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UNITE THE DESTITUTE
FARMERS IN ONE
FRONT!

UNITED ACTION STOPS 2 SALES IN WIS. COUNTY

Sales Held in Spite of Gov-
ernor Schmedeman's
Moratorium

PUT FARMER IN JAIL

Sale Postponed Year by the
United Action of Three
Organizations

Mosinee, Wis., March 30.—
The farmers here have been
aroused by two more forced
sales in this county, in spite
of the so-called moratorium
which the Democratic ad-
ministration declared in this
state.

On March 27 at 2 p.m. a sale
was called by Sigmund Green who
attempted to sell Jack Wasnie-
wski's cattle. The sale started at
1 p.m., an hour ahead of time and
was held 18 days before the date
the mortgage was legally due.
However, the cattle went for only
\$2.40, due to the solidarity of the
farmers around here. The farmer
kept his cattle and forced Green to
sign papers saying that he was
satisfied with the results of the
sale.

MORTGAGOR ROUGHLY
HANDLED

Mr. Green was roughly handled
by Wasniewski and others because
of his clever and vicious activity.
For this reason Wasniewski was
arrested, fined \$50 and costs of
\$10.00. However, the cops didn't
have the courage to come out to
his farm and take him on account
of the militancy of the farmers.
It was only after Mr. Wasniewski
went down to the county seat to
voluntarily pay his fine that he
was arrested and clapped into jail.
Upon their return from Wausau
the farmers learned of another
forced sale to take place on the
following day, west of Wausau,
near Rib Hill.

POSTPONE SALE A YEAR

The United Farmers League
called upon the members of the
committee of action to get their
neighbors together and go to this
sale and help keep his farmer on
his farm. Members of the Farm-
ers Union, Farm Holiday Associa-
tion and unorganized farmers were
called upon to unite in a solid
united front against the bankers
and the bosses to keep the Amer-
ican farmers on their farms. The
Farmers Union and Farm Holiday
members responded enthusiastically
and several hundred farmers
were at the sale which was post-
poned one year.

Editor's Note: An article giv-
ing the background for these
actions appears elsewhere in
this issue.

MUST HAVE HAY FOR WIS. STOCK

Elect Committee for Action
of 30 to go to Co. Agent
to Demand Relief

(BY F. J. & J. H.)

Mosinee, Wis., March 30.—At 9
a.m. today a group of 30 farmers
representing every township south
of Wausau, Marathon county, from
various locals of the Farmers
Union, the Farmers Holiday Asso-
ciation and the United Farmers
League, went to the county seat to
see the county agent about get-
ting free hay.

DROUGHT FOR 3 YEARS

On account of the drought for
the past three years most of the
farmers in this locality have run
short of hay. Their cattle are
starving. The committee forced
County Agent Rogan to call the
officers of the county Red Cross
and make an appointment with
them for the committee.

Rogan advised the local Red
Cross station to telephone state
headquarters and to do everything
possible to procure free hay for
these farmers, for as he said, "A
serious situation is developing."

FROM BAD TO WORSE

The farmers, under the leader-
ship of the United Farmers League
which was instrumental in orga-
nizing the united front committee
for action, are beginning to wake
up and take things into their own
hands. They are getting sick of
this waiting business. After four
years of waiting things are going
from bad to worse. They must
have relief for their children and
hay for their stock.

This committee is scheduled to
meet again April 5 to hear the
final report on what the county
agent and the Red Cross intend to
do for the farmers in this matter.

U. F. L. MUST HAVE FUNDS FOR WORK

To all members of the United Farmers League:
To all readers of the Producers News:
To all sympathizers:

This is the first time that the United Farmers
League has ever asked for funds for the National
Office. We are unable to answer the letters that are
pouring in from all over the country. We can not do
the things that require immediate attention.

George and John Casper are in jail in Michigan
and we have no funds to carry on the battle for them.
No money to get out the Program in pamphlet form.
Fellow farmers, hold meetings, take col-
lections, wire immediate funds to this office. Sell a
cow or a horse, anything, we can't let the U. F. L.
die now.

All our enemies are working overtime to arrest
and jail the militant farmers. All of them are uniting
to crush the farmers and drive you off your farm.

Build the UFL must be our answer. Build it
NOW.

THE UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE,
James Flower, Nat. Sec.
Superior, Wis.

OKLA. FARMERS WILL ORGANIZE

1000 Farmers Picket Road;
Get 100-lb. Raised
to \$1.40

(By a Farmer Correspondent)
Loving, Okla., March 25.—We
held a series of meetings in Okla-
homa this week. They were very
well attended and I think that
much good was done.

The meetings were arranged by
Marion Fowler and the speakers
were Roy Miller, formerly of
South Dakota, and Hugh Gore of
Mena, Ark., who is the secretary
of the Arkansas Farmers Protec-
tive Association.

INTERESTED AUDIENCE

Miller was the main speaker at
both of these meetings. He told
of the conditions throughout the
country and told what steps were
taken to better the conditions
of the farmers. The hall was full
at both places and it has been
said many times since that
never before had any group
of people in this community list-
ened so intently to a speaker. The
farmers stayed for two and a half
hours without getting tired and
no one left the hall. After the meet-
ing was over they stayed and
asked many questions.

Gore spoke on organization and
the need of a committee to get
relief. Every one was very much
interested in getting started. They
wanted the speakers to stay with
them for a while and help them
to organize. Owing to the fact
that other meetings were already
scheduled it was impossible, but
the speakers told them that by
getting the Producers News the
best organizers from all over the
United States would speak to them
every week.

This part of the state is sold on
the plan of united mass action.
The Producers News \$2 a year.

THEY DEAL FROM A COLD DECK



In order to make Wall Street's "farm relief" seem
plausible to the farmers Roosevelt has selected these
men to stack the deck. Left to right they are Assist-
ant Secretary of Agriculture, Rexford Guy Tugwell,
Columbia University "economist" and part of Roose-
velt's "brain trust"; Mordecai Ezekiel of the Depart-
ment of Agriculture; and Secretary of Agriculture
Henry Wallace, the latest representative of a family
notorious for its attempts to mislead the farmers.

MILK STRIKE IS CALLED OFF BY DAIRY 'LEADER'

Woodhead Tells Farmers to
Rely on Legislative Bill
for Relief

FIGHT TROOPERS

Pickets Dump Dairy League
Milk Despite Armed
Guards

Rochester, New York, March 31.
—A twenty-four hour truce was
called by Albert Woodhead and his
executive committee of the New
Western New York Producers Asso-
ciation in the strike of the dairy
farmers around Rochester against
the Dairymen's League and the
milk trust.

The truce was called just at a
time when the strikers' militancy
was being sharply increased. Wood-
head stated that if the Pricer
bill now before the legislature con-
tains the demands which he and
his executive committee insist on
he will declare the strike off. The
Pricer bill is a price fixing bill
to crush the militancy of the dairy
farmers. The actions of Wood-
head are very similar to those by
which Singler, head of the Wis-
consin Milk Pool, sold out the re-
cent strike of the Wisconsin
dairy farmers.

The milk trust had 100 State
Troopers, equipped with steel hel-
mets, gas bombs, guarded ten
truck loads of milk from Syracuse
into Rochester.

On March 29 and 30 the strik-
ing farmers dumped thousands of
gallons of milk which the Dairy-
men's League was attempting to
haul into Rochester. These farm-
ers are getting 1 1/2 cents a quart
for milk which retails in Roches-
ter for ten cents. They demand a
minimum of 4 1/2 cents a quart
from the milk trust and its "co-
operative" agency—the Dairymen's
Cooperative League.

At Hilton 500 gallons of milk
belonging to George Strussberg,
local head of the Dairymen's
League were seized and dumped
on March 29. In many cases
pitched battles have taken place
between the striking farmers and
the heavily armed State Police.

FORCE BANKER TO DROP ACTION

U. F. L. Local Tells Banker
His Mortgage Was Unfair
to Farmer

(BY W. F.)

Seattle, March 31.—At Clon-
edale we organized the United
Farmers League with 16 good
members and have since got a
number of others. This neighbor-
hood also has a good live commit-
tee of action which has taken up
the question of electric lights.
Some of the members have had
their lights shut off.

FIGHT ELECTRIC LIGHT
RATES

The rates for lights are too
high. A dollar a month is the
minimum and 7 1/2 cents high cost
for lighting up to 26 k. w. They
have decided to go to bat with
the lighting company for the
following demands:

50 cents maximum, monthly
charge. A scale of 5 cents
high charge, with a graduated
scale according to the old
price.

The demands also include that
those who have been having lights
cut off shall at once be placed in
service. If the company does not
care to come to terms then they
will be invited to shut their juice
off, in which case we can have an-
other fight with them and compel
them to come to our demands.

The Cloverdale local went to bat
with the Woodland banker also.
One of our comrades had borrowed
\$150 from the bank and of course
the banker also took a mortgage
on the cattle, furniture and tools.
Mr. Hukkinen, being a good honest
farmer, started in to save the
money and got his note back,
marked paid.

BANKER RETREATS

Naturally he declared that as
he had paid the note the cattle
were now clear and he sold the
cattle and took the furniture away.
The banker found out the cattle
were sold and at once notified Mr.
Hukkinen to go and get the cattle
back again or it would be too bad
for him and his wife. He also
demanded that the furniture be
brought back.

I called the Cloverdale commit-
tee of action together and we con-
vinced the banker that Mr. Huk-
kinen was not going to jail. The
banker finally agreed to drop the
charges and allow the couple to
depart in peace.

SCOTTSBORO JUDGE



Judge James E. Horton, presid-
ing at the trial of the Scottsboro
boys in Decatur, Alabama, has al-
ready shown that he will do every
thing in his power to aid the
southern landlords in their attempt
to convict the innocent boys. Mass
pressure forced a retrial from the
U. S. Supreme Court. Only mass
pressure will now free the Scotts-
boro boys in the second attempt to
murder them "legally."

STOP EVICTION OF S. D. FARMER

U. F. L. Foils Attempt to
Dispossess Tenant Living
on Land 20 Years

(BY M. O.)

Forbes, N. D., March 25.—On
March 22 Mr. F. H. Barnard of
Aberdeen, S. D., agent for the
Middletown Trust Co., issued an
order in justice court, giving C. J.
and Gerald Ely three days grace,
after which time Mr. F. H. Barn-
ard demanded possession of the
premises on which Ely had lived
and tenanted over 20 years.

