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## WISCONSIN DAIRY FARMERS ARE DETERMINED TO WIN HIGHER PRICES FOR MILK

### STRIKE MAY 1

**League Organizer Tells Farmers U. F. L. Will Support Struggle**

MISTRUST SINGLER

**Local Leaders Attack UFL; Welcome Support After Explanation**

(BY J. B.)

Racine, Wis., April 10.—More than 150 farfers gathered in the Bartlett school, near Racine, to hear the report of the Delegates to the Madison Workers and Farmers Relief Conference. Mr. Charles Rhodes of Yorkville, gave the report on the proceedings of the conference and called on the farmers to organize in the United Farmers League for the struggle against the bankers, and for protection of the farmers' homes.

Mr. Rhodes was followed by Jack Bartley, organizer for the United Farmers League, who spoke on the conditions of the farmers. Bartley emphasized in particular, the necessity of the milk producers struggling against the milk trust and the mortgage holders who are robbing the small farmers. He called for United Front action of all farmers to resist the attack of the exploiters who are robbing the farmers and workers of their homes and their life's toil.

LOCAL LEADERS ATTACK LEAGUE

After the speakers were finished two farmers, local leaders in the Wisconsin Cooperative Milk Pool, League program.

ATTACKED THE UNITED FARMERS

When they were asked if they knew why Singler called off the strike, without consulting farmers, they answered that they did not know anything about it until it was printed in the papers.

They were told that the small farmers were not in control of the Milk Pool. They agreed to this and that Singler "had all the say in the Milk Pool." After an explanation by Bartley of the United Front policy of the United Farmers League they became very sympathetic to the League.

WILL STRIKE DESPITE SINGLER

**They said, "We will strike on May 1 if Singler calls the strike or not. We are pleased that you will support us in the strike." Most of the farmers present agreed that they would support the strike full heartedly, whether they belonged to the pool or not, although the majority said that they don't trust Singler.**

Many copies of the Producers News were sold at the meeting and seventeen took application cards to join the United Farmers League. A meeting of those wishing to join the League will be called in a short time and a functioning local of the United Farmers League will be set up.

NOTHING FOR YEARS TOIL

One farmer told me that he received $1.50 a ton for his cabbage last fall. After spending $70 for fertilizer for 15 acres he got $107 for the crop. Before deducting gas, oil, seed, cultivation, etc., he received $37 for his work.

SEVEN CENTS A HUNDRED FOR MILK

A farmer of Caledonia township Racine county, told me that he was receiving as 'high' as 17 cents a hundred pounds for surplus milk and that after paying out hauling charges he was getting seven cents a hundred.

The sentiment for the United Farmers League here is very good and we hope to establish a strong county organization of the League in a short time.

### DOESN'T WANT TO MISS A COPY

(BY F. W.)

Sioux City, Iowa, April 1.—Enclosed find $1 for which send me the Producers News for six months. Send me back numbers of March 24 and 31 as I don't want to miss a single copy.

### READY TO STRIKE

**During the last milk strike in Wisconsin farmers stopped the trucks by militant picketing. The farmers are determined to strike again to gain their demands.**

## DEMAND HIGHER PICKING PRICES

**70 Families on Strike Are Threatened by Sheriff With Eviction**

Niles, Calif., April 9.—Seventy families are out on strike in Warm Springs demanding 22½ cents per hamper. The sheriff came in immediately and gave the workers notice to vacate by Monday morning or be evicted by force.

Niles, Calif., April 7.—An active member of the Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, Comrade Aranda, a Mexican worker, was arrested at Warm Springs, Alameda county, near a camp of agricultural workers where he stayed.

Amanda was busy with a committee, to organize the pea pickers who refused to work for the 12 cents an hour offered, and in some cases as low as 10 cents. The workers were promised 22½ cents a basket and now told to take 18 cents or get out.

Posses of landowners' deputies are after the organizers of the Agricultural Workers Union, in an effort to break the developing strike sentiment. A delegation of workers, however, soon forced the release of Aranda.

### PEA PICKERS STRIKE FOR THIRTY CENTS AN HOUR IN CALIF.

St. Louis Obispo, Cal., April 7.—Pea pickers of Guadalupe and Nipomo districts struck today, demanding 30 cents an hour instead of the new cut offered of 15 cents. Previously the workers, manly Mexican and Filipino, had presented demands, threatening that refusal meant the strike they have now begun. Attempts of armed deputies to intimidate them and drive them from their camps were beaten back.

## N Y MILK BOARD PUTS UP PRICES TO CITY PEOPLE

**Increase in Price Will Not Benefit Farmers of State**

AIDS MILK TRUST

**Increased Price Will Mean Less Milk Sold, Greater Surplus on Farms**

As its first step in aiding the dairy farmers of New Yorfl state the new State Milk Control Board has fixed outrageous minimum prices to the consumers thruout the state. The new prices for ilk delivered to homes in New York City are 13 cents a quart for bottled Grade A milk and 10 cents a quart for Grale B milk.

For the rest of the state the price was set at 10 cents a quart. A minimum of 9 cents a quart was set on milk sold over the counter thruout the state.

NO AID TO FARMERS

The board did not make one decision to aid the dairy farmers of the state. It piously hoped "that a reasonable share of the minimum should be immediately relayed to the farmers. We feel it will result in an appreciable increase to the producers."

Actually the only result is to aid the big milk corporations by preventing the smaller dealers from selling at lower prices. The board has stabilized the robber prices of the milk trust. The board admitted this when it said that "the order of the board will . . prevent price wars."

DAIRYMEN'S LEAGUE FAVORS DECISION

The Dairymen's League, which has tried to break the farmers strike for the milk trust, has declared its agreement with the new price regulations. Henry H. Rathburn, a member of the executive committee of the Dairymen's League, speaking before the Board advised them as follows:

**"Set a minimum price now and then you will put the farmer at rest and make him feel better."**

This agent of the milk trust thinks that the best thing to do is to fool the farmers into believing that they are getting something. The board followed his advice.

LEADER APPROVES BANKER-GOVERNOR'S CHOICE

Albert Woodhead, president of the Western New York Milk Producers Association, described the choice of Kenneth F. Lee to the milk board as a "fair and wise" choice.

Lee was appointed by Governor Lehman. Lehman is a Wall St. banker and this farm "leader" agrees that he made a good choice —for the milk trust.

## Food Trust Piles Up Huge Profits During Crisis by Robbing Farmers, Workers

As a result of increased robbery of both the farmers and tre workers the food and tobacco trusts have been the chief money makers of all industrial companies during the years of the crisis.

Nine of the fifteen companies showing the greatest profits for last year were either food or tobacco companies. The list of fifteen companies included four food companies—National Biscuit, Standard Brands National Dairy, and General Foods—and three tobacco companies—American Tobacco, Reynolds, and Liggett and Myers.

CONSISTENT PROFITS IN CRISIS

**"Food, tobacco and chemical companies have held their places in the list of the first fifteen with great consistency since the beginning of the depression," reports the New York Times. "Not only have they gradually crowded out the copper, steel, and motor stocks, but they have steadily risen in rank."**

The tobacco trusts have been able to continue piling up enormous profits during the crisis thru the outrageous prices they charge the working class for the necessities of life and by steadily cutting the prices to the original producers—the farmers.

Only by joint action of workers and farmers can these robbers be forced to reduce their prices to the consumers and raise them to the farmers.

## ROOSEVELT FOR TARIFF POWER

**Demands Congress Give up More Power, to Be Used in Imperialist Struggles**

The Roosevelt administration has taken another step in providing Wall Street with a more open dictatorship. Roosevelt will send to Congress a request for dictatorial power in dealing with the tariff question, during the next several days.

**His advisers are getting together a measure, which according to the capitalist press "would give him such absolute authority in trade negotiations that Congress would have no more power to stop them than it now has to veto the economy orders."**

WEAPON FOR IMPERIALIST STRUGGLES

The chief purpose of this new measure is to give Roosevelt a weapon to use in the imperialist struggles that will develop in the war debt conferences in the near future, and at the close of the month when the discussions preliminary to the World Economic Conference in London will take place.

Roosevelt will have then, not only the armaments and war debts but also the tariff, to use in the struggle with Great Britain, and France and Japan, and other imperialist powers.

POWER TAKEN FROM CONGRESS

The bill as being drafted will give Roosevelt the sole power to make tariff changes, taking it out of the hands of Congress altogether. The only difficulty which exists in this program is to find some means by which the provisions of the tariff act, which provide some limitations in the changes, can be overcome. Roosevelt's agents are working at the present time to overcome these "unconstitutional" difficulties.

## PICKERS FORCE WAGE INCREASE

**Influence of Cannery and Agricultural Union Grows**

San Jose, April 7.—Mexican pea pickers in a camp on Mt. Hamilton road today won their demand for 80 cents for a 65-pound sack as a result of the growing influence of the Cannery and Agricultural Wokers' Union thruout the district.

Yesterday the Mexican workers refused to work unless they knew what they were to be paid. The boss thereupon started out to find other workers, but he returned this morning and admitted he couldn't get any, and rehired the original workers and granted their demand.

Word that the C. and A. Union is organizing the workers and the fighters for higher wages and better conditions has spread thruout the district and workers are flocking into the union.

### ANOTHER NEW YORK BANK IS FORCED TO CLOSE ITS DOORS

The Mercantile Bank and Trust Company of New York and its three branches closed their doors on April 12. The bank had deposits of $2,700,000 and 18,000 depositors. This is the last of a series of steps by which the bank had been gradually closed up.

## WILL MARCH TO CAPITOL TO WIN A MORATORIUM

**California Farmers Demand 60 Day Moratorium Be Extended to Two Years**

HEAR OF U. F. L.

**Apple Growers Group of League Will Be Organized**

Petaluma, California, April 12.—The Farmers Protective League has organized a march to Sacramento for the purpose of demanding that the present 60 day moratorium be extended for two years. The march will start from Santa Rosa tomorrow morning at 7 o'clock.

(BY S. N.)

Quite a farmers movement is developing around Sebastapol—the apple growing center of California. Last year the farmers were forced to sell their crop of apples at 10 cents per box of 50 pounds. It costs 90 cents a box to transport them to New York. The apples are the best Greenstems.

Meanwhile the bankers got ready to foreclose as the farmers were unable to pay interest on their mortgages. The farmers—apple growers—organized into a Farmers Protective League to prevent foreclosures.

This organization is under the leadership of a Catholic priest and the march to Sacramento has been organized together with the Grange.

We have gone there, spoken to the farmers, told them about the United Farmers organizing the farmers of the middle west and they are greatly interested. Arrangements have been made to organize a United Farmers League group of apple growers.

