By a Farmer)

Oshkosh, Wis., Feb. 24.—We went to a grange meeting last night where Mr. Ohde, the master of the Grange, talked about the milk strike.

He said the men on the picket lines did not look like farmers, they looked more like hoodlums and "Reds" and that they were being paid 20 cents an hour.

I for one am red and am proud of the fact, and I am for the milk strike.

It was suggested at the meeting that the Grange master find out if the presidents of the milk concerns are receiving big salaries such as \$75,000 a year. Ohde said that he would find out, and he laughed, and added that it ought to be kept under cover so the public would not know it.

KEEPING THINGS UNDEF COVER

Now you can plainly see how this Grange "leader" works to keep this under cover, poison the people's mind, and keep them divided.

We are making all these meetings in the neighborhood and then we are going out to organize the farmers for a strike on a real basis.

I would like to get some dope on that Singler and his conference in Madison, Wisconsin, with the governor. (Singler is the president of the Wisconsin Milk Pool—Editor).

ABOUT THAT GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT

I would also like to find out about that gentlemen's agreement that he made there in Madison while the farmers were on the picket line day and night. They are having all the hardship, and HE called off the strike, just when we had things coming our way. Believe me the boys are mad and who wouldn't be.

Editor's Note: We have no information about Mr. Singler except his recent activities in the strike, where the capitalist papers played him up as a "picturesque figure" the time that he appeared on the picket line. If any of our readers know of Mr. Singler, his past and present, we wish they would write to us about him. The only details we know of the conference were given in last week's paper. It was plainly a sell out conference in which Mr. Singler also aided the governor in maintaining the farmers' illusions in President Roosevelt by telling them that Roosevelt would do something for them.

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Dakota Farmers Go Home Determined to Rally Neighbors for the United Front

The North Dakota Farmers Relief Conference held at Bismarck, March 1-3, has now become history. The dirt farmers who met there may at some future date be forgotten, but the things they did there will never be forgotten. They made the first statewide effort to organize the North Dakota farmers to win a better life for themselves and their families.

Once before, many years ago, the North Dakota farmers went to Bismarck. They were told to "go back home and stop the hogs," by their representatives in the legislature. This time they did not allow those who are supposed to be their servants dictate to them. They themselves drew up their own demands for food, for clothing, for the land they have broken and plowed and are now in danger of having taken away from them. And they go home strong in the determination to get their neighbors to stand back of the demands they raised.

The farmers elected as the secretary of their State Committee for Action Ashbel Ingerson and he has asked us to publish the final bulletin on the Conference. Consequently the full story of Conference with the demands raised appears on page three.

Since we are eager to get the full report of the Conference into the hands of every farmer in North Dakota who needs food, clothing and wants to save his home we are sending this issue to 3,000 farmers. We ask that those who receive this paper let us have the names of others like themselves who want it. We will send it to any farmer free of charge.

If you believe in the demands raised by your brother farmers of North Dakota then we ask that you subscribe to the Producers News for the next six weeks for 25 cents. This will help us to pay for the free copies we are now sending out and will keep you informed of what your neighboring farmers are doing.

During the next six weeks we will publish speeches of the delegates at the Conference and also special articles by the State Secretary of the Committee for Action, Ashbel Ingerson.

If you want to keep in touch with what fighting farmers are doing, subscribe.

PICKETS DUMP 1,000 GAL. MILK

"Co-operative" in Struggle
With Other Distributors
Around Council Bluffs

One thousand pounds of milk were dumped by pickets east of Council Bluffs, Nebraska, on Wednesday, March 1. The cause of the picketing seems to be a struggle between the Nebraska-Iowa Nonstock Cooperative Milk Association and two other distributors, the A. & S. and Pinecrest dairies.

The "co-operative" is the same one which conspired with the milk trust behind the backs of the farmers for an end to the Sioux City strike last summer.

Pfeiffer, president of the "Co-operative" admitted in a story published in the Omaha Bee-News on March 2 that with the retail price of milk around 5 or 6 cents the farmers around Council Bluffs are getting one cent a quart for their milk.

The directors of the Nebraska-Iowa pool claimed not to know anything of the picketing activities and the milk dumping.

On Highway 34 a milk truck was stopped and 550 gallons of milk were dumped. The truck of J. C. Wirtz, was also stopped and 150 gallons of milk belonging to 15 farmers were dumped. An A. & S. truck was stopped on Highway 7 and 450 gallons of milk were spilled out by pickets.

HOLD UP RELIEF FOR N. DAKOTA

County Commissioners Try
to Prevent Farmers from
Getting Relief Funds

Bonetrail, N. Dak., Feb. 24.—The county commissioners have done their utmost to hold back relief in Williams county. At first their excuse was that they could not get money from the reconstruction Finance Corporation. Now money has been received for relief from the R. F. C.

They are now sitting tight on this money. When questioned about relief they say they haven't got enough blanks. This means that they don't want to give out relief.

NO THOUGHT FOR CHILDREN

They don't care a snap for the farmers' and workers' children who go to school with very little clothes. I can point out farmer after farmer who has not enough food and coal and clothes to keep warm in this cold weather. Still this ruling class can say they are all getting along fine.

What would happen if capitalism were wiped off the face of this earth? It would be a world of peace and happiness.

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JOINT MARCH IN ASTORIA, ORE. DEMAND RELIEF

800 Workers and Farmers
Demand Increased Relief
and no Discrimination

PASSING THE BUCK

Workers Support Farmers
In Fight to Save
Homes

Astoria, Ore., March 4.—Two hundred workers and farmers marched to the county court house where they were joined by over 600 workers in a militant demonstration against the loss of their homes and the further lowering of their standards of living, yesterday.

A committee of ten presented the demands of the workers and farmers to the county court, which were:

Funds to be secured from R. F. C. for relief purposes.

Abolishment of script system, relief work to be paid in cash.

No less than eight days a month of work at \$4 a day to each married worker, no less than six days a month at \$4 a day to each single worker. If no work to be had then equivalent in cash.

Free seed for impoverished farmers.

Cash relief and relief in kind to be administered by local committees of workers and farmers.

