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Farmers of Kansas Demand Relief

MASS EVICTION IS BANKERS' PROGRAM

ONLY MASS ACTION CAN RESIST ATTACK OF BLOODHOUND PACK OF SHERIFFS

On April 5th sixty thousand farm families in Mississippi saw their farms sold on the auction block. The lands that were sold had an area of seven million acres, one-fourth of the area of the state, and included twenty per cent of all farms and 12 to 15 per cent of all town property. The state already has more than one million acres acquired at such sales. In another 18 months, with the present rate of "acquisition" it will have three million acres of farmers' lands. Of the land sold on April 5 about 400,000 acres went to the state. The remainder went to insurance companies, loan agencies and mortgage holders. Owners may retain possession of land sold for taxes, however, and have two years in which to redeem it.

The foregoing is the substance of the reports carried by the capitalist press. It is the Plunder and Hunger Program of the Capitalist Class against the toiling farm masses on a scale as yet unknown in the history of capitalist exploitation in the United States.

The capitalist press tries to hide the horror of this mass expropriation with the statement that these oppressed farmers will have a chance to redeem their lands during the next two years. This means that capitalist "justice" and "law and order" decrees that these exploited tens of thousands will have a "chance" during the next two years to rack their bodies and those of their wives and children with the most relentless toil to keep their farms—or to buy them back from the plunder crew which is now in possession of them.

But the state already has one million acres—the lands of tens of thousands of farmers who have "already" been sold out and whose time of redemption is not two years off but one year, or six months, or three months or tomorrow. Tens of thousands facing eviction in addition to those plundered at the sale on April 5. The sale on April 5 was not the last sale but only the beginning of the mass expropriation of the toiling farmers of the South by the Capitalist class, the bankers with the aid of their sheriffs. The capitalist press reports without a quiver on its cynical bloody countenance that the sales will continue uninterruptedly and that the state will not one million acres of farmers' lands but three million acres in another eighteen months.

During the past three years of capitalist crisis the capitalist class has plundered the farm masses to a degree many times more intense than during the ten preceding years of agrarian crisis. The small farmers and croppers of the south, Negro and White, have been exploited to a more frightful degree than in the rest of the country. The bankers and landlords have maintained this oppression thru bloody lynch terror. The "rights" granted to the Whites have been denied the Negro masses—ground under the iron heel of capitalist barbarism.

By these means they have ground billions in profits out of the enslaved Negro masses. The capitalist class cannot now profit as previously out of the toil of these masses. The severity of the crisis is such that it has decreed that the toiling farmers of the south shall pay for the crisis with their very lives. The capitalist system has reached a point where it is no longer able to guarantee the bankers, the mortgage and life insurance companies, and the capitalist state the plunder that they have to this time taken from the masses of small farmers and share croppers.

For two years after their land has been sold these farm masses will be driven, by the doom of eviction onto the barren highways, to such toil and slavery as they have not yet known. For two more years they will slave to remain "owners" of the land on which they are living. But the capitalist class thru its press looks almost two years ahead already.

In another 18 months, with the rate of acquisition INCREASING, the state will have more than three million acres of farmers' lands. The capitalist press admits that during the next eighteen months the expropriation of additional tens of thousands of farmers will take place and at an INCREASED tempo. These are 18 of the twenty-four months during which the farmers whose lands

have already been sold will, according to the capitalist press, have a chance to redeem their lands. The capitalist press thru its admission of an "increasing rate of acquisition" during the next eighteen months tears the veil from its hypocritical statement about the possibility of redemption.

It is expropriation on a mass scale that characterizes the attack of the capitalist class on the toiling farm masses during the present crisis. This is the program that the capitalist class has prepared in the South thru the brutal frame-up of the Scottsboro boys, and thru the murder of the Camp Hill croppers in Alabama last summer. Lynch terror to crush the toiling farm masses into slavish acceptance of hunger and starvation—this is the program of Wall Street.

Of the land sold on April 5th, four hundred thousand acres went to the capitalist state for want of buyers. The remainder—6,600,000 acres—was "bought" by the agencies of Wall Street—by "insurance companies, loan agencies and mortgage holders to PROTECT LOANS."