One day after notice was served
by Mr. Barnard on Mr. Ely, the
United Farmers League committee
of action was notified of Mr.
Barnard's move and action was
taken accordingly. On March 24
the United Farmers League com-
mittee of action arrived on the
premises where Mr. C. J. and Ger-
ald Ely live in McPherson county,
S. D.

A few hours later Mr. Barnard's
fieldman, Mr. Simms, arrived. He
said he was just passing through
and said he had no powers to make
any agreements regarding the farm.

BANKER ACCEPTS PRO.

POSAL
Since the U. F. L. committee
could get nowhere with him, they
appointed a special committee of
five members to go to Aberdeen,
S. D., to see Mr. Barnard in re-
gard to a renewal of the contract.
After an hour's drive and a wait
in Mr. Barnard's office the com-
mittee finally saw this agent for
the Middletown Trust Co.

Barnard said there was no
chance at all for Ely to stay on
the farm and used all sorts of high
powered arguments to convince us.
When his ammunition got low, he
asked us what we wanted to do so
the U. F. L. committee presented
their plan. After he listened to
the committee's plan he approved
it and placed his signature on the
dotted line, signing a new con-
tract for another year. Mr. Ely is
once more happy.

The United Farmers League de-
mands for a new deal eliminated
all cash payments except \$40 pas-
ture rent. Mr. Barnard will re-
ceive shares of all crops and hay
produced on the farm. During all
the foregoing years when Mr. Ely
rented the farm he was charged
with cash rental. The U. F. L.
did a good job.

GET 2¢ A CRATE IN SPINACH FIELDS

Calif. Agricultural Union
Calls Workers to
Organize

Santa Clara, Calif., March 20.—
One hundred and fifty started to
pick spinach on one of the ranches
on Santa Clara road. The work-
ers are getting the miserable rate
of two cents per crate. Since there
are only three horses to do all the
cutting, each gets about 20 min-
utes actual work out of every
hour.

Recently a group of 20 workers
walked off the job. But the Agri-
cultural Union calls upon workers
to organize a strike and not mere-
ly walk off.

At another ranch in the Santa
Clara Valley, 150 Filipino workers,
mostly members of the Agricul-
tural Workers Union, refuse the
two cent rate offered.

SHOOT AT FARMERS IN MINN. ROAD STRIKE IN ATTEMPT TO STOP MILITANCY; INJURE ONE

POSTPONE SALE IN S. D. TO MAY 1

Farmers Gather at Aber-
deen to Stop Sale by
Insurance Co.

Frederick, S. D., March 26.
Last Tuesday morning at 10
o'clock 700 farmers and work-
ers gathered at the court
house in Aberdeen and suc-
cessfully stopped a foreclos-
ure sale.

The Connecticut General
Life Insurance Company holds the
mortgage on the farm of Mr.
Shlichting, living near James, S.
D. The insurance company was
represented by an attorney from
Watertown who insisted on hold-
ing the sale.

The crowd kept their ranks firm
and held the agent in the sheriff's
office. The agent then tried to
soft soap the crowd and said that
the company had loaned the money
and had a legal right to collect.
The farmers told him they had a
bigger right which was a "human
right" to live and stay on the farm
during this crisis.

POSTPONE SALE

The crowd insisted on a year's
moratorium which the agent of the
company refused to grant. The
farmers then sent a telegram and
a telephone call to the company,
stating that their representatives
would be held prisoner indefinitely
if the company did not grant a
year's moratorium.

The insurance company said
they would postpone the sale two
weeks and later agreed to post-
pone it to the first of May. The
elected committee in charge, with
the consent of the crowd, decided
to accept the terms for the time
being.

Again the farmers and workers
have shown their determination to
stop all evictions, forced sales and
foreclosures in this territory.

PRICES FOR 1932 POULTRY AVERAGE 29% OF PRE WAR

Fred J. Jordan of Lambert,
Mont., reports that in 1913 he
shipped 240 pounds of poultry to
Chicago. It was sold for 20 cents
a pound. After paying express
and commission Jordan had \$33.60
net.

In 1932 he made the same sort
of shipment. It brought only 10
cents per pound, and this left him
\$9.60 net.

Mr. Jordan says he averages 29
per cent of pre war prices for
poultry.

PA. MILK RATES RAISED IN FIGHT

Stay Two Hours in Hall to
Hear Speakers and Want
Them to Stay On

York, Pa., March 29.—Victorious
in their fight for \$1.40 per 100
pounds of milk from the dealers,
dairy farmers today moved to ex-
tend the drive for better prices to
Hanover, Brillhart, Grayhill and
other receiving points.

Following militant picketing in
which a number of "bootleg" milk
trucks were stopped and several
thousand gallons of milk dumped
along the highways, representa-
tives of the dairy farmers met
with spokesmen for the 14 local
milk dealers who agreed to the in-
creased rate.

DURING THE STRUGGLE, more than
1,000 farmers had completely
blocked the roads into York,
preventing the delivery of milk to
dealers. Police were armed with
gas bombs and hand grenades in
an effort to terrorize the milk
strikers.

BLOCKED ROADS

The United Farmers League Is the Militant Section in the Farmers' United Front

The following statement on the relation of the
United Farmers League to the United Front of the
American farmers was adopted at a meeting of the
Enlarged Executive Council held in Minneapolis March
28 and 29. The Executive Council urges all members
of the United Farmers League and readers of the Pro-
ducers News to study this statement carefully. In
the next several weeks we will publish in the Pro-
ducers News a series of articles based on this statement.
These articles will also be published in pamphlet form
for widespread distribution.

The United Farmers League is a left wing orga-
nization within the farmers movement. Its purpose
is to unify the farmers struggles for their necessary
immediate demands and to develop these struggles
toward the final aim of establishing a workers and
farmers government.

The United Farmers League is distinguished from
all other farm organizations by its policy of relying
entirely upon mass action of the farmers in the strug-
gle for farmers demands and by its consistent mili-
tancy in these struggles.

The main tactic is the united front. The United
Farmers League appeals to other farm organizations
and to the rank and file of other farm organizations
as well as to unorganized masses of farmers to unite
for struggle on the basis of demands on which all can
agree regardless of political and other differences.

THE U. F. L. A PART OF THE UNITED FRONT

The united front is accomplished through com-
mittees of action. A real united front committee of
action is one of which the members have been elected
at a mass meeting or at a delegated conference on a
county, state or national basis in which the United
Farmers League is part and not the whole. The united
front committee of action and not the United Farm-
ers League or the United Farmers League local then
becomes the leader of the masses of the particular im-
mediate struggle for the carrying on of which the
United Front has been created. But the United Farm-
ers League in becoming a part of the whole must never
be submerged so as to lose its independent identity.
Even in the united front the United Farmers League
must be brought forward, its complete program popu-
larized, but this must not be done in a manner to de-
stroy the united front.

The United Farmers League and the United Farm-
ers League local must be alert to initiate the united
front. The proposal for a united front is not to be
proposed necessarily on the basis of the complete
United Farmers League program but on the basis of
grievances and demands that agitate and are accept-
able to the masses of farmers to whom the appeal for
a united front is addressed.

STRIKE GOES ON

Ranks Solid Despite Terror,
Demand Recognition of
Own Committees

OUT TWO MONTHS

Call Relief Conference For
April 16 to Support
Strike

(BY D. W.)

Virginia, Minn., April 1.—
A striker, Oscar Johnson, was
shot by a scab Thursday,
March 30, in the Markham
farmers' strike area. A group
of about ten strikers, ap-
proached the scab to ask him
to stop work, whereupon the
scab opened fire upon the
strikers, and wounding Oscar
Johnson in the back on the
left side. The wound is not
very serious.

Deputy sheriffs who were cal-
led came immediately because
they thought a scab had been
shot. However, on hearing that a
striker was the victim, no arrests
were made. The county prosecu-
ting attorney, instead of getting a
warrant for the gun thug, has de-
clared that he will arrest the
strikers on the charge of unlawful
assembly.

It is interesting to realize that
John Weiberg, the scab, is one
of the leaders of Halonen's social-
fascist co-operative group in this
locality. The transition from the
social-fascism to open fascism-kill-
ing of workers and farmers does
not take very long.

The Markham farmers have
been on strike over two months.
Their demand is that the Commis-
sioner, Victor Koski keep his pre-
election promise of recognizing the
farmers' elected grievance com-
mittee. This committee would
have charge of distributing county
relief work and this would insure
the farmers of an equitable distri-
bution. Previously deputy sheriffs
made 22 arrests. The strike is
continuing as strong as ever.

(BY K. H.)

Virginia, Minn., March 30.—
The Markham strikers were fired
upon with rifles when on picket
duty yesterday on the county high-
way. Monday a group of 33 farm-
ers, mostly youth of the locality,
were put to work by the county
officials. The Markham strikers
after meeting with them and try-
ing to convince them that to scab
was against the interests of the
farmers as a whole succeeded in
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BUSINESS MEN PRAISE SHERIFF

Kiwanis Club Upholds Use
of Force Against Farmers
in Wilber Eviction

Lincoln, Neb., March 31.—The
county officials who attacked the
farmers and workers in the Wil-
ber foreclosure case were publicly
commended for their brutality by
the Lincoln Kiwanis club in a
meeting on March 31. This is the
case in which Harry Lux, militant
Nebraska Holiday leader, and 16
others have been convicted by the
agents of the banks and mortgage
companies.

"You have proved yourselves
worthy examples of well re-
strained law enforcers" Frank
C. Grant, president of the
club, told Saline County Judge
Kolbout, leader of an attack
with tear gas on the farmers
and workers; Deputy Coun-
ty Clerk Leslie Doane, and
Deputy Sheriff Chas. Dhooge.

The businessmen recognize the
officials as their servants. The
farmers should recognize them as
their enemies.

BEGIN MILK STRIKE FOR 6 CENTS A QT.

Westchester, Conn., April 1.—A
group of dairy farmers from half
a dozen surrounding towns refused
to permit milk shipments to leave
Westchester station for New Ha-
ven today unless their demands
for six cents a quart were met.

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Weekly Report from the Executive Council United Farmers League

An enlarged meeting of the Executive Council of the United Farmers League, in Minneapolis on March 28 and 29 discussed in very great detail certain of our most immediate problems in rallying the American farmers for struggle around their immediate demands.

The most important discussion of the two day session revolved around the question of the role of the United Farmers League in the United Front struggles of the farmers and the specific form which the United Front has taken in the Local Committees of Action and in the State and National Committees of Action.