Free hospital and medical aid for farmers and farmers and their families.

Halting of mortgage foreclosures, tax sales, and evictions of poor farmers and unemployed workers.

Support of the National and State Hunger March Demands.

During the time that the committee was presenting the demand speakers addressed the workers from the court house steps exposing the forced labor system which prevails on relief work. Under the plan the workers receive two to three days a month work on the county roads for which they receive script in payment. This script in turn must be exchanged at the local relief station for miserable handouts of groceries, and old cast-off clothing and shoes. Discrimination is also practiced in the allotting of relief work. The speeches were enthusiastically received by the workers.

TRY TO PASS THE BUCK

The presentation committee reported the answer of the county commissioners and judge to the workers. The county tried to pass the buck by saying they did not have the power to act but would have to see the County Relief Committee (of which the judge is the chairman appointed by Governor Meier) and they would have to take more time to study the demands.

The workers decided to go home and organize in stronger forces and come again and again to the court house until their demands were granted.

1,000 South Dakota Farmers Stop Sheriff at Foreclosure Sale

TRUCK FARMER HIT
BY LIVE-AT-HOME
"RELIEF" PROGRAM

The "live at home" program which has been widely advertised to farmers and workers owning their own homes, as a means of solving their problems is merely another attempt of the working class to lift itself out of the crisis by the bootstraps.

Home gardening in the eastern and central states has already reduced the demand for commercially grown truck crops. The victims of this particular "relief" measure are the farmers growing truck crops. This has been admitted by the "marketing specialists" of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

The farmers who will be affected in the future are those raising annually planted crops, poultry, eggs, potatoes, etc.

PRICES SINK TO 23 YR. RECORD

Dept. of Agriculture Index
Falls to Less Than Half
of 1909-1914 Level

The general level of farm prices fell on Feb. 15 to a new low point in the 23 years of statistical records of the Department of Agriculture. The mid-February index was 49 per cent of the 1909-1914 average, compared with 51 per cent on January 15, and 60 per cent on February 15, 1932.

The United States average farm price of hogs was \$2.94 on Feb. 15 or 10 per cent above the January 15 price. The advance, chiefly the result of decreased marketings. The smaller marketings are attributed to severe winter weather thru out the greater part of the Corn Belt.

The average price of corn rose slightly at local farm markets during the month ended Feb. 15, on account of an increase in feed requirements due to colder weather, higher hog prices, and a seasonal advance outside the Corn Belt.

A slight decline in the average farm price of wheat from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15 is attributed by the Department of Agriculture to dull domestic demand and lack of an export outlet, despite influence of the poor condition of the winter wheat crop.

Cotton prices declined during the month largely because of a decline in export demand.

The farm price of eggs averaged 11 cents per dozen on February 15 compared with 21.4 cents on Jan. 15. The sharp drop according to the Department "may be accounted for largely by the seasonal increase in production early in Feb. and a pre seasonal rise in storage holdings."

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HALT 2 OTHERS

Take Papers From Hand
of Sheriff, Destroy Them;
Sheriff Retreats

MARCH THRU TOWN

Farmer Turns Gift of \$40
Over to County, State
Committees

(BY J. S.)

Frederick, S. D., March 3.—One real estate foreclosure sale was halted at Aberdeen on Feb. 27 on very short notice. Two other sales were called off when farmers stopped this one.

Nothing was known of the sale until Saturday evening, Feb. 25. On Sunday afternoon the chairman of the committees of action were notified and the alarm was given at Savo hall where a big meeting was being held for the purpose of reporting the South Dakota State Relief Conference.

The sale was scheduled for 2 p. m. at the courthouse. At 1:30 1,000 people were assembled.

Many were rallied by driving up and down Main street, in Aberdeen, with a banner on each side of an automobile, which read, "Foreclosure sale at the courthouse."

"Farmers being robbed."

"Come at once."

A farmer with a megaphone rode in the car and announced the proceeding in order to attract attention.

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S. D. COMMITTEE GIVES WARNING

Executive Secretary Shows
United Front of Bankers,
Farm Misleaders

The South Dakota State Committee for Action, which was established at the Farmers State Relief Conference at Pierre on Feb. 20-22, has sent a communication thru its executive secretary, E. L. Bolland, to all the delegates calling on them to "win mass support" for the demands which were drawn up at the conference.

It calls the attention of the delegates not only to the attempts made to disrupt the conference but also to

"the united front" of bankers, insurance companies, State Chamber of Commerce and the farm (mis) leaders to erect a deceptive apparatus, which will decoy the farmers into a situation giving them a false sense of security, preparatory to putting the squeeze on them. In other words, they seek to disarm the farmers by taking away the weapon which defended them in hundreds of instances all over the United States—their United Mass Action."

ESTABLISH CONCILIATION BOARDS

On the very day that the conference opened, Governor Berry, at the suggestion of B. W. McVeigh, president of the South Dakota Farm Holiday Association, called a conference of bankers and farm "leaders." While the farmers' conference drew up the basic demands of the ruined farmers thruout the state, the governor's conference took up the question of establishing "conciliation boards."

The conference called by Gov. Berry, was attended by representatives of the large insurance companies: McVeigh; E. M. Hammett, national vice president of the Holiday Association; Emil Lorika, and Hugh B. Nash, association officials; E. H. Everson, president of the Farmers Union; H. B. Test, president of the Farm Bureau; J. J. Martin and N. E. Carl, officers of the State Grange; W. C. Lusk, representing the State Chamber of Commerce and H. T. Briabine, president of the Bankers Association.

The answer to this "nice, crooning lullaby" must be, according to E. L. Bolland, executive secretary of the State Committee for Action, "Committees of Action organized in every township, pledged to defend our right to stay on the farm and live."

"156 Bullet Holes Can Yet be Seen in the House"

Max Cichon Tells the Story of His Life

(BY MAX CICHON)

Elkhorn, Wis., Feb. 26.—We are elated to report the receipt of your encouraging letter of Feb. 20 and hereby an effort shall be made—as per your request to relate our story clearly, accurately, although briefly.