"To protect loans," to protect the investments thru which the bankers have plundered the toiling farm masses of the south, to protect capitalist plunder and loot, for these reasons the toiling farm masses are being expropriated, are being robbed of their farms and homes. "To protect loans" the Alabama Supreme Court has decreed that the eight Scottsboro boys should burn by the lynch verdict rendered in the frame-up, bloody kangaroo courts of the landlords and the bankers.

"The sales were conducted by 74 sheriffs." This is the capitalist state. These are the slave drivers of the bankers. The masses have been robbed to feed this pack of bloodhounds who have given legal sanction to the bloody lynch terror against the Negro and White masses and who now drive them from their homes.

It is not only against the toiling farmers of the South, the small farmers and the croppers, that the capitalist class is pushing its brutal attack to save its profits. Thruout the entire nation the agents of the bankers are driving forward the attack on the farming masses.

A comrade writes from Negaunee, Michigan as follows: "The farmers (in Menominee county) are compelled to use all income for family necessities, disregarding taxes and mortgages. According to figures submitted by the county treasurer, half the taxes of the county are unpaid. In some townships only 8.5 per cent of the taxes have been paid. A large number of farms will be sold for delinquent taxes this coming month and spring. Also a large number of farmers have been evicted through foreclosures, and many more will be thrown into the large army of unemployed from homes where they have toiled their best manhood days."

The capitalist crisis has left these farmers, like tens of thousands of farmers thruout the rest of the country nothing but mud to provide their families an existence. They have been unable to pay the bankers their interest, and the bankers state its tax plunder. But this interest and these taxes are the life blood of the capitalist class, life blood which they have sucked like leeches from the arteries of the toiling small and middle farmers. The crisis has deprived the small and

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PREVENT AUCTION OF PEASANT FARM IN TYROL, AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Austria, April 2nd.—Yesterday afternoon the property of a peasant in Thaur near Hall in the Tyrol was to have been publicly auctioned in order to secure the payment of overdue taxation. Under the leadership of the local communists large masses of landworkers and peasants appeared and prevented the auction by force. The police were too weak to do anything against the masses. However, later in the day strong reinforcements arrived from Innsbruck and dispersed the demonstrating masses. Three communists were arrested and all communist meetings prohibited. However, the auction was not held. As a result of the mass action there were no buyers.

WESTERN CANADA FARMERS ROBBED BY PLUNDERERS

DELEGATION OF INSURANCE COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES AT SASK. LEGISLATURE

The insurance companies which have plundered tens of thousands of farmers in Canada, as in the United States, are fighting bitterly to keep up their right to exploit the farmers to the last drop. C. M. Bowman, president of the Dominion Mortgage Association, appeared as chief spokesman of a group of mortgage and insurance company representatives from eastern Canada and Manitoba before the debt adjustment committee of the Saskatchewan legislature two weeks ago.

He demanded that the settlements between the destitute farmers and the insurance companies be made on an individual basis, and that no legislative measures be enacted to prevent this. The legislatures would not enact any such legislation and the purpose of Bowman's speech was to prevent untold action on the part of the farmers to the attacks of these looters. He stated that the mortgage holders "appreciate" the position of the farmers in western Canada but have "not lost confidence in the West." They are determined in other words to drive the farmers into utter destitution to protect their loans.

Bowman used the usual hypocritical phrases of the insurance companies about the real investors being policy holders. These huge

COMMISSIONER CARL HANSEN TO REPORT TO THE FARMERS

Farmers' Representatives Will Discuss County and Other Problems Thru the Producers News

Beginning with this issue, Commissioner Carl Hansen will from time to time report to the farmers of the county, thru the Producers News, the actions of the county commissioners. He was elected by the farmers and workers of the county and is representing them on the Board. We had a good chance to witness the actions of the various county commissioners in the successful effort of the farmers of the county, under the leadership of the United Farmers League, to have the county agent fired. Of the three commissioners it was only Carl Hansen, the representative of the farmers, who fought for their interests.