As a result of the discussion a brief statement was adopted to be published in the Producers News as a guide to all members of the United Farmers League in their united front activity. This statement will be enlarged in a series of articles which will be published in the Producers News and later issued in pamphlet form.

The representatives of the various states reported on the organization status of the United Farmers League in their territories. On the basis of these reports and the discussion around them specific advice was given to each state representative on how the United Farmers League work should be carried out in the immediate future.

The reports showed that there are locals of the United Farmers League existing in seventeen states, with contacts and interested farmers in practically every state in the country. It was agreed that the development of the work throughout the country depended on the effective functioning of the National Office.

Certain minor changes in language were recommended for the Draft Program which is to be issued immediately by the Producers News in pamphlet form.

The present membership cards in the League will be changed to membership books and dues stamps will be issued to be placed in the books. It was decided further that the Executive Council be authorized to issue special Contribution Stamps if extraordinary conditions should make it necessary for the National Office to have additional funds.

Charters will be issued to the individual locals from the National Office at a low cost. All funds from this source will go to the National Office.

A United Farmers League button is to be distributed by the National Office to all members who wish to purchase them.

The questions of a National Convention of the United Farmers League and the training of new organizing forces were placed on the order of business of the next Executive Council meeting.

The absence of any funds has been hampering the work of the National Office very seriously. The enlarged Executive Council decided that an immediate appeal should be made through the Producers News for contributions from members and sympathetic farmers to enable the National Office to carry out the many immediate tasks with which it is faced.

GET GOOD START WITH 42 MEMBERS

Organize Protective Assn.
in Ark.; Interested
Crowd

(BY MRS. M. E. B.)

Greenwood, Ark., March 31.—I am writing to tell you how much I appreciate the services rendered to our community by Roy Miller of South Dakota and Hugh Gore of Mena, Ark. They arrived at our home on Tuesday morning, March 28 where we had a small crowd of earnest listeners to whom Mr. Miller spoke in clear tones and plain understanding words to the satisfaction of all present. Miller explained the purpose and workings of the Farmers Protective Association and also of the conditions of farmers in many parts of the United States which are just about the same as here.

START WITH 42 MEMBERS

They remained with us until on Thursday evening at which time we had a very nice crowd to which Mr. Miller made another very able talk which was very much appreciated. After that Hugh Gore also made us a good talk and organized the Protective Association. We adopted the platform of the Association the same as Mena, Arkansas. Our organization numbers 42 members.

I think it takes real heroes to undertake the task those two young men have and I wish them and our cause all the success that is possible.

NATIONAL COUNCIL PROTESTS ARREST

Tell Gov. Bryan of Nebr.,
That 16 Arrested Farmers
Are Not Guilty

(BY MRS. M. E. B.)

Minneapolis, Minn., March 31.—The National Executive Council of the United Farmers League at its recent meeting in Minneapolis sent the following resolution regarding the arrest of 16 farmers and workers at a foreclosure to Governor Bryan of Nebraska:

"This meeting of the Executive Council of the United Farmers League, issues in the name of its thousands of members a protest to you and the government you represent.

"We protest the arrest and imprisonment of Harry Lux and also those arrested with him at Wilber, Nebraska. They were only trying to have the moratorium law that you passed enforced. They are in our estimation entirely innocent of any wrong doing and to continue to hold them is unconstitutional and unjust.

"We would like to have an answer as to just what you intend to do.

"The United Farmers League, 'James Flower, Nat. Sec.'"

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION
TODAY—\$2 a year.

For information about
the United Farmers League
write to National Headquarters
at Box 94, Superior,
Wisconsin.

DEMAND RELIEF OF MINN. STOCK

Farmers Protest Attempt to
Give Feed for Stock
on Loan Basis

(BY H. C.)

Shevin, Minn., April 1.—The state appropriation of \$25,000 for feed relief for the impoverished farmers of Minnesota was one of the direct results of the state relief march to St. Paul on Feb. 18-20. Stock in all parts of Clearwater county have been unable to get up, starving from the lack of hay and feed.

On March 17, three hundred farmers met in the Bagley court house, determined to get feed relief. By six o'clock that night, R. A. Trovatten, head of the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, had mailed a letter to the Secretary of the Farmers United Front Committee of Action, with application blanks for the farmers needing relief.

350 AT MEETING

The Committee of Action then called a meeting of the farmers for March 24. Over 350 farmers participated. The Committee of Action asked the county agent to act as one of the committee that would pass on the applications for free feed. He told the farmers that this relief would be in the form of a loan and would be payable next fall.

The farmers want no such "relief." They made out their applications for free feed and sent them to R. A. Trovatten, with the demand that the feed be in the county by April 4 at the latest. If the feed does not come in Governor Olson will be held responsible for every head of stock that dies of starvation.

R. F. C. AGENT A. W. O. L. Miss Floren, Governor Olson's personal agent on the Reconstruction Finance Corporation relief outfit, saw fit to be out of town when the farmers were meeting.

The relief office is becoming a very paradise for the relief fakers. The relief given out amounts to about 4 to 5 cents a day. The relief agents are going to try to make the farmers work out their relief in advance on the roads. The farmers are not allowed to buy feed for their starving stock out of their relief orders. They are forced to buy all their groceries from the local stores and are prevented from buying many necessities.

REFUSE ORGANIZER RELIEF

The relief fakers are trying to break the organization of the farmers by refusing to give relief to the organizer for the United Farmers League. The Committee of Action, however, has forced them to give the organizer some relief. The farmers are not going to allow anyone to be browbeaten by that gang of political hypocrites.

SHOOT FARMER IN MINN. ROAD STRIKE

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getting them to leave the job and to go back to their homes. Many went, promising they would not again come out on such jobs.

On Wednesday, a group of three farmers were seen working on the county highway and were also approached by the pickets who told them to stop work. This they refused to do though asked several times. When the shovels they were using were taken away they resisted, attempting to beat the strikers. Failing in this, they ran to the house calling for guns.

FIRE 4 SHOTS

The strikers left the scenes of the work as soon as the scabs went home. While the strikers were in their car driving on the road these scabs, Allen Rinne and Abraham Nyssela, opened fire on them from behind. They fired four shots with a rifle without injuring any of the strikers in the car. This is the method Koski's scab forces are using to try to terrorize the farmers into giving up the fight for equal and fair distribution of work.

Mr. Koski a few days ago comes out with a statement that he would have nothing to do with the committees in Markham and this is the way he expects to put this policy into effect. The numerous attempts of Koski's men will only serve to strengthen the strike and will be condemned by every worker and farmer in the United States. We call upon the farmers and workers of the Sixth District to join and support the strike of the Markham farmers. Elect delegates to the Sixth District Relief Conference at the Roma Hall, Virginia, Minn., April 16th.

NEVER AT SUCH A CONVENTION BEFORE

(BY H. A.)

Strool, S. Dak., March 22.—I attended the conference at Pierre and at Bismarck and I will try and give you my ideas about them. First I will state that I am aware of the fact that there is a class struggle and have been for over ten years, although it has been only in the last two years that I have seen to the bottom of the whole thing. In other words since I have been studying Lenin and Marx.

A long time ago when the I. W. W. held the center of the stage in the radical labor movement I kept up with things and I said then that you could never organize the farmers until they were dispossessed and working for a farming corporation. The time is here now when the small farmers as a class have the same economic interests as the workers: the actual necessity of securing the necessities of life—food, clothing and shelter.

A small minority might pay the debts and have a little left, but the big bulk of farmers are worse than broke. We have the task of making them realize this and that there is no chance of ever getting out of debt, much less getting rich. When they understand this they can be organized 100 per cent. In the meantime we have to show the farmers the truth of these things.

I was never to such a convention before in my life and I think that is the case with most of those that attended. Considering the time and the money that the call committee had to work with I think that wonders were accomplished in starting an organization. The conventions are sparks

THE LAND OF PLENTY

(BY HOMER AYRES)

Huge piles of flour made from cheap wheat, Coolers overflowing with all kinds of meat; Loads of potatoes, lots of beans and peas; Great tubs of butter and hunks of nice cheese; Big bales of cotton and bulging sacks of wool; To be made into clothing—our warehouses full; Plenty to eat and plenty to wear; To feed us and clothe us and plenty to spare; Plenty of gold in the Wall Street banks; Plenty of oil in the Standard Oil tanks; We have plenty of everything for you and for me, So we're starving to death in "the land of the free."

"Here is a little verse (printed above) that I made up a little over a year ago which was printed in my father's paper, 'The Dakota Free Press' at that time." H. A.

Taxes from \$7.13 In 1890 to \$127 in 1932 Says Old Minn. Pioneer

I am 76 years old, was born and raised on a farm near Northfield, Minnesota, July 11, 1857. There in 1874 the great (?) Carlton college was built, where a preacher or two a year could be turned out "free" (?) so that our "glorious" state constitution could be carried out, which provides that said Carlton College would be exempted from a taxation of its properties and monies.

My father volunteered in the war of '61 to fight for the Carlton College outfit and to change chattel slavery to wage slavery, for the black and white farmers and the black and white workers of the whole nation, now called wage workers.

Some 80 years ago we came to Minnesota as did all these farmers of the west under the homestead act, owing practically not a dollar, built and improved everything, and here we are, out on the streets and by-ways without a dollar and in rags.

COLLEGE TAX FREE

In southern Minnesota we have three "charitable" colleges, Carlton, St. Olaf at Northfield, and Seabury at Fairbault. They have over \$3,000,000 loaned out on farm and working men's homes, drawing from 5 to 8 per cent interest and do not pay one cent of taxes. It costs about \$1,000 a year per head to get an "education" at a Wall St. and Steel Corporation. Some charitable institutions.

The concern at Fairbault is a military school, under the supervision of Wall Street's war department. In one building they teach "Thou shalt not kill"—this is an Episcopal institution—and in another building they teach them and train them to shoot to kill.

In the southern part of this state there are hundreds of banks and private money sharks who have hundreds of millions of dollars loaned out on farms and on working men's homes at from 5 to 7 per cent interest and do not pay a cent of taxes, and haven't for over 20 years.

WORSE OFF THAN IN 1899

I have before me a tax receipt issued to me for 1899 which shows that for that year I paid \$7.13 on 80 acres. Of the 80, 40 was of sugar bush from which that spring we sold 250 gallons of maple syrup at \$1 a gallon. That same year we had 30 acres of the other 40 into winter wheat for which we received 90 cents a bushel and

fight for equal and fair distribution of work.