We are chicken farmers. The poultrymen are not as bad off as the apple growers but the crisis is doing its work. The conditions of the poultrymen are growing worse. They will have to organize into a United Farmers League group in order to improve their conditions. That is why it is important that we get the Producers News here.

### MILK BILL RUSHED THROUGH IN N. Y. TO CURB STRIKE MOVE

Albany, New York, April 10.—Governor Lehman today signed the Pitcher bill which is designed to prevent the dairy farmers from struggling for a decent price for their milk. The bill was rushed thru the legislature in order to end the milk strike around Rochester which has become very militant.

The bill provides that the price of milk to the consumers shall be regulated by a board of three. The board will consist of one member appointed by the governor; Commissioner of Agriculture, Charles Baldwin; and Dr. Thomas Parran, state health commissioner.

## Mass Pressure Forces Gov. Langer to Agree On Aid For Farmers

FEELS PRESSURE

**Governor Langer has been forced to agree with the relief demands of the farmers in the western part of North Dakota, by the mass pressure which has been rallied for relief.**

### $25,000 MONTH

**Burke County Farmers Put Demands Before Gov. of North Dakota**

FARMERS DESTITUTE

**Coounty Commissioners on Relief Committee Called Demands 'Unreasonable'**

Flaxton, N. D. April 14.—The Burke County Committee of Action has won relief for the needy farmers in the county. In spite of the lack of coperation and hostility of the county commissioners through their own united action have compelled Governor Langer to instruct the county commissioners to apply for $25,000 for relief.

Previously, the county commissioners had declored that the sum of $25,000 was unreasonable. They said that the farmers did not need that much, although the committees of action had taken a canvass of half of the county and had found that $25,000 was really a conservative estimate of the needs of the people in the county.

County Agent Gregory went so far as to say that relief could be entirely suspended in the spring.

Not discouraged by this attitude of the commissioners and the county agent, the farmers sent a telegram to Langer demanding $25,000 for April and the following four months. This was the amount backed by the many farmers who had rallied to the committee of action in the last few months and the demand that the farmers of Burke county are ready to fight for.

Langer's reply to Ashbel Ingerson, one of the signers of the telegram is as follows:

**"I am in receipt of your telegram of April 6 and am taking this matter up and will do everything I possibly can to help. I am telegraphing W. A. Owens as follows:**

**'I today telegraphed county auditor and commissioners to apply for the amount of money you mention.'**

**"Yours very truly,**
**"William Langer, Gov."**

## CAN'T PAY TAX: ASK EXEMPTION

**Idaho Farmers Demand Tax Exemption Until Rise in Prices Is Effected**

(By a Farmer Correspondent)

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, April 3.—The members of the United Farmers League of the Dalton Gardens, Hayden Lake and Chilco districts recently sent a resolution to Gov. Ben C. Ross demanding:

1. No foreclosures of farms or evictions of farmers.

2. That all farmers whose land or property is mortgoged and whose mortgage is now due and who are unable to pay said mortgage or the interest thereon, be granted at least a two year moratorium.

3. That all farmers who through no fault of their own are unable to pay taxes—be considered tax exempt until such time as the prices of farm commodities are stabilized.

4. That there be no discrimination against small farmers, tenant farmers, etc.

### FIRST AID FOR YOUR UFL LOCAL

Are your meetings dull, Do you talk a lot and get no where? If so, you will want to order the leaflet just off the press, "Are you Coming to the Meeting?" It is a reprint of Alfred Tiala's timely and pointed article which appeared in last week's issue of the Producers News. We want all your members to get one so we are charging only 10 cents for 25 copies or 35 cents for 100 copies. Order a bundle for your next meeting.

## UNITE TO STOP IDAHO EVICTION

**Unemployed Council and League in Kootenia Against Evictions**

(By a Farmer Correspondent)

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.—United Farmers League and the Unemployed Council have decided to unite to keep real estate dealers from evicting farmers from their land.

At a recent meeting a notice was sent to James M. Rhodes, protesting the eviction of Loren J. Farrar who was notified to vacate April 12. This notice reads in part:

WILL STOP EVICTION

**This is to inform you that you have already received from Mr. Farrar in cash, and in hard labor, two or three times the value of the said property. Thru legal machinations, you have succeeded in robbing this helpless farmer of his only means of existence and place to live, his farm.**

**We, the farmers and unemployed workers of Kootenai county, Idaho, hereby notify you that we will use our organized strength to prevent the eviction of Mr. Farrar or any other farmer in this county.**

**We hereby declare a holiday on foreclosures, mortgages and evictions of workers and farmers until the "New Deal" promised by President Roosevelt brings back prosperity.**

**Signed:**
**United Farmers League**
**Unemployed Council.**

## EYEWITNESS' STORY SHOWS FRAMEUP OF MICHIGAN FARMERS

(BY G. S.)
Newaygo Co. Secretary, United Farmers League

White Cloud, Mich., April 14.—George Casper is still in jail, held under five thousand dollars bail, which we have been unable to furnish thus far. Since he is in jail he is unable to write what he wishes.

On March 13 there was a foreclosure sale on the steps of the court house in White Cloud. About 150 farmers were present, among them George Casper and Clyde Smith, organizer for the United Farmers League.

The farmers of the county had made a demand and five farmers went to the sheriff's office about half an hour before the sale opened and asked the sheriff to read it.

He said that he did not have time to bother as he was going to have a sale. When he came out about fifteen minutes before the sale opened the farmers again asked him to read their demands before he opened the sale. The sheriff got quite ornrey and shouted to the farmers to "shut up." He said that he was there to hold the sale and that he was going to hold it. He opened the sale at 10 o'clock and then returned to his office.

USE TEAR GAS

**The farmers remained in front of the court house talking. All of a sudden the sheriff and about 25** deputies came out and ordered us off the court yard. We thought that the court yard belonged to the taxpayers of the county. We were tarpayers, and we did not move. We were there for a public sale and we were going to stay.

**When they saw that we did not move they started to push us. We were not there for any trouble but when they began pushing we did not push very easily.**

**When they could not push us off they started to club us. They clubbed right and left and we tried to stop them. Then they came out with tear gas.**

Two deputies held Clyde Smith against a tree, pushing his head against it. They finally let him go.

JAIL LEADERS

After they had put three men in jail we went across the street to a garage and finished our meeting. We sent some men over to the jail to find out what the charges were they had against the three men taken. The sheriff said that he would like to talk to Clyde Smith. Clyde went over to his office and had no more than entered the door than they shoved him into jail.

The day was bitter cold. It was getting late. Since we could not find out until the next day what **charges had been placed against these men and what bonds were demanded we went home.**

**At Clyde Smith's hearing the court house was packed with people. The sheriff and a lawyer of White Cloud were the witnesses against him. After these two had been examined an old man, 77** years old, was called to the witness stand. He had nothing to say about Clyde Smith whose hearing it was.

He did testify that he had been to a meeting in Everett township where George Casper spoke. He stated that George said to get out our guns and tear gas and shoot off all the bankers and mortgage holders, and similar lies.

**When asked why he got up and said such things he replied that the sheriff had told him if he did not do it they would jail him for contempt of court. Being an old man he was afraid and did as the sheriff told him.**

Then they took Casper and put him in jail.

LIES ABOUT CASPER

What this old man testified to as being what George said is only a big lie. There were nineteen people at this meeting and he is the only one that heard (or said he heard) this about the tear gas and guns.

They put Casper's bail at five thousand dollars.

We had men come from Mason county just north of us, to bond him and Clyde out but the court would not take any bonds out of the county.

Clyde Smith and George Casper are still in jail. The trial is set for May 1. Lawyers for the International Labor Defense are defending all the men that were taken.

We are planning a big May first day in White Cloud and are planning on a big crowd. We invite everybody from out of the state to come to White Cloud on that day.

This is the story as I saw it.

**Editor's Note: This story of an eyewitness of the White Cloud frameup shows clearly that Clyde Smith and George Casper are being held because they have been leaders among the farmers in the struggle to save their homes and for a right to live.**

**Their innocence means nothing to the courts. The courts act for the mortgage holders and the banks. Clyde Smith and George Casper will only be freed if we roll up a tidal wave of protest against this rotten frame up.**

**Farmers, members of the United Farmers League, readers of the Producers News, stop this attempt to railroad two of our militant leaders. Write a letter of protest to Newaygo county (Michigan) Sheriff Wm. Bird, prosecuting attorney, Stanley Streeter, both at White Cloud, Mich. and to Attorney General O'Brien, Lansing Michigan. Tell your neighbors about the case. Get them to sign the letters with you.**

**Do it now! The trial starts May 1. We can't let them railroad these two militant fighters. It is your duty. These organizers fight for all of us. We must stand by them.**

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DEMANDS FREEDOM FOR JAILED FARMERS

Superior, Wis.—The Executive Council of the United Farmers League has sent the following resolution to the Governor of Michigan at Lansing:

"Dear Sir:

"In the name of the thousands of members in our organization we protest the arrest and imprisonment of George Casper, John Casper and Clyde Smith.

"These farmers are guilty of no crime. They are only doing that which the constitution guarantees, the right to peaceful assemblage, freedom of speech, etc.

"Therefore this meeting of the Executive Council of the United Farmers League goes on rcord protsesting chis act of the government of the state of Michigan.

"We would like to receive an acknowledgment of this letter anl a statement as to what you intend to do.

THE UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE,
James H. Flower, Secretary.

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# MAY FIRST AND THE ATTEMPTS TO CONVICT SMITH AND CASPER

On May first the farmers in the counties around White Cloud, Michigan, will hold a demonstration. This demonstration will be part of the world wide demonstration which have been held on that day for nearly fifty years.

The demonstration will have special significance for the farmers in Michigan and for all of us farmers.

On that day Clyde Smith and George Casper will be tried in White Cloud because they have led the farmers in struggles to save their homes from foreclosure and their families from eviction. They are being tried on the frame-up charge of "criminal syndicalism."

Their trial is a continuation of this terroristic program by which the bankers are trying to crush the farmers into submission. Harry Lux, militant Holiday organizer, has been convicted in Nebraska and is now held in jail waiting appeal of his case. Nile Cochran, Iowa farmer, has been sentenced in Elk Point, South Dakota at the command of the milk trust. Every single case is a deliberate frameup.

May Day has meant for nearly half a century a day on which the militant working people of the world have demonstrated their opposition to the wretched oppression that this system of society in which we are living has meant for all those who toil. They have declared on that day, not only their protest against the miseries which they have been forced to endure, but their determination to end one day that system which breeds starvation and war.