We saw in the county agent fight how the representatives of the capitalist parties act to keep the farmers of the county oppressed and satisfied with the misery of the coming months. During the coming months the leadership of the United Farmers League will have many matters to take up with the county commissioners. Commissioner Hansen will report the actions of the various members of the board to the farmers of the county.

The commissioners' proceedings are supposed to tell the farmers what goes on in the meetings of the county commissioners. What the proceedings omit is probably more important than what they report. It is these important facts about the commissioners' meetings that Carl Hansen will report to the farmers, facts that are of the utmost significance for the lives of the farmers in the county.

Harry Polk's Herald, which has

UFL SUPPORTS COMMUNIST CANDIDATES IN EWING, MINN.

Communist Party Program Calls for Class Struggle Against Oppression and Misery

ROCK, Mich., April 6.—The present Ewing township elections come at a time when the farmers are losing everything they own and are actually facing starvation. The farmers are being crushed by the burden of taxes, mortgages, and other debts, and are constantly getting poorer and desperately in need of IMMEDIATE RELIEF. The unemployed workers, part of the jobless army of 12 million throughout the country, are also in immediate need of relief and are even more in danger of starvation than the small farmers.

The question of ORGANIZING AND FIGHTING FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF is the main election issue before the workers and farmers. The candidates endorsed by the COMMUNIST PARTY are not running as individuals; they are running as representatives of the only political party that fights in the interests of the workers and exploited farmers, the Communist Party.

Our candidates are also endorsed by the United Farmers League, an organization of farmers that fights against high taxes, against foreclosures and for immediate relief.

The election platform of the Communist candidates is the ONLY PLATFORM that shows the farmers how they must organize and fight against present conditions, and the Communist candidates if elected are pledged to fight for the following program:

1. Immediate cancellation of all delinquent taxes for the small farmer by the County and State, and to exempt all small farmers from paying taxes, and to demand from the County and State for a heavy increase in taxation on large corporations, real estate companies, mining companies, banks and rich landlords.

2. Immediate cash relief of not less than \$5.00 per week to be given to all workers and farmers who are in need of relief, the relief fund to be administered by a Board to be elected by the workers and farmers themselves and the fund to be raised in the following manner:

a. The State and National Government to establish this relief fund by loans from the 2 billion dollar fund, by increased taxation on the wealthy interests, and by cancelling all

military expenditures for war purposes.

b. The County and State to cut down expenditures which are used for police forces, national guard, salaries of public officials, and by abolition of such useless offices as the County Agent.

4. No foreclosures or sheriffs sales to be permitted, of farmers property that is delinquent in taxes or debt payments. To declare an indefinite moratorium on all such debts of small farmers.

5. The County and State to provide work for the farmers and the projects like schools, hospitals and libraries, at a rate of wages equal to the union scale through the state. No wage cuts to be permitted on road work, or any other public work.

6. We demand that a bridge be built across the Escanaba River which will conveniently join our Township with the rest of the county. The cost of building the bridge to be carried by the county or state as the funds of the township.

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HUNDREDS ATTEND MASS MEETING OF UFL IN PLENTYWOOD

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT IS BEST SEEN IN LONG TIME IN COUNTY

The general meeting of United Farmers League held Saturday drew a big crowd of farmers, not only from Sheridan county, but many were here from Daniels and Roosevelt counties, as well as from Williams county, North Dakota.

Many more would have come had it not been for the fact that they did not have the price of the gas it would take to get here and back. Gas is quite an item when you take in consideration that it takes five dozen of eggs or two pounds of butter to buy one gallon of gasoline. If you want to fill your car with gas and throw in a few drops of oil, it will cost you the price of 60 dozen eggs, 20 pounds of butter, a good sized hog or calf, 3 to 4 head of sheep or a small load of grain. This one-sided depression kept many of the farmers at home.