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The commodities which Babcock

LUMBER STRIKE IN MINN. MILLS

Arthur Reuber, Member of
UFL Executive Council,
Pledges Support

International Falls, Minn., April 4.—On Saturday, April 4, the workers in the lumber and planer mills of the International Lumber Co., went on strike against the fourth wage cut instituted by the company. Nine hours after they were organized in a union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Only two men remained on the job and one of them is deaf and dumb.

On Monday night at a mass meeting called to discuss the tightening of the picket lines Arthur Reuber, farmer of Littlefork and a member of the Executive Council of the United Farmers League spoke to the striking workers. He pledged the support of the United Farmers League of Koochiching county to the strikers and promised that the farmers of the county would support their striking brothers by supplying vegetables and meat so that they might continue the struggle.

Reuber's proposal was greeted with tremendous applause and a committee was appointed to meet the farmers' committee in order to organize the distribution of food.

Reuber closed with the statement that the United Farmers League would continue to support the workers in their struggle until victory was theirs. The entire audience crowding Workers hall to the doors rose to its feet and gave three cheers for the United Farmers League and for Reuber.

I. L. D. APPEALS LUX CONVICTION

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with the Sheriff's conduct of a legal sale of property."

Threatened with foreclosure, Neuman, a farmer near Wilber, asked help from Governor Bryan's new moratorium law supposedly outlawing such sales. His application for a stay was thrown out of court, however, and the I. L. D. association of Saline county decided on action.

They called on the unemployed workers of Lincoln for an expression of solidarity. The farmers provided trucks and 34 workers came. Together they crowded into the sheriff's office, sang holiday songs, and demanded a stop of the foreclosure sale. Judge Kohout deputized a number of men and ordered them to clear the court house, although the workers and farmers were orderly and sought to injure no one. To incite the crowd, a blank cartridge was fired, painfully burning a five year old girl. Assisted by the judge, the deputies began mauling men and women injuring a number of them. The sheriff was also injured by the deputy's shot.

NEED HSLP

In a statement explaining the real issues of the Wilber case, the Defense Committee of the Workers Unemployed Council declares: "This united action of workers and farmers against those who are responsible for this depression has made the bankers and their politicians frantically attempt to smash our organizations by false charges against our leaders. Protest meetings should be held and telegrams and letters of protest sent to Governor Bryan with a resolution that they be called to the attention of the Attorney General of the state. Money for the defense is urgently needed. Contributions should be sent to Mrs. D. R. Burleigh, 5120 O St., Lincoln.

will sell will fall far short of covering the loans made by the Farm Board to the cooperatives. These cooperatives will therefore still be in debt to the new credit administration.

Thus ends the great financing activities of the Farm Board which were to provide relief for the American farmers.

march to the statehouse. Said he, "I just took my banners and put them right down in front of that old woman speaker there. She sort of craned her neck around and said, 'Move them to one side, and that's rather confusing.'"

"I just told her that I think this body has been confusing you for two months and thirty minutes more won't make any difference."

AS DEAR AS HIS MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE

Tobe pulled out his red delegate card and remarked that he thought as much of that card as he did of his marriage certificate. I understand that they are going strong up around Hettinger now. They mustered an army of 400 farmers to stop a sale at the court house lately (reported in the Producers News of March 31). All the activity was the result of a call sent out to a farmer, he sent out a call to other farmers and so the "fire" spreads.

Doings of the Advance Guard

Hurray for Wm. Allikas! He is the winner of the "Georgia Nigger" and he deserved it. They beat him up and threatened to shoot him for taking subscriptions for the Producers News, the best farmers paper going, and he kept on just the same. The hoodlums couldn't stop him. He deserves the prize and is going to get it as soon as we can get it mailed to him.

Back here in the office we have been all nerved up about it the last few days. Ruth Bert with her 46 points had withdrawn from the race. But then there were Allikas with 37, Mrs. Snuggins with 36, Haaland 35, and Miller with 33. Then Mrs. Snuggins jumped in with a dollar and raised her points to 40 and it looked as though she was going to be the winner. But shortly after, Allikas was here with nine points, which brought him up along side of Ruth with 46 points. That is the way the things stood at the end of March. Wm. Allikas, jr., is the winner.

Now we are starting another race for the month of April. Who is going to win the "Georgia Nigger" this month?

This report covers the first day of April and a couple have already got a good start. Frank Denk and Mrs. Snuggins each started out with 10 points on the very first day. Then there is Harry Gulbank, that fellow you better keep your eye on. On the last day of March he jumps in with 20 points, and he had four more in the same week. If he keeps that up in April the rest of you will have to go some to beat him.

Then they are mobilizing their U. F. L. forces in St. Louis county, Minn., for the sub drive. That's going to be interesting too. Other U. F. L.'s are getting ready to do the same thing. The race for April is going to be a hot one. Let us all get in with the intention of being the winner.

DOINGS OF LAST WEEK

Harry Juul, Minot, N. D., sends one sub, one point, and pays for bundle.

Louis A. Kurtz, Chicago, Ill., sends a dollar for bundle of back numbers. "The copy I received was read by about 20 people," he says. We are sorry but we run out of that back number.

Joe Palezewski, North Dakota, sends a list of names for sample copies and money to pay for mailing.

Frank Witty, N. Dak., sends us two more subs, four points.

Mrs. Anton Harstad, N. D., one sub, four points.

J. J. Walstad, S. Dak., pays for 500 U. F. L. cards.

Alfred Tiala, Minnesota, sends a sub, two points, and pays for a bundle of 100.

Otto Wallin, Wisconsin, remits \$1.80 for bundles.

E. E. Bunch, California orders a bundle of 100.

E. M. Kjoestad, N. Dak., also wants 100 papers for meeting on April 1.

Sigwill Wulff, California is another one ordering 100 papers.

Alois Golz, North Dakota subscribes, one point.

J. W. Eustis, Idaho, sends one sub, two points.

Henry Fields, Idaho, subscribes two points.

John Hubel, Nevada, subscribes for six months, four points.

Jacob Polo, Oregon, renews, four points.

August Schlemmer, Minnesota, one sub, one point.

O. O. Jurva, Minnesota, renews for six months, four points.

ALASKA HEARD FROM AGAIN

Otis G. Berry, Alaska, gets us two subs, one for a year and one for six months, 12 points.

Frank Witty, North Dakota, sends five dollars to apply on account.

Eino Hill, North Dakota sends another three subs, three points.

Harry Sams, North Dakota subscribes, one point.

H. N. Tvedt, North Dakota sends one sub, two points.

Clifford Logan, Minnesota sends one sub, two points, and says: "Here's hoping for success of your paper."

WANTS TO TELL THE FARMERS

B. C. Hagglund, Minnesota, writes, "I am interested in

letting these farmers around here learn what is going on." Then he sends stamps and a list of names for some sample copies.

Ole Manger, N. Dak., sends us a dollar for six month sub, four points.

Mrs. O. B. Snuggins, Montana, turns in another dollar for a renewal, four points.

Wm. Allikas, jr., Wisconsin, is here again this week with two subs, nine points.

Senior Announcer, Montana, requests a sample.

HAS NO TROUBLE SELLING THEM

Harry Gulbank, Wisconsin sends us two subs, four points, and orders a bundle of 20 per week. "I think we can easily sell them," he says.

Frank Murtland, Bemidji, Minn. sends another sub, four points. He wants another receipt book.

Carl Pearson, White Earth, N. Dak., subscribes for six months, four points.

Martin Bush, N. Da., also subscribes, four points.

Erik Sweet, North Dakota, sends us a renewal for a whole year, 8 points.

Anton Flatton, Minnesota, subscribes for year, eight points.

Floyd Sharp, S. Da., one sub, 2 points.

James Allan, N. Dak., is going hitch-hiking and wants 100 copies of the Producers News to take along.

K. Belko, Washington renews for six months, four points.

Anni Granroos, S. D., sends us \$3.50 for last bundle of papers received.

C. M. Vesterby, Montana renews with butter and eggs.

C. C. Thompson, Plentywood, renews with a load of coal.

Alfred Tiala, Minnesota, orders bundles amounting to \$25 copies to be sent to different parties.

Bruce Taylor, Minnesota, sends two subs, two points, and pays for bundle.

Louis Rieck, S. Dak., sends a dollar for bundle to be used at a meeting.

Oscar C. Garne, N. Dak., subscribes, one point, and sends list of names for sample copy.

Sherman Mow, Mont., subscribes for six months, four points.

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DOING SOME EARLY ELECTION CROWING

Those who read the report of our last school and city election in the Plentywood Herald might draw the conclusion that the Reds draw the conclusion to call us, or whatever you want to call us, over our defeat that they don't know which leg to stand on. While they crow we just stand by and laugh at them, we accomplished just what we wanted. We measured their strength.

We knew all the time we could not carry Plentywood, and did not care to win even if we could. We put our candidates in the field, but we made no bones about it that we did not want to win, and we did not want any votes. Some of our own candidates didn't even go to vote. We didn't watch at the polls and gave our opposition a chance to steal our votes to their hearts content.

The fact that we were in the field brought the fear into our opposition, we had them scared. They mobilized all their forces and had cars running in all directions during the election hours, bringing in every one they could depend on to give them a vote. And what was the result?

The result was that the mayor received 313 votes, which is a little better than three-fifths of the votes in town. The votes in town cast last fall for sheriff being 500 even. Joe Redmond for alderman received 202 votes in his ward, which is less than two-thirds of the votes in his ward, the total votes last fall being 334. Out of a total vote in the south ward of 166, Henry Barner received 102, which is less than two-thirds of the total.

Phil Ziebarth, for school trustee, topped the list with 316 votes, but that is not much more than half of the votes in the whole district. With Oscar Collins, Jake Reiser and Ziebarth, the father of the candidate, counting the votes

at the school election, Hans Rasmussen can consider himself fortunate that they gave him as many votes as they did.

Mrs. Herron was only given credit for two votes, and we know positively that there were more votes cast for her. Had they been smart enough they would have given her a few more. We know now that some of the votes were stolen. How many they stole from the rest of the candidates we do not know, but it doesn't matter much to us, it just gives them a chance to do some crowing over a victory that wasn't so much of a victory after all.