I was born in Chemnitz, Germany, Nov. 11, 1893, and sailed before the mast until 1914. I arrived in the United States in that year and secured employment on the Panama Canal from Major General R. E. Wood, now of Sears, Roebuck and Co.

FATHER OF TWO

Being a carpenter and a teacher of physical culture I alternated my vocations and on June 6, 1921 I became the happy, though lucky husband of Mrs. Virginia Cichon. We have two children, Virginia 10, and Max 5, of which we are proud and happy.

In 1928 I was fortunate to become superintendent of construction on radio station WMAQ and the Trivoli Theatre in Downers Grove, Ill. But, always being interested in farming and its purported financial independence and philosophy we were induced by real estate agents of the State Bank of Elkhorn, Wisconsin, to buy a 160 acre farm near Elkhorn.

The bank's president, L. W. Ewan, who later was forced to resign by the banking commission, represented the farm to contain 96 acres of plow land, and the remainder as pasture. The

price of the farm was \$17,600 of which we paid \$10,100 down and the bank assumed a mortgage for the remaining \$7,500.

USELESS BOGS

We took possession of the farm on Feb. 24, 1929 and as soon as the snow had melted we found ourselves with 26 acres of plow land and 134 acres of useless marsh and bogs.

Applications to the District Attorney, Arthur Thorson, who is a director in the aforementioned bank, for a warrant to arrest the officers of the bank and its real estate agents, were denied, and only after pressure from the Governor's office had been applied did the District Attorney file an affidavit of disqualification to the Circuit Judge. The latter who had been a borrower from the same bank, refused to appoint a special prosecutor.

Subsequent to this procedure, the Real Estate Operator's Board and the Banking Department of this state held investigations which proved my charges, but referred me to the court for redress.

JUDGE VIOLATES LAW

Circuit Judge E. B. Bowen and County Judge Roscoe R. Luce, a 25 share stockholder of the State Bank, now started on their iniquitous and unethical machinations. Foreclosure proceedings were begun against us in June 1931. Having no money to retain legal aid and being cognizant

of the constitution guaranty of our state under Section 9, Article 1, I appeared and answered the complaint in my own person, setting up our defense for fraud. Under our laws and procedure this makes it mandatory for the presiding judge to transfer the case from the equity side of the court to the fact-for-jury side.

Upon my pleading the judge violated the constitution under Section 20, Article 7, and refused to hear me and entered judgment against me instantaneously and unethically appointed the plaintiff, the State Bank, receivers of our farm.

The following November this very same, ignorant or crooked, Judge E. B. Belden, in conjunction with and by application of that mercenary and unethical County Judge Roscoe R. Luce, issued and signed an unconstitutional writ of Assistance. He repeated that very same illegal act in April, 1932. The sheriff tried to execute this writ on April 14. I resisted, my wife being in Chicago at that time.

TRIES BRIBE

Upon application by the sheriff in my presence, the Attorney-General, J. R. Reynolds, and his assistants, Messrs. Nojak and Messrs. Schmidt, ruled en-bloc, that the judge's actions and the writ were illegal. The judge held the sale in August. Without first serving us with a Sheriff's deed and without first having the sale confirmed, the same judge issued a Writ of Assistance on Sept. 24. While this writ is

returnable in 30 days, he extended it until November 15 and again to December 15.

We took our children to the doctor on Dec. 3 to have their tonsils removed and in the same day the sheriff sent a letter to us offering \$1,000 if we would move by Monday, Dec. 5, noon.

COWARDLY ATTACK

On December 6, we arose about 6:20 a. m. I took a 300 candle power lantern, milk pail and strainer, and went out to the barn to milk. After having milked two cows the cowardly sheriff and 19 deputies opened fire with machine guns and high powered rifles, not on the barn, but on the house which held my wife and two children. Hearing the shots, I grabbed my shotgun out of the bull-pen and ran the gauntlet of fire to the house.

After the sheriff and his deputies had fired over 1,000 shots, 156 of which can yet be seen in the house, we surrendered and the rest of the story is history.

They still have and hold illegally all our household goods, farm machinery, live stock, and all other property exempt by law.

The Milk Pool's and Farmers Holiday petition to the governor have been met by cowardice and we are unable to derive an income from our 11 cows and other stock.

Any aid you may give us will be, I assure you, deeply appreciated.

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Organization of the North Dakota Conference

As the Farmers National Relief Conference grew out of the strike around Sioux City last September, so the Farmers North Dakota State Relief Conference held March 1-2-3 grew out of the Farmers National Relief Conference.

Like the National Relief Conference the State Conference was a conference of rank and file farmers who drew up a program for rank and file farmers.

CALLED BY DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The North Dakota Conference was called by the delegates who attended the Washington Conference last December. While returning from Washington, D. C., to their homes in North Dakota, these delegates organized themselves and chose P. J. Barrett of Sanish as chairman of the Call Committee and instructed him to

call this state conference. Barrett and other members of this committee elected Ashbel Ingerson of Flaxton, N. D., as their Secretary. P. J. Barrett and Ingerson set up headquarters in Bismarck, N. D., in the latter part of January from which to organize this historic conference.

ASK UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE CHAIRMAN TO ASSIST

Charles E. Taylor, chairman of the National Executive Council of the United Farmers League, was asked by the committee to help organize the conference as he was in the state and well known to many farmers there. He expressed his willingness to do this as the United Farmers League is always ready to cooperate with and support farmers of all organizations who are struggling for bet-

ter conditions for themselves and their families. Taylor gave freely of his great fund of experience in organizing the United Farmers League and his assistance contributed greatly to making the conference the success that it is.

Friendly members and employees of the legislature gave the call committee names of people whom we could call on to help the farmers hold their own conference. They were asked to send us the names of neighboring farmers who would be interested in this conference. In this way we soon built up a list which now consists of 3,000 or more farmers all over the state.

HAD \$3 TO START WORK

When the committee in charge of organizing the conference arrived in Bismarck they had \$3 to start work with. A small meet-

ing of the friendly members of the legislature raised the first funds to start the work. After this first start, money was slowly collected from legislators, state officials, legislative employees and farmers from all over the state who responded to our call for money to do this work. At all times it was difficult to raise money and the committee was continually hampered because of lack of funds. Due to the hard conditions among farmers very little money was received from that source.