The trial of Clyde Smith and George Casper, militant United Farmers League organizers, is a threat on the part of the bankers, of the insurance companies, of Wall Street and its agents, to crush the farmers' struggles for a decent life by "legal" terror.

The "new deal" has come. The measures of the Roosevelt administration—the allotment marketing bill, the farm mortgage bill—which are supposed to aid us, give relief to our oppressors, the bankers.

Millions more are losing their jobs. The bank "holiday" was handwriting on the wall which tells us that the system under which we are living is cracking. The Roosevelt relief measures tell us that the government has no intention of aiding us—its duty is to its masters, the bankers.

The Hitler regime in Germany, the war debts discussion, the trial of the British engineers in Moscow, the war in Manchuria, all are signs pointing to WAR.

WAR is the brink to which the bankers are leading us.

The working people of the world, workers in factories, and farmers, face the same future of greater misery.

We farmers in the United States have not in past years celebrated May 1 in great numbers. The conditions in which we live make it necessary that all farmers band together in a United Frant and join with the city workers against our common oppressors.

May First means a day of demonstration and protest against the syrtem that has brought us the misery we live under and that threaten a worse future for us.

May First means united demonstrations against foreclosures, evictions, for relief, against war and fascist dictatatorship.

May First means rallying to the defense of those farmers who have been framed and are being railroaled by the bankers' courts.

May First belongs to the working class. It is the day of our class—the class of the working people. We must join in the world wide protests and demonstrations that will sweep through every country on that day.

# TERROR AGAINST THE FARMERS

(BY JAMES FLOWER, NAT. SEC.)

The bosses have come to the point where the only way they can see out is thru terror. We see everywhere the most militant fighters of the battles of the farmers being arrested and put in prison of the most flimsy excuse and many times no charge at all.

We see Harry Lux, militant leader of the Holiday movement in Nebraska, arrested for enforcing Gov. Bryan's moratorium law. We see in Michigan the arrest of George and John Casper on framed charges because they organized the farmers to protect their homes, to save the homes that they had been working for years to build. The state of Michigan is going to try to prove them guilty of "criminal syndicalism."

In Minnesota the Secretary of the League was invited to speak in a town where the fight for feed for the starving cattle took on a mass character from the beginning.

The question of relief is so hateful to the boss class that they organized their thugs to beat up the crowd. The thugs did not have the nerve to do trat, but contented themselves with pulling the speaker down and putting up a person to speak, who according to the people of his home town is not of sound mind. The thugs have a nicer sounding name, they go by the name of American Legion. They openly admitted what they had been told to do was get something on the Secretary and put him in jail.

This means that we must build the League to where we can handle the thugs as they intend to handle us. We are not looking for trouble but we will not stop our fight for relief, against mortgage foreclosures, evictions, etc. We demand the right to live and we will fight any attempt to lower the already too low standard of living of the farmers to the bitter death.

Let us then be up and doing. Let us not delay. We must push forward the League and build it to a point where instead of thousands of members there will be millions.

You the reader will have to do that. You must learn how to get your neighbors to read the Producers News and come to your United Farmers League meetings.

In the meantime take some paper, any kind of paper, write a protest against the arrest of Harry Lux and of the Caspers. Get your neighbors to sign it. Then send them to the governors of Nebraska and Michigan and the judges of courts. These resolutions piled up in the offices of the governors and judges will get results.

Mass action will win!

## ADMITTED PERJURY

Ruby Bates, who testified against the Scottsboro boys in the original trial. She is shown on the witness stand in the recent trial where she admitted that her previous testimony was a complete falsehood.

# HOLDING MEETINGS FOR ORGANIZATION

### Will Order Bundle Soon to Bring Producers News to the Farmers

(BY A. N.)

Wilton, North Dakota, April 11.—We are holding meetings two or three times a week. We have a small group organized here in Painted Woods township. We had a meeting in Baldwin on Saturday night.

We called on the following Friday night but the old gang got together and stopped it, saying that we were nothing but reds and plotting to overthrow the government. We got hold of one of them and told him just what we had on our minds.

Would it be possible to have Mr. Taylor come into this part of the country for a few good meetings as we are not so good at speaking and an outsider can do more good work?

WILL HOLD MEETINGS

I am thinking of going out for a few weeks to hold meetings in the western part of the state.

As soon as the snow goes we are going to order some copies of your paper for our meeting but so far have not had enough money to do so. The farmers out here are so hard up that they are not able to have your paper. They think it is too big a price.

**Editor's Note: We don't think that Charles Taylor, our National Chairman, can be in your locality for some weeks. His immediate plans call for work in several other states during the spring. After that he may make a tour of North Dakota.**

**While effective speakers can do a great deal of good in a community, we haven't many of them yet. We have got to get new speakers from among the farmers themselves. We expect that if you continue holding meetings in your county there will be at least three or four good speakers there in a few months time.**

DAY-TO-DAY WORK

**In addition to the speakers we must do all of the day-to-day work ourselves, among our neighbors and friends, teaching them and organizing them.**

**If you haven't the money for a bundle we can send it to you anyway. Pay for it after you have sold them. How many do you want?**

GET SMALL SUBS

**As soon as we get a large enough subscription list to be able to do so, we will cut the price of the subscription. But the farmers can subscribe for six weeks for two bits or for three months for fifty cents if they haven't got the price for a year or six months.**

**We sure are glad to see what work you are doing there.**

# We Must Build the United Front of All the Farmers to Fight Our Common Enemy

(BY L. H. R.)

Watford City, North Dakota.—I have been a reader of your paper for some time and I can say that I am very much in favor of your style fo paper and only regret that there are too few of them.

I am not a member of the United Farmers League but am a member of the Farmers Union and the Farm Holilay Association. I have realized for some time that with their present leadership there is little we neel expect from either of these.

I have been working for the Liberty Party but have also come to realize along with many others that really try to understand that unless we the masses unite under one banner for the same purpose to fight our common enemy, capitalism, we will get no further.

I am chairman of our local Holilay unit and have tried to get the farmers to fight by mass action only to find that they "follow afar off."

But now again I see need for action anl I will try again in this case to stop foreclosure by the Federal Land Bank on one of my neighbors.

Is as usual will be dubbed "Communist," "radical" crazy, but nevertheless I will have tried. Really it's not that I am ashamed of being called a Communist but I don't like to have the Communists get all the credit for the fights.

As soon as I can I will subscribe for your paper and wishing you only continued success, I am yours for the unity of the masses.

# AITKIN COUNTY. MINN. FARMERS DRAW UP DEMANDS FOR RELIEF

### 90 DELEGATES MEET, REPRESENTING 700 PEOPLE, MEET WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AITKIN

### PREPARATIONS UNDER WAY TO HAVE FARMERS DEMONSTRATE AT MAY MEETING OF COUNTY BOARD

(BY B. T.)

Palisade, Minn., April 6.—Yesterday 90 farmers met with the Board of County Commissioners on the question of relief. These 90 farmers were delegates from the townships of Hebron, Logan, Clark, Millfward, Beaver, Salo, Spalding, Rice River, Libby, Glen, and Spencer and represented about 700 people.

Before meeting with the commissioners we held a meeting in the community room where we drew up a program covering the resolutions passed by the mass meetings in the townships.

PROGRAM DRAWN UP

The program as drawn up included the following points:

**1. Free medical and dental care for all needy persons, especially for the children.**

**2. Federal Relief work shall be administered by a committee of those needing relief, and compensation be in cash in place of grocery orders. Compensation to be at least $2.50 for eight hours work. The graveling of side roads be made part of such relief work.**

**3. The present condition of agriculture does not justify the expense of agricultural extension work. Therefore we demand the dismissal of the county agent.**

EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM

**4. The moratorium on foreclosures be extended to include evictions for non-payment of rents, debts or other causes and it should be extended until such time that a special session of the legislature be called to enact this measure into law. A copy of the same to be endorsed by the sheriff and county board of commissioners and sent to Governor Olson.**

**5. A short resolution be drawn calling the governor's attention to the ever worsening conditions and demanding relief. A copy to be sent from each place a meeting is held to the governor and to the county Board of Commissioners.**

**6. That a copy of these resolutions be prepared for the Aitkin Republican and Independent-Age demanding that they be published.**

FOURTH RESOLUTION ENDORSED

The fourth resolution was endorsed as demanded. A supply of garden seed will be available at the office of the county agent.

Preparations are underway for a mass meeting for the May meeting of the county board.

The Federal relief agent, hearing that a "few Reds" were coming had his doorway decorated with red flags and a placard bearing the sign "Welcome Reds." We soon let him know that in the future he had best dispense with his silly kid tricks.

CLOCKLIKE PRECISION

The halls leading to the community room were packed with the officialdom of the county and if they expected a hullabaloo meeting they were disappointed as everything moved with clockwork precision and in a business-like way.

Bruce Taylor was selected for general spokesman as well as chairman of the meeting and each township had an opportunity of selecting a local spokesman. A few availed themselves of the opportunity.

Our purpose is to force relief from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as the county is nearly bankrupt and we believe this can be done most easily by bringing mass pressure to bear on the county commissioners.

# FINLAYSON, MINN. TO SPREAD PAPERS

### Two Delegates Sent to State Committee of Action Meeting

(BY H. M.)

Sandstone, Minn., April 4.—The workers and farmers of the Finlayson community gathered at the Finn Hall on April 2 to discuss the tasks immediately before them.

Rudolph Harju and Sulo Iivari of Superior gave some pointers on the tasks for the members. A committee of four teams was picked out of the membership of the Finlayson Workers Federation and the Finlayson Youth Club to spread the working class papers and get subs for them.

WILL ORGANIZE U. F. L.

Comrade Sulo promised to stay in the Finlayson community to help organize and build the United Farmers League. Comrade Anselm Johnson was elected to go to Waino, Wis., to the sports training school. We are looking forward to his return as we need action in our locality to increase our group of youth members.

One delegate and one member of the Committee of Action were appointed to go to St. Paul on April 14 to attend the meeting of the Minnesota State Committee for Action.

## FACES CHAIR

Haywood Patterson, first of the Scottsboro boys to be retried, now faces the chair as the result of a lynch verdict in Decatur, Alabama.

# WAR POWERS IN WALL ST. PLAN

### Roosevelt Demands Power to Cut Wages and Give Capitalists Prifits

The Roosevelt administration has under consideration a new measure giving tht president the authority to establish war time measures for American industry. The plan is a preparation for war on the American workers — a means to make them accept new wage cuts and speed up and to guarantee profits to big capitalists.