We know now that out of 500 votes they can steal and line up the 313, and that is 40 votes less than they could swing in line last fall, so if there is any crowing to be done it is up to the Reds to do it.

THE HERALD AND GRAVEL SHOVELING

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)

Last week the Plentywood Herald had a long editorial, written from a purely capitalistic standpoint, as could be expected, in which it brags up what the county has done for the people of Sheridan county. It winds up by saying that "some day we should find time to say thank you to a government that has well supported us."

The Herald says: "The fact is the government has been liberal. There is no other country in the world where the government has shown such concern and generous response to the conditions of its people."

The people connected with the Herald knows better, they are not as ignorant as all of that. They know it pleases their advertisers to support so they just go ahead and do it. They don't dare to have a mind of their own for fear they would be losing a lousy little ad.

There are countries in this world—not one but many of them—where the people out of work get their unemployment insurance, where people over 60 years get their pension so they need not worry about their old age. But not so here in this, the richest country in the world. Here they have to demonstrate, parade, demand and beg in order to get a bowl of thin soup and a lousy bed to sleep in. They have to pick their meals from garbage cans and city dumps.

Workers and farmers by the thousands have faced all kinds of hardships and gone to Washington. Many have been killed and many put in jail but, that didn't stop them. By the thousands they keep on coming to Washington, to the state legislature. So, when the Herald says "The government was more than anxious that the deserving and unfortunate should be cared for" it is not so, and the Herald knows it.

Only thru this mass pressure did farmers and workers get the government to listen. When they now start talking unemployment insurance and have started handing out some relief, it is not because they have had a change of heart or change of President. It is because the pressure got so great they did not dare resist any longer. The government and its supporters that the Herald praise so highly, did everything they could to ruin the farmers. They told us to buy more land and machinery, told us to hold our wheat and buy options, told us to put our money in banks and by following their advice we lost everything we had and they got it all. They fixed it so that the more we produced the poorer we got.

When the now demand that we be paid back a small portion of what has been taken away from us the Herald says we are in honor bound to shovel gravel for whatever we get. When the banks closed its doors and kept our money, that part was perfectly all right with the Herald. Neither have we ever heard the Herald mention anything about machine companies selling two thousand dollar combines to the farmers that the company insisted on having assessed for only three hundred dollars as being the actual cost. The Herald never questioned their honor and never mentioned that they should shovel a little gravel for part of what they had actually stolen from the people.

But it is different with the people who have received relief during the winter, these people don't advertise much in the Herald. If they don't go out and shovel gravel then the Herald says: "They will destroy their standing as honorable citizens." The Herald forgot to mention what has become of the merchants "honor" and how much gravel they have been shoveling. But the Herald gets a little advertising proposition, it is the honor system the Herald is using. Sell out for the sake of getting a few small ads.

PRODUCERS NEWS WANT ADS BRING RESULTS

COUNTY SCHOOLS RECEIVE ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT

On April 2 the county treasurer received \$15,198.74 to be distributed among our school districts. This money is derived from the leases on state lands and is prorated to the counties according to the amount of common school children. Sheridan county having 3,481 pupils and gets \$4.36 for each pupil, distributed to each school district as follows.

No. 1	165.92
No. 2	506.48
No. 3	506.17
No. 4	462.83
No. 5	205.21
No. 6	135.35
No. 7	1,021.69
No. 8	349.30
No. 9	61.13
No. 10	183.38
No. 11	113.52
No. 12	541.41
No. 13	2,108.87
No. 14	639.86
No. 15	209.58
No. 16	104.79
No. 17	126.62
No. 18	174.65
No. 19	886.34
No. 20	227.04
No. 21	187.75
No. 22	275.07
No. 23	523.94
No. 24	34.93
No. 25	39.30
No. 26	148.45
No. 27	458.45
No. 28	152.82
No. 29	13.10
No. 30	279.44
No. 31	231.41
No. 32	480.28
No. 33	222.68
No. 34	296.90
No. 35	100.42
No. 36	253.24
No. 37	100.42
No. 38	157.18
No. 39	257.60
No. 40	96.05
No. 41	358.03
No. 42	349.30
No. 43	96.05
No. 44	174.65
No. 45	113.52
No. 46	61.13
No. 47	196.48
No. 48	213.94
No. 49	69.86
No. 50	157.18
No. 51	52.89
No. 52	174.65
Total	\$15,198.74

Local Brevities

Niels Sorensen, farmer east of Medicine Lake, was taking treatments from Dr. York here the first of the week.

Art Noll of the Dooley country was transacting business in town Monday.

E. W. Palutski and son William arrived Monday from California. He will attend to farming operations here during the summer.

Henry Williams of Reserve visited here the middle of the week. Melvin Evenson, farmer north of Raymond has been taking treatments from Dr. York during the past week.

John Andersen of Dagmar was transacting business in Plentywood Wednesday.

The Plentywood hotel is now being remodeled in anticipation of the beer rush. Brit Chandler is supervising the work.

Mrs. Henry Haaven of the east Coalridge country was taken to the Memorial hospital last Saturday where she is receiving medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Jensen of Reserve are the parents of a daughter, born Friday in Memorial hospital.

W. R. Steel, proprietor of the Brush Lake resort was here Monday applying for a beer license.

Erick Carlson of Brooklyn, N. Y., a brother of Karl Carlson of the Carlson Motor Co., arrived on Saturday by car. He intends to farm in the Outlook country this summer.

Chris Christensen from north of town was here Wednesday.

F. G. Fishbeck is again able to be around after being confined to his home for a week on account of sickness.

P. J. Smith, Plentywood, a student at the State University, was one of the eleven men who received freshmen numeral sweaters for basketball. Eleven members of the varsity basketball team were awarded letters also.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our thanks to those who were so kind to us during the sickness and death of our loving wife, mother, sister and aunt. We also wish to thank our many friends for the floral offerings, the choir, and the friends who were so kind to furnish their cars. We especially wish to thank Rev. Botz for his kind words and sympathy.

Mr. Isaac Ray
Mrs. Fred Schunk
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Pierce
Mrs. Barbara Wolfe
Mrs. Mae Smith
Mrs. Chas. Harbaugh
Mr. Orren Pierce

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Should do. Work on the bladder as castor oil on the bowels. Drive out impurities and excess acids that cause irritation which results in getting up nights, frequent desire, burning, leg pains or backache. BU-KETS (5 gr. Tablets) is a pleasant bladder physic. Get a 25c test box from your druggist. After four days if not relieved go back and get your money. You will feel good after this cleansing and you get your regular sleep.

E. I. MILLER, Druggist, says BU-KETS is a best seller.

WORKERS AND FARMERS SHOULD DECIDE ON PAY FOR ROAD WORK

We farmers say that this relief money is never supposed to be paid back—never by the county—and never even by the state. Some day, three years from now, or more, it might be deducted from the federal highway funds allotted to the state. But at the present time it is a question if even that is ever going to be done.

Comrades! There's an old saying "he who takes from a man's purse takes from his existence." You workers whom old Jack has succeeded in forcing to work by swinging a whip over your heads and yelling at the same time, "work or I'll cut you off the relief. I'm appointed by the Governor and I'll starve your babies, dull the bright eyes of the old children and make toddlers out of your wives and yourselves." For a slave has never demanded, he has always begged, so for that reason he is still a slave.

We know you do not work because you love to work and we know you do not believe that old Jack has any right to force you to work for the benefit of the Plentywood Commercial Club, but still you lack the courage to line up with your class and refuse to work unless you can get YOUR OWN price upon your OWN labor.

In the penitentiaries victims are given a bed, know where they are going to get their next meals and have some kind of a doctor when they are sick and just as good a job and just as good a boss as old Jack. The bosses then have the "law" behind them. Old Jack on the other hand has got nothing but the nerve—he's minus the law. And each and everyone of you who are gravelling the streets of Plentywood know it, still you haven't the courage to say "no."

Old Jack has as much contempt for you as he has for the "yes-men" of the Central Relief Committee. He represents the interest of C. G. Christiansen and himself, second the Plentywood Commercial Club. (If Penney bet \$11,000 out of the relief we'll bet that C. G. and Old Jack got 3 times 11,000 or \$33,000 which equals \$8,250.)

Those who live of the sweat of your toil associate with you workers? No. Do their wives invite your wives to afternoon tea? No. Do you play golf with them in the summer time in order to get a little exercise? No. Are your kids given an even break in the schools? No.

And though you know all of this to be true, you lack confidence in your class. The class that when organized will be "all." Every class will be for them. Our class will then have the beautiful homes and the high powered cars, and everything needed to make life more livable and lovable. The greatest security in the world is the working class organized solidly together for their own interest. "Old Jack" would be as beneficial to a society of this kind as the boll weevil is to the cotton farmer.

You know the U. F. L. smoked out of the "yes men" the latter part of December and forced an investigation whereby they were caught hoarding \$6,000 that they were forced to give out during the month of December. You know that the U. F. L. forced them to

NAVAL DIRIGIBLE AKRON WITH 77 ABOARD CRASHES IN OCEAN

At 1:30 a. m. Tuesday the German tanker Phoebe, bound from New York to Tampico, wireless: "Airship Akron, with 77 men aboard, went down, wreck near Barnegat Lighthouse. Keep sharp lookout. We are 20 miles from Barnegat light. Chief officer and three men saved."

The Akron was built for the Navy and was launched at Akron, Ohio, in 1931 in the presence of 100,000 people. It was the biggest of its kind in the world, having a carrying capacity nearly twice that of the Graf Zeppelin. It had a length overall of 785 feet; a maximum diameter of 132 feet. Its total height was 146.5 feet, and its gross lift was 403,000 pounds. It had a maximum speed of 83.3 miles per hour. It was a monster of the air, built by the most skilled mechanics and costing many millions of dollars. After being one and a half years old it took a nose dive into the ocean and 73 men drowned, 15

RESERVE

Mr. and Mrs. Rorvig entertained a few friends last Tuesday evening.

The local quartet has resumed its functions and held a short rehearsal Wednesday evening at the Gibbons home.

Nils Christensen returned from a Williston hospital last Wednesday.

Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Robt. Henderson and Mrs. Sig. Johansen were Plentywood shoppers last Thursday afternoon.

The Sigvart Johansen family moved out to their farm on the reservation Friday.

Ole Jensen and Aage Jacobson were Williston shoppers last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Strandkov entertained a few friends last Saturday evening.

Einar Leer returned from Wisconsin last Saturday, after an absence of a year and a half.