However, the work was begun and calls were sent out and farmers began to respond. The first call was sent out about January 20. Due to the extremely bad weather and road conditions the Conference was postponed from February 23, 24 and 25 until March 1, 2 and 3.

ALL DESTITUTE FARMERS MUST BE RALLIED FOR MASS ACTION

For the first time the farmers of North Dakota have met, discussed, and drawn up their own immediate program. This they did in the State Relief Conference without the highpaid services of the professional farm "leaders" who have misled them for many years.

The United Farmers League takes due satisfaction in the demands which were raised there because it was the United Farmers League, which alone raised the demands for relief, against evictions and foreclosures, and other immediate needs in North Dakota over two years ago. The farmer rank and file delegates to the conference have agreed to organize and struggle for the demands which we have advanced in this state as throughout the Northwest.

The United Farmers League and the Producers News have aided the farmers to the utmost of their ability in the organization and carrying through of the conference.

The conference is over. Now comes the task of organizing the majority of the farmers of the state behind the demands and program drawn up at the Conference.

The United Farmers League and the Producers News will do all in their power to carry on the work outlined at the conference. We are glad, despite the sacrifices it may entail for the paper, to be able to print the last Conference Bulletin in this issue, at the request of the Secretary of the North Dakota Committee for Action, Ashbel Ingerson.

We call on the members of the United Farmers League to be in the vanguard of those who will carry out the work of the conference through the election of local committees of action to lead the farmers in the struggle for the demands laid down at the Conference.

Where the United Farmers League exists it has shown itself to be the most militant section of the farmers. In order to organize class-conscious support for the State Committee for Action, and for the local Committees of Action, we must spread the United Farmers League thruout the entire state.

The United Farmers League supports the program drawn up at Bismarck. Every new member for the United Farmers League will be an organizing force behind the program and the Action Committees.

The Producers News is bringing the message of the Conference to thousands of farmers thruout the state. It will continue to devote its pages to organizing the farmers of North Dakota as elsewhere in the struggles for their immediate demands. In order to do this it is necessary that we have much more widespread circulation in North Dakota. This can only be accomplished by the fullest support of the rank and file farmers themselves. The Producers News calls on them for this support.

SCORES HIT FOR UNITED ACTION

Oregon Member of National Committee for Action Exposes Fake Plans

(By a Farmer Correspondent)
Woodland, Wash., Feb. 10.—The farmers of this district showed their militancy and desire for action by an enthusiastic acceptance of the Farmers National Relief Conference plans at a meeting called at the Woodland high school by the mayor and other business men, and their allies the rich farmers, Feb. 9. The mayor and businessmen attempted to maneuver real, militant action into peaceful channels of compromise which would not hurt the interests of the bankers.

FAKE PROGRAM PRESENTED

Approximately 50 farmers attended the meeting. A committee composed of the mayor, the local druggist, and a few well-to-do farmers presented a program, or organization form, which had no basic demands whatsoever or method of struggle for these demands. First, the committee informed the farmers present that they had made attempts to arrange for feed and seed loans, as a great many farmers who do not have the necessary funds will find it hard to secure seed for spring planting this year. The committee had conferred with the bankers and had found that these loans were not available unless good collateral or chattel mortgages on stock, and on the incoming crop, were secured. Further the rate of interest was out of the question as it was too high.

HAVE NO COLLATERAL

They advised the farmers to secure feed and seed loans from the government, but admitted that this

would not solve the problem as the majority of farmers would not be able to meet the terms imposed by the government.

The mayors committee then planned an organization of farmers, grangers, cooperative members, and business men. A delegate was to be selected from this meeting, one from the grange, and others from the cooperatives, from business men's groups, and other organizations. This would form a permanent organization. This organization which would be developed on a statewide plan and they would work for relief legislation by lobbying at the sessions of the state legislature. No enthusiasm was manifested by the farmers over this relief plan which the officials were trying to railroad through.

PRESENTS NATIONAL PROGRAM

A direct hit for the Farmers National Relief Conference was also scored when Paul Dale, National Committeeman of the Conference, asked for the floor to present the militant program which was enacted at Washington, D. C., by the representatives of D. C. by the farmers who are uniting and struggling against social disintegration which is being forced upon them by the bankers, profiteers, and money interests.

Farmers expressed their opinion on the demands of the Farmers National Relief Conference, and the plan to stop mortgage foreclosures and evictions by united action, by whole hearted enthusiastic support.

FAKERS LEAVE MEETING

The mayor and his committee seeing that the sentiment of the farmers was against their leadership and tactics left the meeting leaving it to Dale who was called upon by the farmers to speak further on the program of the Conference. A great many copies of the pamphlet, the Farmers Make Their Own Program, and Special

Resolutions Adopted

1. Be it Resolved that this Conference go on record as supporting the demands of workers and farmers for immediate cash relief medical, dental and hospital care, old age disabled pensions and social insurance.

2. Be it resolved that this conference go on record in favor of any and all measures that will loosen the grip of the power trust and give power rights without restriction to the people of the State.

3. WHEREAS, at a time when the farmers in the United States are suffering from starvation and misery, the United States government is expending millions on war preparations. And whereas millions are being sent from the United States to Japan and to the warring countries of South America, which countries have been instigated by British and American imperialists in their rivalry for world supremacy. And whereas in the Far East, American imperialism is trying to seize territory, resources and markets at the expense of the other imperialist powers.

Be it resolved that the Farmers Relief Conference go on record as absolutely opposed to all imperialistic wars and therefore, we demand that all military forces of our government, be immediately removed from any foreign land, and also we demand the immediate transferring of all war funds to relief and educational purposes.

4. Be it resolved that we demand a law to be passed to the effect that those who advocate imperialistic war must serve actively on

the front. Those people who are opposed or have no desire to participate in any imperialistic wars to be exempted from active service.

5. Be it Resolved that we the farmers and workers of North Dakota assembled at the North Dakota State Relief Conference hereby declare our solidarity with the workers and farmers of the world regardless of race, color, or creed in their struggle for economic freedom from their common enemy the capitalist class and especially with the masses of China and Germany at the present time.