PUBLIC WORKS EXCUSE

The Roosevelt plan is to push this measure, or something similar to it, through on the grounds that it will aid the "public works" program and start industry going again.

The capitalist press reports the program in its present form as follows:

**"Certain types of industry, under the plan, would be assembled and regulated by a government agency reminiscent of the War Industries Board. Competition would be regulated; hours of work and minimum rates of pay would be fixed; and some of the proponents of the idea also would have the government guarantee manufacturers against loss in resuming or increasing the manufacture of prescribed articles and materials."**

GUARANTEE CAPITALIST PROFITS

The war on the American workers is going to be undertaken by fixing new low wages for those who are still employed, putting the stagger system into force by law. In case these measures would not provide sufficient profits to the manufacturers the Roosevelt administration plans to guarantee them a minimum of profits.

While Roosevelt has not yet come out openly in favor of the bill it is understood that his cheif adviser Raymond Moley, assistant Secretary of State, favors the program.

ROOSEVELT'S PLAN

"If this is true," reports the capitalist press "then its adoption is but one step away, since there is no adviser in whom the President reposes more confidence." This is a round-about way of saying that it is Roosevelt's plan.

# MAY DAY MEETING IN ABERDEEN, S. D. WILL STOP SALES

A big May Day demonstration will take place in Aberdeen, South Dakota on May 1. At 10 o'clock in the morning the farmers and workers will rally to stop certain foreclosures which are being attempted on that day.

About noon a parade will be held through the main part of the city. In the afternoon speakers will address the audience at Melgard Park. All workers and farmers organizations are invited ti participate in the demonstration.

# Doings of the Advance Guard

Every good printing shop has its "printer's devil" and we have ours. That fellow can do the funniest things and you never can find out how he does it.

For last week's Advance Guard we received a nice letter from Roy Meisenbach saying: "I can not get along without the News now." Then the little devil goes to work and pulls the "not" out and spoiled the meaning entirely. Then, on top of that re takes a handful of local news items and mixed up with our Advance Guard where they didn't belong at all. We are laying for him but we know darn well he will get the best of us again somehow.

Subs have rolled in from some places better than others during the week. There is Wm. Ferguson. He has done some wonderfully fast work in Washington and stands now at the top of the list with 35 points. Mrs. O. B. Snuggins of Montana climbed to 18 points and Eino Hill of South Dakota to 17. Reino Tantilla, Minnesota, has 14 and L. Vomicil of Arizona has 13. Frank Denk of Wisconsin still stands on 10.

This report covers the first half of the month, we have suite a ways to go yet before finding out who is going to get the prize for this month. We wonder who is going to land it this time.

DOINGS OF LAST WEEK

N. Jasperson, Brown County, S. D., renews, 4 points.

A. Huta, St. Louis Co., Minn., sends three subs, 4 points.

Wm. Ferguson, King Co., Wash. pays for bundles and sends nine subs, 13 points.

**L. N. Peterson, Pierce Co., Wash., pays for bundles. "We now have a pretty active bunch and are really getting some action accomplished," she says.**

J. J. Moffet, Henry Co., Ill., wants us to rush two dollars worth of back numbers.

**Reino Maki, St. Louis Co. Minn., sends us two subs, 4 points. "Subs are starting to roll in, will send some more after Sunday mass meeting," he writes.**

Hilma Maki Sandstone Co. Minn. sends two subs, two points.

Nick Larson, Clark Co., Wash., sends a dollar for a bundle to be used at meeting.

Robert Kirmo, Brown Co., S. D. sends two subs, six points.

**Mary Petaja, Musselshell Co. Mont., writes for samples. "I will try and get you some subs," she says.**

Ed. Johnson, Pine Co., Minn., sends one sub, one point.

J. B. Welzenbach, Roosevelt Co. Mont., renews for year, 8 points.

LIKES PAPER VERY MUCH

**L. D. Lloyd, Woodbury Co., Iowa, says "I like your paper very much," he renews for a year, 8 points.**

L. Klebe, Burleigh Co., N. Dak., sends one sub, one point.

E. M. Kjorstad, Williams Co., N. D., sends dollar for bundle.

Mrs. Roe Hopkins, York Co., Pa. wants sample copies.

WORKERS ARE FARMERS FRIENDS

**F. Corinth, Cook Co., Ill., sends stamps for copies. "We city workers are friends of the farmers and are interested in their struggle," he writes.**

W. E. Clemont, Pierce Co., Wash sends $2 for bundles.

A. Johnson, Pine Co., Minn., sends two subs, two points.

J. C. Hedstrum, Burke Co., N. D., sends one sub, one point.

T. Greenman, Lewis Co., Wash. wants samples.

Reino Maki, St. Louis Co., Minn. sends another sub, one point.

A. Haugo, Eddy Co., N. Dak., sends one sub, four points.

**Frank Hayden, Thurston Co. Wash., wants some sub cards. He is anxious signing up some subscribers.**

Labor Unity Club, Cascade Co., Mont., wants a weekly bundle.

Eber Wright, Gladwin Co., Mich. sends two subs, four points.

WILL SOON BE 100

**Alex Smith, Lewis Co., Wash. sends money for bundle. "We are 30 members to start with and will soon be 100" he says.**

**Wm. Ferguson, King Co., Wash, comes in again with 7 subs, 12 points.**

Jack Bartley, Racine Co., Wis., orders bundles.

Oren J. M. Olson, Burke Co., N. Dak., renews and send one more o OlB.. Svv...rJOMnourC,keeps sub, 9 points.

Alfred Starr, Mountrail Co., N. Dak., also renews, 2 points.

Harry Juul, Ward Co., N. Dak., sends one sub, 2 points, and pays for bundle.

SAYS WE DO GOOD WORK

**John Salmen, Lawrence Co. S. Dak., renews, four points, and says: ,'I am not a farmer but I like your labor news. You are doing good work with your paper."**

Eino Hill, Brown Co., S. Dak., sends another four subs, 5 points.

Ed. Johnson, Pine Co., Minn., one sub, one point.

S .O. Morris, Twin Falls Co., Idaho, pays dollar for bundle.

Raymond Edwards, Perkins Co., S. Dak., subscribes, two points.

M. Pollari, Stillwater Co., Mont. sends two subs, four points.

Joe Cholin, Idaho Co., Idaho, renews for year, 8 points.

TELLING TRUTH AND FACTS

**W. R. Miller, Twin Falls Co. Idaho, renews, 4 points. and writes: "Your paper is the best way to educate the people. Let them read the truth and facts."**

O. Hoopola, Wadena Co., Minn., orders 100 papers for the first of May.

Wm. Ferguson, King Co., Wash. sends another four subs, 8 points.

Mrs. O. B. Snuggins, Sheridan Co., Mont., brings another sub, 8 points.

Arnt Olson, Sheridan Co., Mont. renews with eggs.

John H. Ladd, Sheridan County, Mont., renews with butter.

# MORTGAGED FARMS IN OHIO BELONG TO MORTGAGE OWNERS

Government statistics showing total mortgaged indebtedness of all Ohio farms having mortgages, state 43 per cent of value of land and buildings are covered. But every farmer knows that whenever a farm is sold under the hammer, it scarcely brings the value of the mortgage. This indicates that the actual indebtedness on mortgaged farms is nearer 100 per cent than 43 per cent. Seven out of twenty of all farms operated by their owners are in this class, these farmers are in immediate danger of losing their homes and farms.

(From the Call for a Farmers State Relief Conference of Ohio farmers to meet in Columbus, on April 22.)


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# COMMITTEE OF ACTION GETS INTO ACTION NEAR DAGMAR

Dagmar, Mont. April 5, 1933
Producers News:

Monday, April 3 on coming home from a trip, feeling cold and hungry, I was met by two collectors of the Hart Parr company, who talktd me into signing a paper, the contents of which I did not fully understand until I was rested up and had something to eat.

On second thought after losing two nights sleep, I decided it was not playing square with my fellow farmers to let trartors start moving out of the country, being my only means of putting in a crop.

On Wednesday, April 5 I went to see the Committee of Action. They decided to take immediate action.

In the meantime the tractor was seen moving north, inspite of the fact that certain parts of the tractor were kept in the shack.

And, further, I never stated at any time that I wanted to get rid of the tractor. I further asked the boys to help me keep it.

The two collectors were Mr. Bowers of Williston and Ed Randall of Grenora.

Signed:
G. W. PLACE.

The above letter does not give us any information about what become of the tractor. We have received the following information from other interested parties.

Bill Place is a farmer living 14 miles south of Dagmar. On April 3, he came home hungry and tired. For two nights he had had no sleep. At his shack there were two slick collectors waiting for him, Bowers of Williston, and Ed Randall of Grenora. Like these slickers always do, they kept on pestering him until they got him to sign some papers of which he says, "I did not fully understand."

Two days later the slickers were back again with a couple of farmers as prospective buyers. They helped themselves to parts of the tractor which were stored away in the shack, and started off with the tractor, going north.

Bill then realized that he was going to lose his tractor and he would have no way of putting in his crop. He notified the Council of Action of the United Farmers League that someone was getting away with his tractor.

In remarkably short time this Council of Action got into action and brought results. At the time the tractor had moved eight miles it was stopped by a bunch of the farmers and taken to Chris Heiberg's yard where it was left over night. The colltctors beat it back to Grenora.

Decorated with a red flag the tractor was taken back home next morning by Bill Place. That is the kind of results you get when you have a Council of Action ready to act.

# DOOLEY SCHOOL BOARD REFUSES TO SHOW BOOKS

School district records and books are public records and supposed to be open for inspection at any time. That is the law and general rule but not so in our little town of Dooley. There the school board makes their own rules, and if the rest of the people don't like it they can lump it.

There the school board high-hats the people,, sits on top of the books and refuses anybody taking a look at them, claiming that looking is not advisable and will only create trouble. Trouble for the school board of course. Trouble is what that board don't want, but trouble is what it is creating.

The three trustees are in the grocery, light and milk business. If you want to be in good standing with them you must spend your school warrants with them at a big discount. You must consume plenty of groceries, burn lights late at night and drink a lot of milk.

People have offered to do the janitor work for much less than the present janitor is getting in order to help cut down expenses. But expenses is just what the business board wants, as long as they can get the benefit of it. As long as the janitor will spend his warrant with them, the bigger the warrant is the better it is for their business, so they want that warrant to be as big as possible. That is what the Dooley school district gets for having a business board.