The Town-Country Bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Lyngas last Thursday.

Mrs. Aage Jacobson is suffering from a severe attack of the flu this week.

Anker Jensen received the sad news of his brother's death at Ft. Harrison last Thursday morning. Mrs. Cliff Hansen was taken ill late last Friday night but is much improved at present.

TITLE TO DENMARK TO EAST GREENLAND IS UPHELD BY COURT

The Hague, Holland, April 5.—Denmark's title to eastern Greenland was confirmed today by a decision of the permanent court of international justice in her favor in a dispute with Norway over its ownership.

The Norwegians conceded Danish sovereignty over the remainder of Greenland, but contended that Norway was entitled to a portion of eastern Greenland.

The historical basis of this claim goes back to the almost prehistoric time of Eric the Red, by whom the territory was named. Denmark, however, disputed the claim, declaring Norway broke the continuity of occupation in the 13th century when Norwegian ships failed to call with food and the budding colony starved.

Local Grads Rank High at North Mont. College

Special to the Producers News.

Howard Nelson of Plentywood, who is a pre-medical student at Northern Montana College, ranked first in scholarship and heads the honor roll for the northern state institution for the winter quarter. Following closely in scholarship rank were two other Plentywood students, Miss Charlotte Bennett and Miss Muriel Donaldson.

Sixty-one students won places on the honor roll. Ray Wainwright of Loma, Montana, a student in engineering, ranked second in the scholarship list.

Apparently the various courses are about equally exacting in requirements if one may judge by the fact that among the honor roll students there are those registered in business administration, journalism, engineering, pre-dental and pre-medical courses, with a few students in other curricula as well.

BEER LICENSES HANDED OUT

The issuing of beer licenses was taken care of by the county commissioners at their last session. The following applications were granted the privilege of handling the much talked about fluid:

Plentywood, John Wolters and Brit Chandler, retailers; Carl West restaurant; Joe Redmond and Ted West Creamery, wholesalers.

Westby, Henry Skeels and Ted Nordhagen, retailers; O. Helseth, wholesaler.

Outlook, Jack Dwyer, retailer.

Raymond, Olaf Nordby, wholesaler.

Redeton, Joe Kavon, wholesaler.

Medicine Lake, C. P. Englestad, restaurant; Geo. Shields, retailer.

Reserve, N. J. Everson, retailer.

Homestead, John Olson, retailer.

Antelope, Oscar Christiansen, retailer; A. R. Berg, wholesaler.

Brush Lake, W. R. Steel, retailer.

Besides the Federal and State licenses the dealers in Plentywood must pay the following licenses by order of the city council: Retailer, \$300; hotel \$125; restaurant, \$100; wholesaler, \$150 and club \$50.

No beer is allowed to be sold in Plentywood before 8 o'clock a. m. and after 12 o'clock midnight, and none to be sold between 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. on Sundays. These regulations have been copied after the Helena regulations by our city.

Now Helena has changed their regulations so it is very likely Plentywood will do the same. Helena has cut their city license down to one-half of what they first intended to charge.

The C. I. club met Wednesday night for trustee, Andrew Kronen in the election in Ueland district there was a skirmish. In the race for trustee, Andrew Kronen won over his opponent, Harold Griffin.

Saturday night, March 25, a dance was given at the McElroy school house for the benefit of the Holiday Association. In spite of the atrocious conditions of the roads there was a good attendance from this vicinity and from Westby also. Those present claimed to be a nice time was had. Music was furnished by Selmer Espeland and a number of the Lutnes family.

Mr. Hagen and family who formerly lived northwest of Comertown have moved onto the Carl Hammer homestead southeast of McElroy. Three of the children are now attending school in Dist. No. 66.

Walter Overgaard, a student at the Minot normal, spent the week end here at his home.

Our village now has a blacksmith shop. S. Bartness and his brother-in-law, Mr. Sugas, a few days ago moved a building to a place opposite Joe Noon's store. This they have now repaired and equipped with a working outfit. The place was opened for business the first of last week with Mr. Sursagin in charge.

OUTLOOK

Mrs. Martin Lundeen and daughter Margaret moved to the farm Saturday. Eileen Ordahl who has been staying in town with them will stay at home and attend school on the bus.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lee of Minneapolis are visiting at the Sis Dryden home. Mrs. Lee is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dryden.

Miss Della Chaffee was taken to the Sheridan Memorial hospital in Plentywood Wednesday. She will receive surgical aid.

Thursday evening Mrs. Nellie Deck entertained a number of young folks at dinner in honor of her daughter Wilhelmina's birthday. The guests included Carla Peterson, Helen Prescott, Cecil and Wayne Mills, Violet Hatwick, Gladys Linde, Estelle Corley, Veron Goodson, Norma Bjerke, and Margaret Cosper.

The A. O. U. W. lodge gave a party at the Outlook hall Friday evening. Music was furnished by the Wunderlich and Garrick boys

SAVING THE COUNTRY BY CLEANING UP RUBBISH

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)

When we read the democratic papers some get the impression that the country is going to be saved in a thousand different ways. But, nobody seems to know how it is going to be done and how to go about it. So the wildest schemes are suggested and going to be tried out, just to show the people that something is being done and keep them living in hope a little longer.

One of the many schemes which the country is going to be saved by, is forest work. A lot of millions is supposed to be appropriated for the purpose of putting 250,000 men to work in our national forest. These people will work in camps and be under military command and rules. It is planned to feed these workers and pay them \$1 per day besides.

As creating some useless work might look to some people as a

LOCAL HOTEL SOLD TO BRIT CHANDLER

At the commissioners meeting the Plentywood hotel was sold to Brit Chandler, now at Medicine Lake, as the highest bidder. The price agreed on is said to be \$5,000 of which 20 per cent is supposed to be paid in cash. With the hotel goes a retailers beer license.

The hotel, taken over by the county sometime ago for taxes, has been rented to Mrs. Hunt, who has made her living mostly by boarding and rooming the county's poor.

Mrs. Hunt is leaving town and the commissioners in looking for other quarters for her boarders, finally decided on the old "Chicken Ranch" south of town as being the proper place for them, the ranch also being the property of the county. It is rumored that Mr. and Mrs. Chris Christensen of Daleview are to be in charge of the "ranch" and have agreed to board the county dependants at a very low figure.

to which everyone danced and had a very nice time.

The United Farmers League dance given at the Corkery school Saturday evening was well attended.

The Rythm Rascals played for a dance in Antelope Saturday evening.

Mildred and Stanley Tooke and Louise Hannah visited their parents in Raymond over the week end.

Comertown-Dooley

A party was held at the Adolph Heppner home Saturday. The school election held at the Rocky Spring school, Dist. No. 31, for trustee, resulted in a tie between Joseph Marsh and Peter Beigler.

The Adolph Heppner family visited at the Helen Franklin home Sunday.

Carl Hammer of Westby, who formerly resided in the Rocky Spring community is reported as being ill with blood poisoning in his hand.

Mrs. Julius Roan who is now in Perth, N. D., is ill with heart disease.

WESTBY

Westby folks at Plentywood Saturday included Mr. and Mrs. Bud McAllister, Mrs. Margaret McAllister, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mildred Johnson, Carl Sather, Gust Gerke, Paul Hult-gren, Mr. and Mrs. George Weiler, Mrs. Bill Stordal.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Taylor of McElroy are the parents of a son born to them last Tuesday at the Memorial hospital at Plentywood.

Mrs. Gust Stubbs entertained Mrs. Almire, Mrs. A. T. Olsen, Mrs. C. N. Rostad at a delicious luncheon Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hass of Pleasant Valley called on friends and also attended the lodge dance.

step in the right direction but, to us it looks as being next to worthless. It is going to work the same as if they put the 250,000 men into the army and had the government feed them there. The men will be able to eat as long as the government funds will hold out, but what they produce is not going to benefit any of the rest of us.

First they will be put to work building 2,000 camps somewhere out in the wilderness where they will be of absolutely no use to anybody after a short time. By doing that they will waste a lot of useful material. Next they will start cleaning up the rubbish in the woods, to that there is no end, but, outside of making it a little easier for the big lumber companies coming in and doing their logging afterwards, it is not going to do anybody but very little good. It is practically the same as if these people were sent out and moved our stone piles from one end of the field to the other, just gives us something to do. It will eat up the government funds without having anything to show for it, just the same as it would if we put these 250,000 men into the army and fed them there. It is just one more of Roosevelt's helpless ways of saving the country.

Someone will say, it is easy enough for you to criticize, but have you anything better? And we have. As long as these men are paid out of the government funds, they should be producing something the rest of us need and are not able to get. These things could then be given to us free of charge. We need bed clothes, underwear, shoes and thousands of other things. Instead of putting people to work cleaning up rubbish somewhere out in the mountains, they could be producing these things.

But that would ruin the profit system, you say. Of course it would. But it is the profit system that has ruined the world and brought it to where it is today, so why not do away with it and be done with it. But it takes somebody else but Roosevelt to bring this about. He sends 250,000 men out in the mountains and feeds them there at government expense so they don't interfere with private competition and profit. That's his way of saving the profit system which he represents. It is going to keep these people from starving a short time, but as far as saving the country in the future it has absolutely no merit to it. It is just that much waste of energy and money that could be used for a much better purpose.

SEED LOAN CHECKS ARE BEING RECEIVED

A number of the applicants for seed loans have received their checks during the past week and more are expected every day.

More than 300 applications have been forwarded to the government office for approval and many more are expected to be filled during this month. April 30 is the last day applications will be acted on.

To the Public

I still handle the 4-Bottle Extract Deal with FREE Premium. 12oz. Vanilla 45c. Ground Spices, assorted at 25c per half-pound box. Buy where your money goes the farthest—

See

Albert Foley

At Plentywood Hotel

Buy Here and Get More

CALIFORNIA ORANGES—	23c
Med., per doz.	
SANTONE SKIN SOAP—	19c
3 Bars	
OAT FLAKES—	25c
Round Pkgs., 2 for	
BEST PINK SALMON—	25c
2 cans for	
R & W GELATIN DESSERT—	5c
All Flavors, per pkg.	
FANCY STONE'S COFFEE	\$1.48
5-lb. pails, now	
OAT MEAL—	28c
9-lb. Sacks	
GOLDEN SYRUP—	63c
10-lb. pail	

Told In Brief

Tornadoes Kill 48

Dallas, Texas, March 31.—Tornadoes in widely separated communities of four southern states yesterday and early today left in their wake 48 dead, scores injured and property damage running into thousands of dollars.