6. Be it Resolved that we the delegates to North Dakota State Relief Conference vigorously oppose the imprisonment and persecution of Tom Mooney, the Scottsboro boys and other political prisoners. And demand their immediate unconditional release.

7. Be it Resolved that this Conference demands that our government immediately recognize the Soviet Union.

8. We demand the repeal of all Vagrancy Laws now on the Statute Books of the State of North Dakota.

9. We, farmers and workers, of North Dakota believe that the soldiers bonus is very small return for the disruption and risk of life which the soldiers underwent when business men were making war profits. We therefore, demand the immediate payment of the bonus by the federal government.

1,000 SOUTH DAKOTA FARMERS STOP SHERIFF AT FORECLOSURE

Tax Report, No. 1, issued by the National Committee for Action were called.

A still larger mass meeting of farmers was called for the next week, at which further organizational work of the Committee of Action plan as proposed by the Farmers National Relief Conference is to be carried on.

BEET FARMERS TAKE SEIZURES

1,000 Stop Sale, Sheriff Seizer Property and 3,000 Take Action

(BY H. L.)

Scottsbluff, Neb., Feb. 25.—Today THREE THOUSAND farmers went to the sale barn in Scottsbluff and returned the personal property of Mr. Swanson back to his farm home with orders to the sugar trust agent to keep hands off.

Swanson, who lives four miles south of Mitchell, Nebraska, got a loan of \$2,700 from one of the sugar trust agents by the name of Quincey. Quincey runs the Mitchell Mercantile. Swanson used \$1,600 of his loan or credit, according to the agent. Swanson harvested 57 acres of beets, 12 on an acre average, at \$4.25 a ton. The check came back, as usual, made out in the name of the farmer and the sugar company agent.

A YEAR'S WORK, \$35

Swanson got \$35 for a year's work for three grown people and his wife.

The sugar trust agent claims that Swanson still owes the company \$973 so he tried to sell him out at a sheriff's sale. One thousand of Mr. Swanson's neighbors met at the farm, stopped the sale of the property. The next day the sugar trust sent the sheriff with three deputies when Mr. and Mrs. Swanson were not home and seized their personal property.

Then the numbers of the farmers tripled, three thousand came and the personal property of Mr. and Mrs. Swanson was returned to them.

ROB BEET FARMERS

Hundreds of the beet farmers never see a check from their beets. The robbers for the food trust furnish food to the farmers to keep them alive at four to ten

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tention. The sale involved an 80 acre farm home of Lester Simpson, about 7 miles northeast of Aberdeen.

REFUSES TO EXTEND NOTE

A committee was sent to confer with the mortgagee, a Mr. Mason, asking for an extension of time for one year. He positively refused.

From his window, however, he could see the crowd at the court house from his office window. He made a proposition to the committee. He told them how bad off Mr. Simpson was and said that if the committee really wanted to do something they should go out among the crowd and raise \$40 which he would match with a like amount.

He was promptly told that that was not the issue. He again refused to put off the foreclosure.

SHERIFF RELIEVED OF PAPERS

The court house steps and the entrance were packed when the hour for the sale arrived. The sheriff was allowed to get thru the crowded entrance and commenced to read the notice. After the second or third line he was told that that was enough. The papers were quickly taken away from him. He could go no further.

The mortgagee came out and asked the sheriff why he did not go through with it. He said he could not, without the papers. The mortgagee threatened prosecution because the sheriff had been

times what these products can be bought for at other stores. This is called "financing" the beet farmers. The beet farmers, however, are waking up, and they call it "robbing" the beet farmers.

All up the North Platte Valley the so-called finance stores, which are owned by the sugar trust, have a mortgage on 90 per cent of all the beet farmers tools and live stock. They can foreclose one every time they think that the farmers need a little bulldozing to scare the rest into submission.

Two Calif. Banks Close

Following California national banks were closed on Feb. 14, according to the Comptroller of the Currency:

First National Bank of Carlsbad, Calif., resources, \$128,091.
First National Bank of Ocean-side, Calif., resources \$865,482.

ACTION COMMITTEE OF DAKOTA FARMERS

By unanimous vote the Conference set up a State Committee for Action to keep mass pressure of all rank and file farmers, no matter what their organization, behind our program.

Committee was charged by the Conference:

1. To work in close affiliation with the Farmers' National Committee for Action and with Committees of Action of other states.

2. To urge all affiliated groups to hold to the principle that leadership and control be in the hands of rank and file farmers, farm workers or dispossessed farmers.

3. In every move to protect the interests of the city workers.

4. To call the next North Dakota Farmers Conference a year from now or sooner if conditions demand it.

The committee elected follows:

Tobia Koch, Gaycus, Adams county.
J. V. Tracy, Lemmon (S. D. p. o.), Adams county.
Bert Salisbury, Minnewaukan, Benson county.
Harve Hunter, Esmond, Benson county.
Stanley Christianson, Powers Lake, Burke county.
Frank Witty, Larson, Burke county.
Fletcher Ingerson, Flaxton, Burke county.
G. N. Varnum, Menoken, Burleigh county.
Anton Nelson, Wilton, Box 154, Burleigh county.
John F. Zimmerman, Castleton, Cass county.
Henry Sukut, West Fargo, Cass county.
John Pfeifer, Oakes, Dickey county.
Adolph Henden, Forbes, Dickey county.
Arthur Strand, Ellendale, Dickey county.
Nels T. Koppang, Alamo, Divide.
Aslak Haugo, Cheyenne, Eddy.
David Montgomery, Carrington, Foster.
Charles Young, Driscoll, Kidder.
John Harvito, Gackle, Logan.
Plenty Borg, Russo, McLean county.
Stuart Love, Turtle Lake, McLean county.
Andrew Litvenenko, Max, McLean county.
William Noteboom, Fairview, Mont p. o., McKenzie Co.
Lewis Baumbach, Charlson, McKenzie county.
John Teuvor, Stanton, Mercer county.
William Rettke, Beulah, Mercer county.
Adolph Hukkanen, Sanish, Mountrail county.
Lester Dibble, Palermo, Mountrail county.
Thomas Nelson, Niagara, Nelson.
A. Wix, Niagara, Nelson.
H. J. Lawson, Fairmont, Richland county.
Ernest Erickson, Goodrich, Sheridan county.
W. C. Peterson, New England, Slope county.
Albert Bjerke, Finley, Steele county.
Jasper Haaland, Grandin, Traill county.
Melvin Smith, Galesburg, Traill county.
Dan Zaharov, Max, Ward county.
Roy Dalziel, Glenburn, Ward county.
Fred Wagner, Ray, Williams county.
Alfred O. Solberg, Buford, Williams county.
Executive Secretary: Ashbel Ingerson, Flaxton, N. D., (address letters to this address).