Against the wishes of the majority of the people, this school board has lately notified all the teachers that their services were no longer desired after the present term is out. This and other things mentioned have brought the people in the district up in arms. A meeting is expected to be called soon, where the board will be requested to bring their books and give an account of their doings to the rest of the people in the district. No doubt the meeting will be well attended and interesting.

Office of State Auditor
STATE OF MONTANA
Insurance Department
**Certificate of Compliance and Authorization**

WHEREAS, The New Hampshire Fire Insurance Co., located at Manchester, N. H., has filed in this Department a sworn statement of its condition on December 31, 1932 in accordance yith the provisions of the Revised Codes of Montana 1921 and amendments, relating to insurance organizations; and whereas, said statement shows that said insurance organization has complied with the Laws of this State;

THEREFORE, in pursuance of law, I, JOHN J. HOLMES, State Auditor and Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above named insurance organization is authorized to transact the business of Fire insurance in this State until the thirty-first day of March, 1934.

I further certify that their statement shows that on December 31, 1932:

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| The actual amount of Capital — U. S. Deposit to be | 3,000,000.00 |
| The aggregate Income for the year 1932 | 4,649,452.15 |
| The aggregate Disbursements for the year 1932 | 5,409,326.86 |
| The aggregate Assets are | 16,088,763.65 |
| The aggregate Liabilities except Capital are | 7,888,804.37 |
| The Surplus over all liabilities is | 5,199,959.28 |
| The Surplus as regards policyholders is | $ 8,199,959.28 |

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, at the State Capitol in the City of Helena, this 13th day of April, 1933.

JOHN J. HOLMES,
State Auditor and Commissioner of Insurance.


## Want Ads

FOR SALE—Used combines, tractors, plows and drills, at an attractive price. See F. J. Sorenson, Leland Hotel, Plentywood. 2-2tp

STRAYED—Light bay mare black mane and tail, right hind leg has white stocking; ball faced; poor condition; last seen in Dooley, Tuesday, April 18. Notify David Nelson, Plentywood, Mont. R2. 4-1tc

FOR SALE—Turkey eggs 30 cents each postpaid, from purebred Bronze; flock header by full rambow spot tom that won second prize at Birmarck turkey show. Mrs. Charles Norton, Medicine Lake, Mont. 4-1tp

ROLL DEVELOPED, 8 hi-gloss prints, free enlargement in beautiful leatherette frome, 35 cents. Without frame 25 cents. With frame offer include 7 cents postage. Owl Photo Service, Fargo, N. D. 4-31

WANTED—One or two sturdy kitchen chairs in good condition. Write to the Producers News, state price. 3

FOR SALE—Hog millet seed, 2 cents per lb. Bring your own sacks. Niels J. Sorensen, 5½ miles north of Dagmar. 1-4t

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# Local Brevities

Bob Drager is employed at the Nichols mine.

Pete Vig left Monlay for a visit at the Henry Hansen home south of the blue trail.

Charley Ermintinger motored to his farm Monday.

Jalmer Hanson, Comertown was admitted to the hospital Monday. He was accompanied to town by his brother, Arnold.

Andred Schumacher and wife of Dooley were in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Christ Lindorf and children from Redstone spent Easter Sunday at the Robke home.

R. C. Heppner and family were shoppers here from Rocky Spring district this week.

H. R. Heppner from Dooley was a caller here Saturdoy. Mr. Heppner is farming the Otto Stadig farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cosper were callers here from Outlook last week. While in town they madt a pleasant call at the News office.

Frank Lund of Outlook was in town last week. He is preparing for his spring work.

Mrs. Matt Hovland was a shopper her from the Coalridge country Saturday.

Olaf Reitan, Dooley, was a business caller here Saturday.

Bradley Dooley was down from his home town and attended the show Sunday evening.

Among those from the McNulty precinct who were in town Saturday were Melvin Olson and Fred Herman.

Jack (Van) Clay was in town Saturday from Raymond.

Art Noll, Dooley, was a pisitor here one day last yeek.

Henry Anderson and family motored down from Dooley Saturday.

Otto Nagal attended the show here Sunday night from Raymond.

Swen Soderquist, of Dooley was a visitor here the latter part of last week.

Hans Nelson and wife motored down from Dooley Saturday.

Charley Draetz was a caller in Plentywood Saturday. He is farming near Medicine Lake.

Tom Kelly was transacting business in Antelope last week.

C. D. Olson from near Comertown was a caller here Saturday.

Ellen Husa left for her home at Belden, N. D., Saturday where she will spend some time visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ofthus and yere visitors here Saturday from Comertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanson of the McNulty precinct were shopping in town Saturday.

Chester Hovlan from Westby was a called in town one day last

Dave Curtain, farmer north of Dooley was here Saturday.

A whist party will be held Sunday afternoon at the Farmer-Labor Temple. Everybody is invited. Lunch will be served and 25 cents will be charged.

## RESERVE

Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons entertained a few friends at bridge last Tuesday evening.

Miss Knudson returned last Wei nesday morning from a years vacation in Denmark.

Pete Lund and Harry Allert returned from the west last Friday, where they ad spent the winter. They will remain here for the summer.

Ted Murk and Wm. Rokken are working in Plentywood overhauling Jim Everson's new hotel there.

Two nieces of Mrs. Jim Everson who have been visiting here for the past few weeks returned to Minneapolis Monday.

Mrs. Ray Holm arrived from Lewistown last Monday. Mr. Holm made a trip to Culbertson to meet her.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Larsen drove over to Wolf Point last Sunday.

The band concert last Saturday night put on by the Medicine Lake high school band was a decided suscess. The school was crowded and the dance which followed was well attended.

Leonard Lyson and Myrtle Rasmussen took the big jump last Saturday and are receiving the best wishes of their friends. Monday evening a large group from town joined a group from the Dagmar country and gathered at the Carl Lyson home and put on an old fashioned charivari. Leonard and Myrtle who were spending a few days there were out to welcome the callers. The guests were provided with plenty of entertainment, good music being provided, and those who wished to anced card tables for a game enjoyed [illegible] A lunch was served and the party continued until a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo Lund spent the week end with relatives at Alamo, N. D.

Several families from town motored to the Dagmar church last Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Peter Madsen who passed away in a Williston hospital last Wednesday.

Mrs. Connole, James and Harriet were Easter Sunday guests at the McNulty home in Plentywood.

## OUTLOOK

Clinton Cosper and Joe Kowski were business callers in Plentywood Monday afternoon.

Miss Hanson of Flaxville has been visiting at the J. B. Alexander home during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nelson and Mrs. Ole Garrick were visitors in Plentywood Wednesday.

Raymond Homme and Elmer Boe who spent the winter in the mountains near Troy returned to their respective homes Thursday evening.

Velma Goodlaxon who is teaching near Westby, spent the week end in Outlook with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Skor of Plentywood visited in Outlook Friday.

Dan Eggar and Clinton Cosper were visitors in Plentywood Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hurst entertained a number of friends at a 6.30 dinner and bridge party Monday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koester, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nelson and daughte Marjorie, Mr. an Mrs. P. J. Scott and sons Robert and George, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goodlaxon, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Cosper and Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Nelson.

The dance for the benefit of the baseball team was well attended. Wunderlich's orchestra furnished the music.

Wm. Weiss and son Billy were business callers in Plentywood on Monday.

Mildred and Staney Tooke and Louise Hannah spent the week end in Raymond with their parents.

The Rythm Rascals furnished the music for the Easter dance in Antelope Saturday evening.

# A SMACK IN THE FACE BY JACK BENNETT AND CO.

(BY HANS RASMUSSEN)

That the Jack Bennett relief committee is handling the relief funds in the most ignorant and stubborn way that it could be handled is plainly shown by the result they are getting.

Sitting on top of the pile, making the relief into a chain gang proposition and whipping the people into line is the attitude this committee is taking, and the result is that people all over the county have gone on strike and no work has been done outside of the city of Plentywood.

When a committee, representing the people from all over the county, brought a fair offer before Jack Bennett and his yes-men, they were sneered at and ignored. Now let us take a second look at this proposition.

The demand was, that a person working off his relief should be paid at the rate of 80 cents per hour, the 40 cents to go off on relief already received, 40 cents to be paid in cash as new relief, and 10 cents in cash per hour for each horse.

The 80 cents per hour probably makes it a little confusing, but 80 cents is not what a person is getting, he is only getting 40 cents per hour while working. That a person should go out and work for the relief he received during the winter withiut getting paid while working is not only unreasonable but is also forced labor and is unlawfnl.

When people are poor they can not afford to give away their labor power without getting paid while working. For that reason the people thruout the county have taken the stand that they are willing to work, but in order to live while they work they must be paid 40 cents per hour as new relief while they are doing the work.

In this manner a lot of work could be done in the county without trouble and without costing the county a penny. The amount of hours a person would be entitled to work could be regulated by the amount of relief he needed or had received the month before. No doubt the county could get more relief money than it is now getting, which would then mean more work in the county without cost to the county, if it was properly handled.

The 40 cents per hour should be paid in cash, and there are many good reasons for it. If I have the cash I can buy more groceries, but groceries are not the only things I need and others are fixed the same as I am. The government gave me a package of garden seed and told me to put in a garden. My neighbor borrowed my spade and broke the handle. How can I get a spade without money, and how can I put in my garden without it? My garden must be plowed and I have no horses. How can I get that garden plowed without money to pay for it with? Cash is what I need, it is what we all need.

All of these things could be straightened up and handled satisfactory to everybody if we had a different relief committte, a committee of farmers in place of a commercial club committee. As long as the committee is run by a man who's highest ambition is sneaking up behind people and hitting them in the face, the people of Sheridan county can not expect anything but just what they are getting. Just a smack in the face.

## Oluf Hanson Victim of Accident; Known Here

Hans Hanson of Outlook received word that his brother Oluf, had passed away in a Lampman, Sask. hospital Friday at 5 a. m.

Oluf Hanson is well known in the Outlook country where he made his home with his brother for five years.

The accident which caused his death happened while he was hauling a load of hay and the wagon reach broke, letting him fall from the wanon, puncturing his stomach on the broken reach.

He leaves besides his wife and five children, a father, two sisters and four brothers. His sister, Mrs. Henry Mattson of Outlook attended the funeral.

## Comertown-Dooley

Mrs. Julius Roan returned from North Dakota after attending the funeral of he mother and visiting her father.

Miss Katherine and Blondina M. Heppner and Miss Elizabeth H. Nelson visited Miss Amanda and Marion Toedte Friday.

Arnold Hanson, Hjalmar Hanson and Benny Onstad made a business trip to Plentywood Monday.

Benny Omstad is at the present employed at the Frank Marsh home and Chris Tufton at the Joe Marsh home.