Gets \$2.85 for Week's Work

St. Paul, Minn.—Girls employed by the Twin City Textile Mills, Inc., to sort rags work one hour a day. One woman got \$2.85 for her first week's work.

Musicians Wire Protests at German Persecutions

New York, April 2.—Arturo Toscanini, noted Italian orchestra conductor and ten, other musicians of world renown today cabled Chancellor Hitler of Germany to ask him to "stop the persecutions" of their colleagues in that country for political or religious reasons.

Students Protest Cut in Appropriation

Iowa City, April 2.—1500 University of Iowa students tonight overwhelmed police and stormed downtown streets protesting bills in the Legislature, cutting 50 per cent off the annual appropriation for the school.

Demonstrate for Relief

New York, March 30.—350 seamen, longshoremen and other harbor workers demonstrated for relief in front of the Seamen's Y. M. C. A. yesterday.

Calif. Clothing Workers Strike

Los Angeles, Calif.—A series of cuts in wages has resulted in a strike at the Imperial Cloak Shop here. The prevailing rate for a 60-hour week for women has been lowered to \$6.

New Deal Means Pay Cuts

Washington, March 28.—Sweeping wage cuts to government employees and pension slashes to veterans marks Roosevelt's "economy" program. He will cut \$480,000,000 from payments to veterans; \$75,000,000 from wages to government employees; and another \$75,000,000 from postoffice employees. This together with an elimination of government bureaus which cost \$250,000,000 will total \$880,000,000.

Dall Gambles in Wheat

Chicago, March 28.—Curtis B. Dall, son-in-law of President Roosevelt, has been elected to membership in the Chicago Board of Trade. Dall who is a stock and cotton broker in New York appeared in the wheat pit this morning.

Arrest 23 at Eviction

New York, March 22.—Twenty-three workers protesting the eviction of three tenants for non-payment of rent in the Brownsville district yesterday were arrested by the police.

Take Survey of Jobless

Philadelphia, March 26.—"The average present-day jobless worker in Pennsylvania is 36 years old, white, married, native born, physically fit, with a good previous record at his calling," reports the Pennsylvania Employment Commission, after examining 31,159 registrants for work at the State Employment office.

Hundreds at Scottsboro Meeting

Birmingham, Ala., March 26.—The First Congregational church, a Negro church, was crowded and hundreds stood outside listening to speakers ask for fairness to the Scottsboro boys. A resolution urging change of venue from Decatur to Birmingham was adopted. Among the speakers were Dr. Henry M. Edmonds, chairman of the Alabama Interracial Commission and Dr. Kenneth E. Barnhart, professor at the Birmingham-Southern college.

Call Protest in Madison Square

New York, March 31.—The Communist party has called a great demonstration in Madison Square Garden to protest the fascist terror in Germany, for April 5. Rabbi Jacob Goldstein, at present connected with Columbia University, urges "all minority groups to join the protest meeting."

Shoe Workers Win Strike

Chicago, Ill., March 30.—A second victory was won today by the striking shoe workers here when the bosses of the Advance Shoe Company after three days' negotiations, conceded all the demands of the strikers. One hundred workers are involved.

Mine Strike Ends in Victory

Cleveland, Ohio, March 30.—A one day strike of 700 miners in the Powhattan mine, East Ohio, ended in victory on Tuesday when the mine operators were forced to accept the miners elected check-weighman on the tipple.

Negro Vote Gains

Birmingham, Ala.—250 new Negro voters succeeded in registering from one Negro neighborhood in the city of Birmingham for the coming city elections. This is much larger than in any recent years.

Women in Relief Drive

Philadelphia, Pa.—The wives of unemployed workers here made a militant drive on the City Council for relief. "We must have more supplies in order to keep house and feed our children as they should be fed," said a leader.

Jewish Judges Removed

Berlin, March 22.—The judicial authorities in Brauns have ordered the immediate removal of all Jewish judges from the penal courts.

NEGRO WRITER APPEALS TO ALL TO HELP THE SCOTTSBORO BOYS

"DO NOT LET THE BLOOD OF NINE LADS BE ON YOUR HANDS," WRITES AUTHOR

TRIAL NOW GOING ON; DEFENSE NEEDS FUNDS TO SAVE THE BOYS

Atlanta, Ga.—"Do not let the blood of nine lads be on your hand. If the fight—God forbid!—should be lost for lack of defense funds, the State of Alabama will not be one half as guilty as you or I."

That is the statement of a columnist writing "Items in Review" which appears in a score of Negro newspapers throughout the south, in appealing for funds to carry on the fight to save the lives of the Scottsboro boys.

"Dear readers," the column begins "previous to this time you have never seen any touch of the personal in this column. Its editor has just been an individual, any individual; its contents have been to no one in particular, to everyone in general. But this is being written under the stress of an emergency, and it is decidedly personal, a personal letter to you from me.

BOYS PROVED INNOCENT
"There is nothing new now about the Scottsboro case. The veriest school child knows all of the sordid details; knows how a hungry, homeless, job seeking bunch of innocent boys, the youngest of them 13 or 14 years of age and all of them less than 23, were taken off a freight train upon which they were hobnobbing and were clapped into jail on a charge of raping two prostitutes whom they had never seen. Everyone knows how rabid, morbid, milling blood thirsty backwoods Alabamians stood guard outside of a small town court house while a group of equally bloodthirsty hoodlums wearing a thin disguise of law and order sentenced these mere children to death. All of you know, too, that a letter was uncovered which proved conclusively that the boys had nothing to do with the women on whose testimony they had been sentenced; and that this letter had been written by ONE OF THE WOMEN.

"It is not my purpose to remind you of these things; you know as well as I do. What I am doing is presenting to you something that you may not know. That the fate of those nine innocent children now rests entirely with you. The state of Alabama has recently done its worst when it sentenced them to death; there is nothing worse now that it can do. It might repeat the sentence, or it may sentence them to life imprisonment, which, if I am any judge of Southern penal methods, means death practically anyway. But how far the state of Alabama may go is up to you.

SAY GOODBYE TO SECURITY

Nine boys, and they might have been your boys—are appealing to all that is human to save them from a horrible death. For God's sake, don't let them appeal in vain.

"One thing more and I shall have finished. If this case should be lost, look out. If you and I, and the twelve million other Negroes in this country allow those boys to be legally lynched for stealing a ride on a freight train, we might as well bid goodbye to any sense of safety and security we have ever had.

"That is all my good friends. The address is International Labor Defense, Room 430, 80 East 11th Street, New York City, and the time to send it is this minute.

Don't let the ghosts of nine murdered boys haunt you the rest of your life because you were too mean, too self-contented, or too thoughtless to send a dollar or a dime to save them. Goodbye."

ROOSEVELT BACKER COINS MILLIONS IN DEPARTMENT STORE

R. H. Macy and Co., biggest New York department store exploiter of sales girls made \$3,287,151 profits last year. Jesse Leidor Straus, newly appointed ambassador to France is president of Macy's.

Roosevelt appointed Straus. This is apparently part of Roosevelt's "new deal" for the "forgotten man." Forgotten man Straus, millionaire backer of Roosevelt in the campaign, has been remembered. Mr. Straus is continually remembering his forgotten store clerks by further wage cuts.

UNITY LEAGUE ORGANIZER TELLS OF FARMERS' LIFE IN CANADA

STRUGGLE OF FARMERS GAINS GROUND IN ALBERTA DESPITE OPPOSITION

CALLS FOR CLOSER CONTACT BETWEEN U. F. L. AND F. U. L. IN FUTURE

(By a Farmers Unity League Organizer)

Edmonton, Canada, March 8.—As a comrade in the class struggle, I now take the opportunity of sending you a few lines, I had

the privilege of obtaining a copy of the Producers News a few days ago.

According to the news contained therein, you boys are raising hell with the mortgage sharks in the various states. I am very glad to know that the United Farmers League is going ahead and sinking its roots among the poverty stricken farmers of the United States.

The Farmers Unity League here in Canada, has made tremendous progress within the past few months.

I think we should develop more contact and understanding between the United Farmers League and the Farmers Unity League. In other words we should become better acquainted.

MUST FIGHT SOCIAL-FACISM

In this province we have not only to fight and lead the militant mass struggles of the farmers but we must also carry on a bitter struggle against the social-fascist ("socialist") government of Alberta, which together with the labor racketeers, attempts to mislead and delude the farmers and workers of this province.

All over Canada the workers and farmers have to struggle against social-democracy (socialist party) in the form of the cooperative Commonwealth Federation with whom the farmer government of Alberta is affiliated.

These gentlemen tell us they will obtain socialism for us by the vote—"and How."

ATTACKED BY MOUNTED POLICE

When the workers and farmers of Alberta staged a mass hunger march on the Provincial Capitol on Dec. 20, 1932 they were attacked in a most brutal manner by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. These were acting under orders of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation government and were aided by the city police who were acting under orders from the "labour" city mayor and the "labour" city council.

Hundreds were clubbed and scores were thrown into jail. At the trials which followed seven of our most active and militant comrades were railroaded to jail for terms ranging from two to six months each on charges of unlawful assembly. In a few days five more comrades will go on trial in connection with the hunger march and further arrests continue. Many of us who took part in the hunger march have been forced to go into hiding to escape prison and deportation. This is C. C. F. "socialism."

CAN USE PRODUCERS NEWS

The militant working class press from the United States has been barred to some extent by the Bennett government. We are making great efforts to bring our press here-up to par. The official organ of the Farmers Unity League, the FURROW, is still weak. We are attempting to have it published twice a month instead of once a month. If it is at all possible to get the Producers News across the line, I am sure I could dispose of bundle orders here.

ARMED FIST OF FASCIST TERROR



In the elections of March 5 the fascists failed to get a majority in the "free state" of Hesse, Germany. What they failed to accomplish by the "democratic" means of terror and ballot stealing they accomplished by the use of direct force. The fascist troops are shown as they lined up after they had taken over the free state by force.

AMERICAN FARMERS PLUNDERED BY TAX AND INTEREST BURDEN

About one billion dollars of farm mortgages have been foreclosed on in the five years from 1928 to the beginning of the present year. This was admitted in a report by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics submitted to the House of Representatives by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

The report shows that the indebtedness of the American farmers increased from \$3,320,000,000 in 1910 to a peak of \$9,468,000,000 in 1923. From this peak farm indebtedness decreased, as a result of mortgage foreclosures, to about \$5,500,000,000 in 1932.