"assaulted" and went away.

When the action of the farmers became known the Aberdeen National Bank and Trust Company sent their lawyer to the sheriff's office asking that the sale of the property of Jennie Potter of Aberdeen be postponed for two weeks.

The sheriff made no move to foreclose the farm of Marshall E. Brown whose farm was also up for sale. The mortgage on this property was held by the Federal Land Bank Company of Omaha.

The farmers were told to wait until three o'clock.

MARCH TERN TOWN

About 2:30 J. F. Mason the mortgagee came back and told the crowd of the proposition he had made to the committee in regard to raising money for Simpson.

Half a dozen fellows grabbed their hats and quickly raised the money.

Promptly after 3 o'clock farmers left the court house, lined up in marching order, went down Lincoln Street, and marched several blocks on Main Street.

After the crowd had scattered the committee called on Mr. Mason to report the result of the collection. He appeared surprised and disturbed and told the committee he would deposit the money in the bank, write his own check and see that Mr. Simpson got it.

He was told that that was the job of the committee. On their advice he promptly made out a certified check for \$40. On the check Mason wrote, "If a man strike you on one cheek turn the other."

When the check was presented to Mr. Simpson he refused to take it but would turn it over to the poor or the Salvation Army.

DONATION OF \$40 FOR ORGANIZATION

After a committee meeting that evening Mr. Simpson was asked if he would donate the money for organizational purposes. He was pleased to do so. Half of the money will be used by the State Committee for Action and the other half for the County Committee for Action.

Doings of the Advance Guard

The race for the prize given out for the month of March is now in full swing. Roy Miller of Frederick, S. D., jumped in as the first shot out of the box with a hand full of subs, making 28 points. Next to him comes a couple of fellows from Sheridan county, Mont., with 16 and 18 points. The fourth one is Wm. Allikas, Jr., of Gleason, Wis., with nine points.

Roy Miller is the one you got to keep your eye on, otherwise he is going to run away with the book. He is just that kind of a fellow. He knows a good book when he sees it. Don't let him get away with it, you can beat him yet if you really try hard. He goes after subscribers and gets them; you can do the same thing. South Dakota is not the only place where they want to read the Producers News.

"Georgia Nigger" is an interesting novel and well worth while reading. The one who gets the most points for March will get it. We got about five more weeks to go. Get busy and get the honor of being the winner.

DOINGS OF LAST WEEK

Oiva Rauhala, Ashby, Mass., sends one sub.

V. Kohler, Lynden, Wash., subscribes for six months.

J. A. Craigie, Brockton, Mont., subscribes for the county edition.

H. H. Hawbaker, Franklin county, Pa., sends a six month sub.

Mrs. Irene Young, Skagit county, Wash., sends money for bundle orders.

Roy Miller, Frederick, S. Dak., this time comes in with seven more subs.

A PAPER FARMERS NEED

Henry Sukut, Fargo, N. Dak., writes: "Received your sample copy. It is a paper the farmers in U. S. have needed for a long time. Will try and get subs for your paper. Then he sends a dollar for a six month sub."

Alfred Tiola, Waterville, Minn., sends us four subs.

John Carlson, Beithel, Minn., renews for six months, March. Here is where the prize contest for March starts. Each 25 cents counts one point.

Ray Miller, Frederick, S. Dak., starts the ball rolling. He comes in with nine subs, 23 points.

Waino Wilson, Roberts, Mont., is next with one sub, two points.

A. O. Kohn, Roberts, Mont., wants another sub book. He sends two subs (six points).

Wm. Allikas, Jr., Gleason, Wis., comes with a bunch of nine subs, nine points.

K. Belko, Sumner, Wash., sends one sub, one point.

Hartin B. Larson, Harmony, Minn., subscribes for six months, four points.

Wm. Ferguson, Seattle, Wash., pays for a bundle and one sub, one point.

M. J. Clancy, Montpelier, N. D.,

wants a sample copy.

L. M. Widstrom, Cokato, Minn., subscribes, four points.

A. Schlemmer, Chicago, City, Minn., sends two renewals, four points.

H. Halderon, Newman Grove, Neb., subscribes, four points.

Louis Negaard, Portal, N. D., renews for another year, eight points. "We are battling here the same as you are, so let us join hands and fight together, and we will eventually win," he writes.

JOIN HANDS AND BATTLE

Paul Kabanuk, Max, North Dakota, sends us three subs, seven points.

Everet Jenkin, Noxon, Mont., orders ten copies per week.

HOT SPOTS IN DAKOTA

Erik Sweet, Bonetrail, N. Dak., sends 1 sub, four points. "Getting to be hot spots in N. Dak., Farmers are taking things more in their own hands," he says.

E. A. Johnson, Verndale, Minn., sends a list of names for sample copies and stamp to pay.

Gabriel F. Reibin, Montecito, Cal., orders a sub book and samples.

P. W. Hansen, Chicago, Ill., sends two subs, two points—your guess is correct.

H. F. Hanson, Williston, N. D., renews for another year, eight points.

John W. Marshall, Leetona, Ohio sends five subs, five points.

F. M. Clark, Tilden, Neb., wants sample copies.

German Olson, Manitou, N. Dak., also wants samples.

Walter S. Halonen, Sandstone, Minn., wants a receipt book: "I am sure I can get someone to subscribe," he says.

FARMERS UP AND GOING

The U. F. L. local of Puyallup, Wash., orders sample copies. "The farmers are all up and going," they say.