## WESTBY

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Skeels have moved into the Herman Anderson residence, moving Monday.

The Luther Leagce program was given at the Lutheran church Sunday night. A large crowd was in attendance.

Gust Stubble was in from the farm the first of the week and cleaned up his residence lot.

Roy Stordal left for Kansas City, Mo., last Friday.

Alfred Hjelm returned the last of the week from Minneapolis.

Hub Witzberger is the owner of a new Ford, equipped with a radio.

Mrs. Hans Larsen and sons Orville and Harvey motored to Crosby last Friday.

Mrs. Rheinert Stubbe, Mrs. John Rohweder, Mrs. C. N. Rostvol are on the serving committee for the ladies aid at the Lutheran church the first Friday in May.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Rogstad of Lone Tree called at the home of Mrs. Elmer Hultgren Friday afternoon. A light luncheon was served.

Alma Eckness spent the last week visiting at the home of Ethel Nestor.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stagberg motored to Minot where they met the parents of Mr. Stagberk. They had spent the winter in Minnesota.

Miss Mytrle Nelson entertained the Sunday school tearhers Easter Sunday at breakfast.

Donald Miller delivered a tractor Saturday to Columbus.

Ernest Steffens of Pleasant Valley entertained some of the Bible students. The Herrien boys were present Thursday.

**NEXT**

A mild man encountered an escaped lunatic who rushed at him fiercly. The man fled.

For ten miles they ran, over plowed fields, through woods and ditches, till at last the mad man overhauled the other.

He slapped him lightly on the shoulder, and said:

"Tag! Now you chase me!"

**THEY CALL IT LOVE**

Really, Bill, your argument with your wife last night was most amusing."

"Wasn't it though? And when she threw the axe at me I thought I'd split."

Office of State Auditor
STATE OF MONTANA
Insurance Department
**Certificate of Compliance and Authorization**

WHEREAS, The Maryland Insurance Co., located at New York City has filed in this Department a sworn statement of its condition on December 31, 1932 in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Codes of Montana 1921 and amendments, relating to insurance organizations; and whereas, said statement shows that said insurance organization has complied with the Laws of this State;

THEREFORE, in pursuance of law, I, JOHN J. HOLMES, State Auditor and Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above named insurance organization is authorized to transact the business of Fire Insurance in this State until the thirty-first day of March, 1934.

I further certify that their statement shows that on Dec. 31, 1932 The actual amount of

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| Capital — U. S. Deposit to be | $1,000,000.00 |
| The aggregate Income for the year 1932 | 518,457.33 |
| The aggregate Disbursements for the year 1932 | 462,447.55 |
| The aggregate Assets are | 2,768,105.32 |
| The aggregate Liabilities, except Capital,, are | 1,336,767.75 |
| The Surplus over all liabilities is | 431,337.57 |
| The Surplus as regards policyholders is | 1,431,337.57 |

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, at the State Capitol in the City of Helena, this 13th day of April, 1933.

JOHN J. HOLMES,
State Auditor and Commissioner of Insurance.

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WHEREAS, The Netherlands Insurance Co., located at Hartford Conn. has filed in this Department a sworn statement of its condition on December 31, 1932 in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Codes of Montana 1921 and amendments, relating to insurance organization; and whereas, said statement shows that said insurance organization has complied with the Laws of this State;

THEREFORE, in pursuance of law, I, JOHN J. HOLMES, State Auditor and Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above named insurance organization is authorized to transact the business of Fire insurance in this State until the thirty-first day of March, 1934.

I further certify that their state ment shows that on December 31, 1932

The actual amount of

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| Capital—U. S. Deposit to be | $ 200,000.00 |
| The aggregate Income for the year 1932 | 570,568.07 |
| The aggregate Disbursements for the year 1932 | 637,107.50 |
| The aggregate Assets are | 1,647,580.42 |
| The aggreate Liabilities, except Capital, are | 574,513.19 |
| The Surplus over all liabilities is | 873,067.23 |
| The Surplus as reards policyholders is | $1,073,067.23 |

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JOHN J. HOLMES,
State Auditor and Commissioner of Insurance.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to express sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and assistance during the illness and death of oor beloved wife, daughter and sister. Also for the beautiful flowers. We wish especially to thank Rev. Gale Anderson for his kind sympathetic words.

Nels Nelson, Miss Edna Walkden,
Mr. and Mrs. S. Walkden,

# Coffee an'

In Comertown someone suggested that the school board meet at Rostad's and Hjelm and Olson stay home to save the gas.

And Mrs. Roosevelt fell off her horse but landed on a soft spot where it didn't hurt her.

And when Ole from the west was refused waivers he promptly told Washington about it and made them change their rules.

And cutting your old family pictures into jig-saw pulzles is one was of making your ancestors popular.

And some people say times must be getting better because they can't be any worse.

And Dr. Thomas Parran, New York, says that 16 per cent of all unemployed men and their families are ill.

And of 920 students in Columbia university the 293 would fight under no circumstances and 484 only if the country was invaded.

And with 1300 families on relief in the county the Herald says "We have no paupers and poverty here."

And the stork left a baby and a new car at the ministers place.

# FROID FARMER TAKES OWN LIFE

E. B. Bolen, pioneer farmer living two and a half miles northeast of Froid, committed suicide by shooting himself thru the head with a .38 calibre revolver at the farm home of John LaMar, a bachelor, about two miles east of Froid. Mr. Bolen had been staying there during the winter.

Shortly before M. Bolen took his life he told Mr. LaMar that he was going outside for a short time. Some time later Mr. La Mar went to several of the farm buildings and in the barn he found the man on a pile of hay. He died within a few hours.

Dr. F. L. Darland and others from Froid were summoned and the coroner of Roosevelt county was notified.

Mr. and Mrs. Bolen left here late in the fall of 1931 for his boyhood home in Virginia, taking with them their livestock, some farm equipment and household effects, intending toengage in farming on the farm on which he was raised. He returned to Froid last fall, intending to de-engage in farming on his own property, which he had rented to E. and T. Christoffersen of Froid. Not being able to regain his farm as anticipated, he worried about his welfare. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. A. N. Sundvold of Opheim. A brother lives at Stanley, N. D., and there are two brothers and two sisters in the east.

Mr. Bolen had been a resident of the Froid community for 27 years. Funeral sevices were Tuesday afternoon and buriol was in the cemetery south of Froid.

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WHEREAS, The Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Ltd. located at San Francisco, California has filed in this Department a sworn statement of its condition on December 31, 1932 in accordance with the provisions of the Revised Codes of Montana 1921 and amendments, relating to insurance organizations; and whereas, said statement shows that said insurance organization has complied with the Laws of this State;

THEREFORE, in pursuance of law, I, JOHN J. HOLMES, State Auditor and Commissioner of Insurance, do hereby certify that the above named insurance organization is authorized to thansact the business of Fire insurance in this State until the thirty-first day of March, 1934.

I further certify that their statement shows that on December 31, 1932:

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| The actual amount of Capital — U. S. Deposit to be | $ 400,000.00 |
| The aggregate Income for the year 1932 | 3,231,449.44 |
| The aggregate Disbursements for the year 1932 | 3,349,956.99 |
| The aggregate Assets are | 6,518,635.54 |
| The Aggregate Liabilities, except Capital, are | 4,657,987.03 |
| The Surplus over all liabilities is | 1,860,648.51 |
| The Surplus as regards policyholders is | $1,860,648.51 |

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, at the State Capitol in the City of Helena, this 13th day of April, 1933.

JOHN J. HOLMES,
State Auditor and Commissioner of Insurance.


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


# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF UFL CHALLENGE TO DEBATE ISSUE

The committee of yes-men with old Jack, the old ego maniac as chairman are weakening. Work or starve or I'll vag your husband screeches old Jack to many of the women who come to his yes-men for her order.

But, when old Jack sent word to his key-men to order the farmers out to work on the roads the farmers immediately told these keymen that they didn't owe old Jack or the state of Montana anything.

Plentywood didn't borrow this money, neither did Sheridan county, nor the state of Montana, and we farmers didn't borrow it. This relief was appropriated by the government to protect those that 'have' from those that 'haven't'—The farmers in Sheridan county refuse to starve in a country where they have produced the finest grain seen anywhere.

The farmers are not working it out or paying any attention to the old maniac or the newly elected mayor, one Percy Neville, who operates the Dooley Implement Co., and who seized Holger Johnson's cattle two years ago and after keeping them hid for three weeks was forced to return them by the United Farmers League. He's what C. G. Christianson would call "one of our best citizens."

Like old Jack's yes-men he is opposed to the farmer's program against eviction and foreclosures. But this program is being enforced 100 per cent in spite of Commercial clubs, bankers and yes-men.

Many heard President Roosevelt say over the radio last week that this relief was never intended to be worked out. No one can accuse the President of being in cahoots with the farmers. Old Jack says its not so much the work but its the "discipline". The farmers are trying to break OUR organization. (Once in a while he says "our" to kid the yes-men, doncherknow.)

But when old Jack and the President disagree old Jack just accepts his own opinion. You farmers will remember his letter to a member of the Fair board—when he said "The famers are like so many children, they need someone to look after them." One would think he might be interfering with Rev. Simundson's business when posing as a guardian angel.

By the way, the pious Rev. has a new Ford eight. How about your women who went shivering on that cold wintery day last winter to get him to do his duty on the relief committee? Have any of you got new cars?

Rather than say ne'd oppose old Jack and vote for Comrade Wankel's motion for $25,000 relief per month he called the sheriff's force who along with old Jack shoved the women off the porch.

Imagine Christ living in a modern home driving a new Ford eight while Mrs. David Nelson, a member of his congregation comes to town in a wagon and is allowed a $10 relief order and is forced to take it on C. G. Christianson with the understanding she must pay up an old last summer's account of $8 which she did, leaving her but $2 for the month for a family of five with a blind husband. Who says old Jack hasn't got an interest in C. G. Christianson's store now?

Phil Ziebarth, a grain buyer for the Occident who lives in a home even better than the Rev. Simundson, is also one of old Jack's echos. When Jack takes a pinch of snuff Phil sneezes. Phil says the farmers refuse to co-operate and they doubtless will when they haul their grain this fall.

Yes, the farmers refuse to cooperate with grasshoppers, gophers, lice o any other parasite.