In addition to this mountain high burden of mortgage debts the Bureau of Agricultural Economics admitted that the American farmers are burdened with a "personal or short-term debt of various kinds" totaling \$3,500,000,000.

The report reveals that about 30 per cent of the volume of outstanding farm mortgages is held by individuals, 23 per cent by insurance companies, 19 per cent by the Federal and Joint-Stock Land Banks, 11 per cent by commercial banks, 10 per cent by mortgage companies and seven per cent by other firms or agencies.

DROP IN LAND VALUES

Since 1920 the farm crisis has been reflected in a continuous drop in land values. From a peak of 170 in 1920 (based on 100 for the period 1912 to 1914) land values fell until in March 1930 they stood at 115 per cent of the pre-war level. A year later, in March 1931, they stood at 106 per cent, and a year ago, March 1932, had fallen to

89 per cent of the pre-war level.

The annual interest burden which the farmers have been forced to bear rose from a pre-war figure of \$250,000,000 to \$568,000,000 in 1925. Since that time the amount has declined somewhat due to the fact that tens of thousands of farmers have been foreclosed on. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics estimated, in the report, that the interest burden of the American farmers in 1931 totalled \$510,000,000 and that it declined to somewhat below \$500,000,000 in 1932.

This is but a portion of the interest burden which the bankers are trying to squeeze out of the farmers. The total annual interest bill of farmers on all classes of debt, has been estimated at between \$800,000,000 and \$900,000,000.

HUGE TAX LEVY

To this has been added the burden of \$777,000,000 in property taxes on all farm property which the farmers paid in 1929 and which the bankers' government is still trying to take from the farmers each year.

The misery that these burdens have meant for the farmers is plain from the fact that gross farm income fell from \$12,000,000,000 in 1929 to less than \$5,000,000,000 last year.

The Roosevelt administration has admitted these devastating facts only as a basis for fake debt relief program which they are trying to put across to save the mortgage holders. Nothing short of cancellation of these debts, however, can mean any real relief for the impoverished farm masses.

A Berry Grower's Story

Little Suzie What's-Her-Name would be pretty with her brown curls and her big blue eyes if her body weren't so thin. "My poor little tooth pick," her dad calls her and that is just what she looks like. The lines of hunger are painted on her skinny little face and her blue eyes seem far too large for the rest of her. When she looks straight at you, you have a guilty feeling, especially if you've been eating three squares a day yourself.

Suzie hasn't had a real meal in a long, long time. Indeed she hasn't had anything but potatoes and gravy to eat since her dad was fired and that was ever so long ago, most a year and a half now. Suzie remembers it so well because that night her mother had had raspberries with real cream on them for supper. Suzie liked raspberries and pretty soon it would be winter and then they wouldn't be able to get them at the market, so she ate up all of her dish. Then she ate her father's too.

SUZIE'S FATHER LOST HIS JOB

He hadn't been hungry that night at all and Suzie guessed afterwards that it must have been because he lost his job. But Suzie didn't know anything about that then or what it would mean in the future, so she ate up all her father's berries and thought that life was pretty grand.

That was way back, further than Suzie could really count. Since then Suzie hasn't had raspberries at all and she has almost forgotten what they taste like.

Billy What-Do-You-Call-Him lives more than 2,000 miles from Suzie and he never saw her in his life. He and his folks live on a five acre farm in Washington and they grow the raspberries that Suzie and people like her used to eat. When picking time comes Billy goes into the field with his big brother and a couple

It takes 110 carloads of berries to pay the salary of the manager of the Washington Berry Growers Association. It takes 1,500 dues paying members to keep up the office force of the Washington Berry Growers Association.

Four tons of berries pays for one ton of fertilizer.—From the report of a raspberry grower in Puyallup Valley, Washington.

of the neighbor's boys.

The summer before Suzie's father lost his job Billy worked barefoot in the fields so that he could save his shoes for the winter time. His mother was sorry afterward he did because he somehow got a spike in his foot and he got blood poisoning and was sick for a long time. Anyway his shoes wore out before long the next winter and then his folks didn't have enough money to buy him any. He put cardboard in the bottoms but that didn't work very well when the snow came.

FIGURES IT OUT

Billy's father was figuring it all out one night—why Billy couldn't have shoes and his ma had to patch and patch to make the old underwear stay together. He put it all down on a piece of brown wrapping paper and this is how it looked:

Crop of 1931 raspberries*		
Pounds shipped	2,139	cannings
Crates	25	shippings
Total received	\$ 64.17	
Picking	\$ 55.00	
Hauling	6.60	
Crates	3.80	
Fertilizer	32.00	
Taxes	20.18	

Cost of production\$117.58

Mr. What-Do-You-Call-Him had lost \$53.41 for raising raspberries! And the doctor says Suzie What's-Her-Name has rickets because

she can't have the fresh fruit she needs.

Anybody can see that there's something wrong somewhere. Some people will say it's because Suzie's father fooled away his time on the job and Billy's father got drunk on home brew. But Suzie's father worked hard all his life until he lost his job and Billy's father never took a drink in his life.

LET'S GET TO THE ROOT OF THE TROUBLE

Besides, if you'll take a look at the figures Billy's father put on a piece of brown wrapping paper you'll know that it wasn't drinking that made Billy's father lose \$53.41 so didn't have any money to buy Billy shoes. It goes a lot deeper than that.

We think it goes down to the very system itself under which farmers and workers have been struggling for such a long time—nearly two hundred years now. Don't you think it's about time to end the system that puts profits in the pockets of a few, puts workers on the streets and puts farmers off the land or does not give them enough back from their raspberries or wheat or potatoes to shoe their sons or clothe their families.

Surely for the sake of Suzie What's-Her-Name who has rickets and will be crippled later if she doesn't get the food she needs and for the sake of little Billy What-Do-You-Call-Him who will get pneumonia next winter if he doesn't have shoes, we should get together and do something about it.

Let's tell the bosses that these factories we have made belong to us and let's tell the middlemen that the money that comes out of the land we have plowed and tilled belongs to us, too. If we get together we can do it, all right. It's up to you and me and all of us. *Actual figures compiled by a Puyallup Valley farmer.

International News

Jewish Boycott in Germany

Munich, Germany, March 28.—The National Socialists (Nazis) have issued a boycott against Jewish stores and business establishments throughout Germany, "beginning April 1 to continue until lifted by the party management," official reports say. Worldwide protests have since made the Nazis revoke this order and the boycott will last for one day. However, religious and political persecution has not been stopped in any way.

Protest Vera Cruz Murderer

Mexico City, March 28.—Mexicans stoned the U. S. Embassy Friday night in a demonstration against Josephus Daniels who has been named Ambassador to Mexico. Posters attacking Daniels appeared on the walls in Mexico City today. The posters called Daniels the murderer of Arueta and Uribe who were Mexicans killed when U. S. Forces landed at Vera Cruz in 1914 when Daniels was Secretary of the Navy.

15 Killed in Crash

Brussels, Belgium, March 28.—Fifteen persons were killed when a British Imperial Airways liner crashed in flames near Dixmude this afternoon.

Protest Treatment of Jews

Paris, March 28.—A protest against mistreatment of the Jews in Germany was issued today by a committee that included former Premier Paul Painleve, Grand Rabbi Israel Levy and others.

Jews Call Meeting

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, March 28.—Brazilian Jewish associations have called a mass meeting for Thursday to protest against anti-Semitic acts in Germany.

Threaten Communists

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 23.—Premier Muscov announced today that the government was planning "new and severe measures against communism" which is gaining ground, especially in the schools and military garrisons. In the city election in Sofia last September Communists gained the majority in the City Council.

Attack Polish Jews

Warsaw, Poland, March 23.—Twenty-five new attack on Polish Jews by fascists (Nazis) have been charged by the Polish Ambassador.

Will Eject Communist Deputies

Berlin, March 15.—It is announced quite informally that no Communist deputies will be permitted to enter either the Reichstag or the Prussian Diet. The Communist Deputies will receive no pay, no traveling tickets and no identity cards. Almost five million German voters will thus be deprived of their elected representatives.

Win Strike

Berlin, March 15.—The strike of the Berlin furniture movers ended successfully yesterday. The men struck against an arbitration decision which provided for wage cuts. Yesterday the employers withdrew their claims and the arbitration decision was quashed.

British Employees Damage

Moscow, March 14.—The State Political Administration announces that investigations have revealed malicious and systematic damage done in various big power stations by a group of saboteurs with a view to destroying the power stations and paralyzing the factories served by them. A number of employees of the British firm Metropolitan-Vickers are actively involved in these criminal activities. Thirty-one persons have been arrested, among whom are several British subjects who are awaiting trial.

Demonstrate Against Fascists

Prague, March 13.—When Czechoslovakian fascists organized a public mass meeting a counter-demonstration took place in front of the hall and 5,000 workers took part in it. The Communist deputy Juran and a number of Communist and Socialist workers spoke. Police attacked the demonstration ruthlessly and five arrests were made.

Greek Jews Boycott Germany

Salonica, Greece, March 30.—The Jews of this city yesterday decided to boycott all German goods, including moving pictures, as an effective protest against the anti-Semitic outrages of the German fascist government.

Arrest 1,000 Communists

Berlin, March 22.—According to the report of the "Frankfurter Zeitung" about a thousand Communist officials have been arrested in Thuringia during the past few weeks. The arrested men are to be held in a concentration camp.

Strike in Sugar Factories

Havana, Cuba.—Hundreds of workers are being arrested throughout the country in a wave of terror which Machado is intensifying. In Manzanillo, Santiago de Cuba, and Santa Clara strikers have occupied the sugar mills, stopping production. The militia has been sent against them. Negro workers, imported to act as strike breakers, have refused to work.

Mine Owners Take Back Wage Cut

Berlin, March 28.—The Association of Ruhr Mine Owners announces that the dispute with the trade unions has now been settled favorably and that the existing wage agreement and working conditions are to remain in force until Sept. 30. The owners had demanded a 15 per cent wage cut.

Miner Polls Big Vote

Cardiff, Wales, March 30.—Arthur Horner, leader of the Mardy coal miners, polled a tremendous vote in the East Rhondda by-election yesterday. W. H. Mainwaring the winning Labor Party candidate polled 14,100 votes while Horner got 11,200 votes. The Liberal candidate ran a poor third.