Art Lorensky, Max, N. D., renews, four points.

John Koshey, Gackle, N. Dak., sends two subs, four points.

W. S. Puchett, Buffalo Springs, N. D., subscribes, one point.

P. Orvola, Hancock, Mich., sends one sub, two points.

H. N. Tvedt, Alamo, N. Dak., also sends one sub, two points.

Gust Erickson, Kelsey, Minn., sends two subs, six points.

John O. Hara, Richland, Mont., renews for another year, eight points.

Geo. Peele, 8 points; H. H. Brenteson, 2 points; Andrew Haugen, 4 points; all of Weibby, Mont.

Nels Reinertson, Comertown, renews, 16 points; Jorgen Jorgensen, Doreen, Mont., renews, 18 points; Sooren Rundborg, Reserve, Mont., renews, 8 points; Hans A. Olson and Claud Smith of Plentywood, renew, 8 points each.

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RELIEF ACTION IS DEMANDED BY THE U. F. L.

(By U. F. L. Farmers Relief Committee)

The Plentywood Commercial club met the other night and took up what seemed to them a very important problem, namely, that the farmers should work out their relief orders on the roads leading to Plentywood. They of course had a banquet and several speeches were made.

Now the U. F. L. invites these speakers to attend our mass meeting Saturday, March 11, at the Farmer-Labor Temple, not that we will give their views any serious consideration but, they could contribute to the amusement part of our program where we farmers will discuss plans whereby the merchants making from 25 to 30 per cent profit off the suffering of the producers will have a chance to do their bit on the stormy end of a No. 2 shovel; for have not these gentlemen received more relief than any farmer? Two dollars and 50 cents is not a bad profit off a \$10 order (\$2.50 would buy some child a good pair of shoes).

They should be willing to do this out of gratitude for the wonderful opportunity they have been given to shuff off their old shop worn staff.

Everybody is remarking on how much shifter that always shifts eye of C. G. Christianson is becoming. On the other hand old Jack, chairman of the Sheridan county commission, whose wife works part time in C. G.'s store and who has never denied having stock in that store, shows no evidence of twinges of conscience, nor would anyone expect to find a conscience in a man who would take pleasure in having a ringside seat at the hanging of another man, such as Ferdinand Schloppe at Wolf Point a few years ago.

Not only enjoying the hanging, but bringing home as a souvenir pieces of the rope that this feeble minded boy was supposed to be hanged with.

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operation, such as Mrs. Carl Johnson from Comertown. Yes, Judge, we dare you to come to our mass meeting and explain your reasons for not being interested. The \$400 you receive each month is equal to the relief of 40 families at \$10 per month.

Letters come in daily to the U. F. L. committee telling of suffering, starvation, freezing and sickness.

The farmers and workers families in Sheridan county now get less than \$10 per month on an average still the central committee, of old Jack and his yesmen refuse to second Comrade Wankle's motion for \$300,000 for the month of March, the same as they did for February.

If these men had Comrade Wankle's understanding or the situation, they would know that while the State of Montana got to date, \$1,337,438, from the RFC and the railroad companies got \$328,519,202, in the face of these figures we farmers at our mass meeting will demand \$50,000 per month and we will get it if we all come and show this aggregation of numb skulls that we mean business.

producers of wealth of this country refuse to submissively suffer and starve when we have produced millions of bushels of the golden grain that one of our local "Babbitts" spoke so glowingly of at the Commercial club meeting.

Like the mouse we refuse to starve to death on the inside of a loaf of bread.

On March 11 at 1 o'clock at the Farmer-Labor Temple we farmers in mass meeting will discuss need and feed loans, relief and any other thing pertaining to our business.

The central committee is planning on cutting off all relief. We the United Farmers League say relief shall not be discontinued in this country. Now is the time to act so all come and have your grievances written out and bring them with you. This will be the biggest mass meeting ever held in Plentywood.

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Alex Boyd Killed In Car Accident on Road Near Medicine Lake

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After putting in 49 hours overtime without pay, the legislative session adjourned about 1 o'clock Saturday morning. The \$180,000 session cost has been spent, we wonder if anybody dare to say that this money has been well spent. Couldn't we have gotten along just as well if this legislation had not met?

Last fall Senator Angvik told us that this session would be different from any other, would be composed of real reformers and what reforms would while we get? In our law books we can now print several hundred more laws that most of us can't give a rap about and would rather do without.

This legislature has been different from any other. Like all others it has succeeded in killing anything worth while coming up, or have amended it until it was worthless. They have spent the time wrangling about whether jackrabbits should be caught with a snare and what kind of brand to put on muskrats. In one year another they went thru 136 laws in one day and thought they had done wonderfully well, while the rest of

us consider it nothing but a farce. In the last few days they fixed up the beer and liquor bills so they will be in working order whenever the 18th amendment goes out of commission, which might happen sometime within 7 years. One of the regulations agreed on in the last minute was that a hotel must have 40 rooms or more in order to secure a license.

The dealers license on cigarettes was lowered from \$25 per year to \$5.

Someone had introduced a bill by which all chain stores would be compelled to pay an extra tax. But it was finally twisted around until a tax was put on all stores— which means nothing else but a sales tax.

The stores will collect and the consumer will pay. And still gives the chain stores the same chance of killing the smaller stores as they had before.

In our report we have only mentioned a few bills here and there, giving a report on all activities would fill a book, and most of them of local or no general interest, so what's the use of wasting time and space on it?

FROM AROUND SHERIDAN COUNTY

OUTLOOK

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Grove and brothers were Plentywood visitors Tuesday.

A young folks party was given at Jake Eriksen's place Sunday.

Nord Snitgens was a dinner guest at Berg Grove's Sunday.

Clarence Grove, Albert Grove and Jacob Eriksen were fanning out Monday.

Arnold Fredericksen of Medicine Lake was seen on the streets of Plentywood Friday.

Mrs. Arthur Ueland and Mrs. J. B. Alexander entertained at a bridge luncheon last Tuesday. The guests were Mrs. Koester, N. J. Nelson, Roy Nelson, Samuel Tomson, Mrs. Roy Morris, Mills and Mrs. Carl Tange. Mrs. Mills received high score.