You workers whom old Jack forced to gravel the streets of Plentywood and work on a chain gang many a cold lay, ask Mayor Neville to give you a receipt for the number of days you have worked and if he does, you could legally collect from the city of Plentywood many time the amount you worked out in this fradulent racket. But you can't hire attorneys without money can you? Again you are discriminated again. So there is no equal rights for you are there? You aee at the bottom rung of the ladder with Main street stepping on your fingers when you try to climb us. Organize and climb together, don't let a small coterie of mainstreeters force you to hlod the ladder up while they with jeweled hands smoke cigars and live in comfort while you are sweating from below.

You will not forget the way they flim flammed you into grading the streets. They forced you first to answer all kinds of questions about your families and then they gave you orders on the stores instead of cash because they said you couldn't be trusted to spend your own money.

Workers you cannot as individuals thrive against organized capital. One thousand banded together for the same purpose gives each one the strength of a thousand. That is your security. The greatest security in the world—without organization you have no security. But, you must organize with your class so that your interests are hte same; so that an injury to one is the concern of all.

In the U. S. 87 per cent of the wealth is in the hands of 2 per cent of the people. And then you hear some people say that beer will bring back prosperity.

Cutting soldiers pensions and federal employes' salaries 900 million dollars does not bring back prosperity. It means only that these wage cuts give the wage-earners less to buy with. Cutting salaries is like taking water away from a patient and putting it back into the well. Nothing is being done about cutting the incomes of the capitalists who own and control the U. S. Of course not. For this is the capitalist system and it works in the interest of capitalism.

The city of Chicago owes its school teachers 28 million dollars in back wages, and when they threaten to quit the nation sets up the howl that they are unpatriotic. The capitalist class spells its patriotism with a P-A-Y.

Now Morgan had a wonderful (?) idea, called the block system. It worked something like this: Morgan would give a dime, Rockefeller a dime and all workers give a dime, this would create a huge fund for the unemploye. Rockefeller and Morgan would consider this "equality." Everybody giving the same. These charity giving burglars, these pious thieves, these murderers of little children. Don't be confused, workes, on this "equality" bunk. These are our enemies, the gang that robs and rules us. Our only cure is organize your brains, organize your labor power, you are many, they are the few.

N. B.: The executive committee of the U. F. L. challenges any one to debate these issues.

**The Producers News $2 a year.**


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| FIG BARS—Fresh shipment, Two pounds | 23c |
| SUNKIST ORANGES— Mediums, per doz. | 23c |
| FANCY CORN, Crosby or Golden Bantam, per can | 10c |
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| RICE— Four pounds | 23c |
| HONEY—PURE STRAINED— 5-lb. pail | 55c |

PLENTYWOOD, MONT.

# Told In Brief

### U. S. Goes off Gold Standard

The United States went off the gold standard officially on April 19 when Roosevelt withdrew support from the dollar in the world foreign exchange markets. Shortly after Roosevelt's act Secretary of the Treasury Woodin announced the suspension of the gold standard. A strict embargo on the export of gold from the United States will be maintained.

This act following on the bank holiday, shows without any doubt, that the United States is facing another financial crisis, despite all of the statements to the contrary by the administration and the bankers.

### Bill Provides Inflation Program

Washington, April 19.—Congressional leaders have drafted a bill providing for inflation through the medium of silver currency. For the time being silver to be monetized would be such as would be paid by any foreign country on its war debts to the United States. The bill provides for the arceptance of silver in payment of debts up to $100,000,000.

### Borah Talks for and Votes Against

Washington, April 18.—Senator Borah made a 45 minute speech today supporting the Wheeler Silver bill. Senator Robinson in thirteen words, said that Roosevelt opposed that kind of inflation. Borah voted against the bill.

### Socialist Mayor Celebrates Beer

Milwaukee, Wis., April 18.—A city celebration for the return of legal beer was held here in the city auditorium yesterday. Daniel Hoan, Socialist mayor, made a speech. Thousands of workers still walk the streets of the city, homeless and hungry.

### Hitler's Agent Arrives

New York, April 14.—Dr. Hans Luther, former Chancellor, who was fired from the Reichsbank to make room for Hjalmar Schacht, who is in closer agreement with Hitler's "economic" ideas arrived in New York to become Hitler's consul here. He talked of a "resurrection of the German nation" under Hitler but neglected to mention the thousands of workers who have been killed, jailed and wounded by the fascist regime.

### "Brain Trust" Also on the Pie Card

Washington, April 12.—Professor A. A. Berle the third of Roosevelt's Columbia University "brain trusts," has been given a job. He is to be special assistant on railroad matters to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation's board of directors.

### Army Takes Control of Forest Chain Gang

Washington, April 12.—The forced labor army for reforestation formerly being directed by the Department of Agriculture has been placed under the control of th U. S. Army by Roosevelt.

Talking of the jobless men in the forced labor army, General Douglas MacArthur, Chief of Staff, said, "No change is contemplated in the method of selecting, reconditioning and delivering men." Just as though he were talking of cannon folder.

### Negro Ministers Protest Lynch Verdict

New York.—The Inter-denominational Ministers Association, representing six to ten thousand Negro members of various churches, supported the fight being led by the International Labor Defense for the Scottsboro boys at their meeting in the Salem Baptist church on April 10.

### Will Protest to Roosevelt

New Yor.—A spontaneous movement has arisen for a march on Washington by 50,000 Negro and white workers to demand that President Roosevelt take action to prevent the execution of the innocent Scottsboro bys. The movement was formally launched by the Amsterdam News, a Negro weekly newspaper. Thousands have already signed the pledge that they will participate in the march.

### Recommends Efficiency for Next War

Washington, April 12.—Major General Johnson Hagood, commander of the Seventh Army Corps, testifying before the House Military Affairs Committee recommended widespread reorganization of the army to make it more efficient in time of war. He said that the next war would find the war department too "top heavy." More efficient preparations for the next war is the goal of the army.

### Sales Tax Passed in New York

Albany, New York, April 8.—A sales tax of one per cent was pushed thru the legislature yesterday in an attempt to get the budget balanced at the expense of the working class. Republicans and Democrats voted for the bill.

### Roosevelt Plans New Taxes

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt is now considering special taxation to help balance the federal budget. This has been kept quiet for a time in order to stave off the resistance of the working class to new taxes. Roosevelt is giving the press an opportunity to shout about all of his "relief" measures before he comes out with this general attack on the living standards of the Americon farmers and workers.

### Sharp Increase in Unemployment

Albany, New York, April 11.—Employment in New York State factories fell 3.6 per cent in March, according to Industrial Commissioner, Elmer F. Andrews. This is of utmost significance since usually there is a one per cent INCREASE in employment at this time of year.

Total wage payments fell 5.3 per cent as compared with a usual INCREASE of about 2.6 per cent. Employment is now 16 per cent below a year ago and payrolls are 28 per cent lower than last year.

# Minnesota Farmers Build United Front In Road Fight

## FARMERS' WORK COMMITTEES ARE ADVOCATED BY STRIKERS

### UNITED FARMERS LEAGUE STATEMENT IS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO BUILDING UNITED FRONT

**An important contribution to our development of the UNITED FRONT among all farmers in the struggle for their immediate demands has been made in a statement by the St. Louis County (Minnesota) Board of the United Farmers League.**

**The statement takes up the question of the organization of Work Committees in St. Louis County but the directives given there are very valuable guides to the organization of COMMITTEES OF ACTION or of the UNITED FRONT struggles thruout the entire country.**

**We call on our members and readers thruout the country to write to us of the experiences they have had in creating a UNITED FRONT of all farmers.**

For years the county work in St. Louis county has been distributed by the Commissioners to their political favorites and boosters, with the farmers getting very little of the work. The farmers decided that "the only way in which we farmers can do away with this discrimination is that we have charge of the distribution of Township and County work through OUR OWN ELECTED WORK COMMITTEES."

The farmers' WORK COMMITTEES would be instructed "to distribute this work according to the need, regardless of political, religious or other differenkce of opinion," according to the United Farmers League statement.

"If these Work Committees or members of the Committee fail to carry out their tasks properly, we must call a mass meeting and elect a new committee or put new ones in the place of those that fail to carry out their tasks. This is our only guarantee that we will get proper distribution of work."

In Markham the farmers are carrying on a militant fight for this demand. Mr. Koski, Commissioner of the 6th District promised the farmers that he would give the farmers authority to distribute the county work thru their own elected Work Committees, on this promise he was elected Commissioner. However he refuses to carry thru his pre-election promise, that of recognizing the Markham farmers elected Work Committee.

## How We Should Organize Farmers' Work Committees

1. A mass of the farmers shuold be called of the township and of the territory that the Work Committee would have jurisdiction over and elect the Work Committee. The purpose of the meeting shoull be made known to the farmers.

2. A Chairman and Secretary should be elected to conduct the meeting. A brief explanation should be given by some one on the purpose of the meeting.

3. The Work Committee should be elected of farmers from different parts of the township, so that it will have a wide representation. The farmers themselves can determine the number that should be on the Committee and who shall be on the Work Committee, without regard to their political, religious or other differences. The farmers to have the authority to remove members of the Committee or the whole Work Committee if necessary. This is to be done by calling a mass meeting to take the matter up.

## Tasks and Authority of the Work Committees

1. The Work Committee must distribute the work in the township according to need regardless of religious, political or other differences.

2. The Committee has to take up all problems pertaining to county and township work under its jurisdiction.

3. The Committee is held responsible to make reports to mass meetings of farmers on its activities.

4. The farmers must have the authority to elect their own foreman whenever one is needed, and to decide how long the foreman should hold his position, and to elect a new one whenever they see fit.

"As soon as these Work Committees are organized they should immediately go to the Commissioner's office in their district and demand recognition on the basis as above stated," continues the statement. "If the commissioners fail to recognize the elected farmers' Work Committees other methods must be used of forcing them to accede to our demands. The Markham farmers have set an example as one method of making the commissioners agree to our demands."

"Farmers in every Commissioner District, organize Work Committees in every locality and demand recognition from the Commissioners. Demand more county work. Elect delegates to the 6th Commissioners District farmers and workers, Work Committee Conference. (Date and place of the Conference will be made known later).

"When organizing these Work Committees write to the United Farmers League 201 3d ave. N., Virginia, Minn., for advice and suggestions."

### DISCUSSION TO BE HELD MAY FIRST AT YELM, WASHINGTON

(BY J. S. M.)

Yelm, Wash., April 17.—We are to hold a meeting in the night sdhool building, Monday, May 1 at 8 p. m. A discussion will be held on the question: Why should the farmers organize and what farmers organization should we join, as down and out dirt farmers.

Leaders of the U. F. L. locals in Puyallup, Spanaway and Woodland are asked to attend this meeting to take part in the discussion. Those planning to attend should notify Ed Parker of Yelm.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TODAY—$2 a year.