Mrs. P. J. Scott entertained the Misses Velma, Viola and Velma Goodlaxon at lunch Friday evening.

The Spring term in the Pleasant Valley school opened the sixth with James Randall again at the helm.

The Ueland school, consolidated, also opened March 6. Miss Goodlaxon of Outlook has charge of the primary grades.

Miss Mabel Anderson, who lives near the Canadian border, is at present helping Mrs. Myron Taylor with her work.

RESERVE

W. H. Weetgerd of Williston was a business caller in town last Wednesday.

Mrs. Cliff Hansen was suffering from an attack of rheumatism last week but in considerably improved at present.

Oscar Ogrand checked the accounts of the Farmers Elevator last Wednesday.

Mrs. Lewis Bromberg of Sobey arrived in town last Friday and spent a few days among relatives before returning to Sobey on Monday.

Geo. Lund is suffering from an attack of the flu but is able to keep going.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Asved entertained a few friends at a six o'clock dinner Thursday evening.

Wm. Rokken returned from Minnesota early last week, and will remain for the summer.

Mrs. D. C. Mark returned from Minneapolis last Sunday evening where she has spent about three weeks with her mother who is seriously ill.

Pearl Moore returned to Fairview last Sunday evening.

Mrs. N. J. Evenson is on the sick list this week with an attack of the flu.

The Lund, Asheim, Strand, Fulkerson and Strandkov families entertained the community at a progressive bridge and dancing party last Saturday evening with about 180 guests attending. Card playing was enjoyed until about 10:30, when the floor was cleared and dancing was enjoyed until midnight when the guests were invited to the dining room where a delicious lunch awaited the guests.

After lunch, dancing was resumed and continued until a late hour. Many guests were from other towns attended.

Nels Larsen returned last Saturday evening after spending the winter in Iowa.

COMMERCIAL-RELIEF COMMISSIONER MEET

Monday evening the Plentywood Commercial club had arranged for a banquet in the Congregational church, to which the county commissioners and members of the relief committees had been invited.

The joint meeting was called for the purpose of discussing by what method the people receiving relief could be compelled to work on the roads for relief received. A problem the Commercial Club was very much interested in.

During the meeting it was suggested that a good way to convince the farmers that this work should be done, would be to put them in jail for one week and feed them on bread and water; but nothing was said at all about what method should be used in order to get the store keepers, who had received the lions share of the relief, to let their share of the road work.

A move was made to unload the responsibility of getting this road work done upon the shoulders of the county commissioners. But, being that these men had not been considered competent enough to handle the relief funds, they were not too anxious about having the road work proposition un-

loaded onto them. Finally it was loaded onto the keymen as the easiest way out.

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Greyhounds Fail to Capture Hide of the Harlem Globe Trotters

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The crowd was in an uproar all during the game as time after time the Trotters showed their skill with the bovine apheroid, throwing baskets from unheard of angles and almost impossible positions. It is reported that a couple of the Greyhounds got rather warm under the collar when the visitors "pulled" some of their freckish plays, and wanted to play the part of maulers. However, the cheerful disposition of the New Yorkers turned the dark cloud inside out and the game progressed without any unportsmanlike conduct on the part of any of the players.

Those present had gone to see a real exhibition of basketball, the like of which has never before been seen in this section of the country. They saw one, they enjoyed it immensely, they didn't regret the 40 cent admission charge and they all went home realizing that the scientific end of the game, in this part of the country, shows room for vast development.

The final score was 45 to 32 in favor of the Globe Trotters.

Manager Louis Moe of the Greyhounds, who promoted the game, merits a great deal of praise for securing the contest, and for the excellent way in which things were handled.

Stockholders Meeting of Farmers Cooperative

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The annual stockholders meeting held at the Dagmar store on Wednesday, March 15, at 2 p. m. where directors will be elected. All customers are invited.

OPEN LETTER TO T. C. SPAULDING

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)

Your letter of Feb. 10, to Jack Bennett of Plentywood was printed in the Plentywood Herald. In this letter you state that you have received requests for more relief money for Sheridan county, the sum requested being as high as \$30,000 per month.

The quotations I am using are from your letter where you say: "Thirty thousand dollars a month would practically mean free food to every man, woman and child in the county." Yes, it would mean \$3 per person per month. Now, Mr. Spaulding, is that your standard of living? Did you ever live on \$3 per month, and if you did, how did you like it? Just try it once and see how much food, coal and clothing you get for the \$3, then tell us how you like it.

You say "I cannot believe that Sheridan county is in such dire straits as to be indicated by the \$30,000 demanded."

Now, Mr. Spaulding, when you were here we offered to take you around and show you, and you refused to go. Now, after relief has been handed out for months, if you will come back again we will show you where families, with the house full of children, are huddled around the stove at night, covering themselves up with old coats and rags, in order to keep warm. They have no bed clothes. Only last Saturday an old farmer came into our office. He had been turned down by your relief committee, but you praise so highly, and come to us for help and advice. He had walked thru the snow and it was a cold day. On his feet he had a pair of old worn out shoes, he had no over-shoes. Inside the shoes he had a pair of bare old feet with no socks on. How would you like to be in this old man's place, Mr. Spaulding? If you were, would you still say as you do in your letter "that the affairs of Sheridan county have been well handled by you" (Jack Bennett)?

You further say: "I have received demands that payment be made in cash, and that an advance be made for \$4 worth of food per month for each and every member of the family. free optical service, free medical aid and dental service. . . I, of course, cannot and will not recommend such a program." What is wrong with these demands, Mr. Spaulding? When you were here you told us that \$4 a person would be allowed for groceries. You also told us that dental, optical and medical attention would be paid in emergency cases.

The reason the farmers in Sheridan county are in the conditions they are is of no fault of their own. They have been skinned out of everything they had by the ruling class that you are a part of. When the price of wheat dropped to 20 cents, they had nothing to say about it, neither were they asked if they liked to have the banks closed.

Are you taking the stand, that after these people have been robbed of everything they had, that on top of that you are willing to have their teeth rot in their mouth, loaded onto them. Finally it was loaded onto the keymen as the easiest way out.

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