STUDENTS JOIN HITLER PROTEST

Hundreds of New York students joined the protest against the Hitler regime before the German consulate recently.

## FARMER DELEGATES DRAW UP RELIEF DEMANDS ON COUNTY

### COMMITTEE OF TWENTY PRESENT DEMANDS TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, MASS HUNGER MARCH WILL FOLLOW IF NO FAVORABLE ACTION IS TAKEN

Hancock, Mich., April 13.—A series of 13 demands was drawn up by 89 delegates who attended a Houghton County Relief Conference in Hancock Labor Hall on April 2. In addition to the delegates 40 visitors participated in this conference of working class organizations.

The following demands were drawn up:

**1. All relief to be in cash.**

**2. Relief work to be paid at rate of $3.50 per day, for an eight hour day.**

**3. Six day's work per month for married couples; $4 for each dependent.**

**4. Discrimination in giving relief to be stopped.**

**5. Three days work per month for single men at $3.50 per day. Girls above 18 to be considered independent and to receive $10 cash relief.**

**6. Extra work to be given for paying rent for rooms, houses.**

**7. Moratorium on taxes; no foreclosures, eviction or mortgage sales on property of unemployed workers and poor farmers; no discrimination to be practiced.**

**9. Recognition of workers and farmers committees.**

**10. Free medical and dental care for unemployed and poor farmers.**

**11. Abolition of county agricultural agent.**

**12. Electricity not be cut off from unemployed workers not able to pay for them. Reduction of present rate to 3 cents per kilowatt, and charge for only actual electricity used.**

**13. Public accunting of books containing record of relief expenditures.**

WILL PRESENT DEMANDS TO OFFICIALS

These demands are going to be presented to the county relief officials by a committee of 20 elected at the relief conference. If no favorable action on the part of the officials is obtained, plans will be laid for a county hunger march. Such a march was successfully carried through in the next county (Baraga) and a considerable number of demands were won by the mass protest of the workers and farmers.

At this conference resolutions were passed against the German fascist terror, on the Scottsboro case, and against the reforestation bill which provides for militarization of 250,000 unemployed.

The general discussion which laid the basis for the demands brought out the suffering of the workers and farmers in the county. The officials administering relief take a hostile attitude towards those in need.

School nurses tell the children that fresh fruit and green vegetables are what they need, but they never realize that it is just about impossible for workers and farmers to provide their children with such a diet, and that such things as cheap cereals and potatoes have to make up their food.

The county agent uses money to the amount of $20,000 a year, yet offers no practical aid to the farmers. Instead he calls farmers to a meeting and lectures to them about the gold standard, when they need relief, not discussion.

The farmers around here have been the subjects of humilating investigations and unnecessary questioning on the part of the relief officials.

## KILL YELLOW DOG RELIEF CONTRACT

### Sanders Co., Montana Relief Agency Withdraws Contract

Troutcreek, Mont., April 11.—Through the combined struggles of the workers and farmers of Sanders county they have forced the County Relief Committee to withdraw the yellow dog contract under which relief had been handed out.

This contract reads as follows:

**In consideration of the Sanders County Emergency Relief Committee granting me relief for the month of.....,1933, I hereby agree to do an honest day's work of eight hours per day at the rate of three dollars ($3) per day for..... days. I further agree to accept pay for the same in orders for necessary food and clothing and in case of my failure to return a fair and honest day of labor for each day that I am so employed, the same will be good and sufficient grounds for my discharge and a discontinuance of any further relief for me.**

## PROTECT STOCK FROM SEIZURE

### Will Protest Farmer Who Paid $316 on Horses From Foreclosure

(BY L. A. L.)

Embarrass, Minn., April 12.—The United Farmers League called a mass meeting April 9 protesting the threat of foreclosure proceeding against the stock of August Maki by Goldfine's Sale Stables of Duluth. One hundred and fifty farmers attended the meeting.

This foreclosure is nothing but an attempt at open robbery to take the horses away from Mr. Maki who has already paid $116 in cash and given a team of horses valued at $200 in trade for the team he bought from the Goldfine Stables, making a total of $316 paid to the stables.

The meeting passed a resolution demanding an indefinite extension of the balance due on the horses and pledged to resist any attempt to forcibly take these horses away.

## REPUBLICANS WILL DRAFT FARM BILL

### Purpose Will Be to Hide Fact That Both Parties Favor Hunger Program

In order to make the American farmers believe that there is some difference between the programs of the Democratic and Republican parties on the question of farm relief the Republican chiefs in Congress have decided to draft their own farm "relief" program.

The Republican bill will stress as the chief point of relief the leasing of lands to take them out of cultivation. Since they have this way to reduce production to a starvation level, the Republicans have left the allotment part of the Roosevelt plan out of their bill.

The Republican bill, with this exception, will be "substantially the same as the administration's measure," according to the capitalist press.

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POTATOES FOR TEACHERS

Some farmers have paid their taxes in Michigan—in potatoes. The school boards are trying to get the teachers to take potatoes instead of cash. Teachers can't live on spuds and give decent service.

## United Front Brought An Unselfish Program

(BY A. H.)

Sheyenne, N. D., March 21.—I attended the North Dakota Relief Conference held at Bismarck. I'm sure no one enjoyed it more than I did. .....

To see and hear so many people willing to cooperate in the first unselfish economic program ever outlined was a great thing. Also the splendid ability of some of the speakers to show how the capitalist system has destroyed the means of decent living for the toilers in our, the most productive country, gives us new hope.

OLD LEADERS UPHOLD PROFIT SYSTEM

Fellow farmers, we have had the wrong leadership. We have built what has been built and it isn't ours. We have been led to believe that the future is great. The brains of the country—bankers, lawyers, politicians and teachers of economics have upheld our present profit system. The same few men that have the money also have the security.

The fakers tell us if we get a good price for wheat we would be all right. They want to keep us thinking we'll get out of debt. Forget that.

Why don't they try to figure out what all land, grains, livestock, and natural resources are intended for. The important thing is not what beef or butter prices are, but that all have them.

We are producing hides. Warehouses are full of them. Men who used to work in shoe factories have worn out their shoes. Why? We'll furnish hides. The workers are willing to go to work. The factory is in running order. But there's no profit for the manufacturer, consequently no shoes for the babies.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION TODAY—$2 a year.

# International News

### Sentence Guilty British Engineers

Moscow, April 18.—L. C. Thornton, chief erecting engineer for the Metropolitan-Vickers company, has been sentenced to three years imprisonment by the Supreme Court of the Soviet Union as chiefly responsible for the sabbotage carried on in the Soviet Union under the direction of the British Intelligence Service. W. H. MacDonald was given a two year sentence. Charles Nordwall, John Cushy and Allan Monthouse, also engineers, were ordered expelled.

Ten of the Russians implicated in the plot to wreck Soviet power plants and disorganize production in time of war were found guilty and one was freed.

The sentences for the Russians included:

Vassili Gusev 10 years; Zorin 8 years; Krasheninnikov 5 years; Kotlyarevsky 8 years; Anna Kutuzova 1½ years; Lebedev 2 years; Lobanov 10 years and Olyenik 3 years. Y. L. Seibert was acquitted.

### British Government Takes Step to War

London, April 19.—In order to force commutation of the sentences of the guilty British engineers sentenced in the Soviet Union the British government has declared an 80 per cent embargo on Soviet goods. The capitalist press writes that this "amounts practically to a declaration of economic war." Actually it is a decided step to an open attack on the Soviet Union by the imperialist powers.

### Murder Militant Students in Cuba

Havana, April 14.—Two youths, believed to be the brothers Solon and Antonio Valdes Daussa were taken out to a residential district here today, pushed out of a car and murdered by a group of sharpshooters who had been stationed there. They are said to be sons of Leon Valdes, of the Paymaster Department of the treasury, and were suspected of being active in the revolutionary student's movement.

### Use Anti-Semitism in Imperialist Struggle

Tokyo, Japan, April 14.—A struggle is going on between the General Electric of Japan, owned by Wall Street, and Japanese manufacturers of electrical apparatus. An anti-Jewish campaign has been started by the Japanese capitalists in the struggle against G. E.

### Fascists to End Stahlhelm

Halle,, Germany, April 12.—In order to end the struggle between the Stahlhelm, the gunmen of the Nationalists, and the Nazis, Hitler's gunmen, the fascist regime is planning to put an end to the independent existence of the Stahlhelm by incorporating it in the Nazi forces.

### Hitler Appoints German Prussian Premier

Berlin, April 11.—Chancellor Hitler today appointed Hermann Goering as Prussian Premier as part of the complete control of the state governments by the fascist regime. The appointment of Goering will doubteless sharpen the struggles within the fascist camp between the National Socialists and the Nationalists.

### Jugoslav Sailors Mutiny

Vienna, April 12.—Jugoslav sailors have mutined on warships stationed at Ragusa and Cattaro, according to capitalist press dispatches. This has led to a renewed wave of repression by the Jugoslav royal dictatorship.

### Two Communists Elected in Phillipines

Manila, Phillipines, March 26.—Two Communist candidates have been elected to the Phillipine House of Representatives. This was achieved despite the attempt to surpress the Communist Party.

### Guard Daniels From Demonstrations

Mexico City, April 13.—In order to prevent demonstrations against Josephus Daniels, new U. S. ambassador to Mexico, more than twenty detectives and secret service agents have been assigned by the Mexican government to accompany Daniels. Twenty-four workers have already been arrested in order to prevent any demonstrations.

### Cuban Workers Protest Alabama Legal Lynching

Santiago, Cuba, April 10.—Workers carrying red flags stoned the American Consulate here in a fiery demonstration on behalf of the Scottsboro boys. Leaflets which flooded the city denounced the conviction of Haywood Paterson and demanded the release of the other boys.

### British Officer Convicted of Treason

London, April 13.—Lieut. Norman Baillie-Stewart, of the Seaforth Highlanders has been convicted of selling army secrets to a foreign power. He has been sentenced to discharge from the army and five years penal servitude.

### German and Italian Fascists Confer

Rome, April 13.—Vice Chancellor von Papen and Herman Goering, chief Hitler assistant, have met with Mussolini in order to draw up a program of common action on the question of revision of the Versailles treaty, disarmament, and war debts. It is not known yet just how far the negotiations proceeded. What is certain is that Papen's and Goering's visit indicate a sharpening of the imperialist struggles thruout the world.

### Shipping Falls to Record Low

Shipbuilding in the ten leading countries in the world, with the exception of the Soviet Union fell to the lowest point in fifty years in the first three months of 1933.