The meeting started in the middle of the afternoon with James Ostby of Roosevelt county, as the chairman. Erik Bert, editor of the Producers News, gave a talk on war danger in which he pointed out how another war was being prepared. He showed how troops were concentrating along the Russian border and getting ready to attack the working people's government, whenever the capitalist class found the time ripe to do so. He also pointed out the only reason that had kept the capitalist class from starting the war so far, was that they were not so sure they could get the working people to go out and kill one another again like they did in the last war, and they were a little afraid of handing them the guns, not knowing just what they would do with them after they got them.

Hans Rasmussen gave a report on correspondence he had had with the State Highway Commission and Governor Erickson and a resolution was passed demanding that Federal Aid road work should be given to the county at estimated cost, with the understanding that only local machinery, men and

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SUBSCRIPTIONS IN COUNTY SHOULD BE PAID UP AT ONCE

By HANS RASMUSSEN
After we started the national edition of the Producers News, our local subscribers have taken a rest and very few have paid up their subscription lately. The national edition has been of some help but has also given us much extra expense.

Without our local people meeting their obligations, we can not keep on with the paper. Tons of paper must be bought, some wages and other necessary things paid. We must have money in order to keep it going.

At this end we are skipping along the best we can. It is your paper as well as ours. Pay up your subscription, and pay it now. If you can not pay it all, do the best you can and pay as much as you can.

Every local of the U. F. L. should take this up at their meetings. It is up to all of you to support and protect your own paper, the Producers News.

TOUR OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY WILL BUILD UFL ORGANIZATION

Virginia, Minn., April 8.—The St. Louis County Bureau of the United Farmers League has organized a tour for the St. Louis County organizer of the League, Comrade Tantilla. In every locality the local comrades must arrange for the halls and take care of the advertising. The tour is going to cover the following places:

Suomi April 10; Whiteface the 17th; Kelsey 18th; Meadowlands 19th; Elmer 20th; Toivola 21st; Payne 22; Sax 23; Zim 25th; Little Swan 26th; Forbs 27th; Cotton 28th; Nebraska 29th; Brittmount May 3d; Idington the 4th; Rice River the 5th; Gheen 8th; Willow Valley 9th.

All meetings will be held in the evening at eight o'clock.

CHINESE RED ARMY WINS BIG VICTORY OVER KUOMINTANG

LEAGUE COMMISSION WAS INVESTIGATION OF GROWTH OF SOVIET CHINA

The Chinese Red Army, under Gen. Ho Lung, has won a tremendous victory over Kuomintang troops in Hupeh Province, near Hankow according to dispatch to the New York American. The battle was one of the fiercest in which the Chinese Red Army has engaged to date. It raged for over ten days. The dispatch says:

"Three divisions and two brigades of government troops were reported severely defeated in a battle with the Second and Sixth Communist armies northeast of this city."

A Shanghai dispatch to the New York Times refrains from mention of the victory of the Chinese Red Army but admits that the situation of the Nanking Kuomintang government is becoming increasingly desperate as a result of the growing power of the Chinese Soviet districts and the split among the Kuomintang military lackeys of the various imperialist powers. The dispatch says:

"To the west in Central China, are several Communist governments, the most menacing of which appears to be that of General Ho Lung. General Ho Lung one of the most feared single commanders in China, has 60,000 troops concentrated in Hupeh Province with plenty of arms and ammunition."

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JOE DOLIN REFUSES TO MAKE SETTLEMENT ON OVERCHARGES

After Nine Month of "Negotiations," Bakewell Finds Joes' Bond Does Not Cover Theft

(By CARL HANSEN)

During the past nine months considerable time has been spent by the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan county trying to get a settlement with Joe Dolin on his printing claims, which were paid him by the county during the two year period, in which he had the printing contract, just prior to when the Plentywood Herald got it. In fact, Dolin during this time became a close second to Albert Foley in wasting the time of the board. I use the word wasting advisedly, because at present it appears, that all of the conferences held with him and the committee appointed to look into said printing claims are a total loss of time.

During June, 1931, Bartley Bowler appeared in Sheridan county from Scooby, for the purpose of spreading propaganda against the Medicine Lake Wave and Joe Dolin in order that he might obtain the county printing for his own paper, the Plentywood Herald. How well he succeeded we all know now. Bowler met with the Taxpayers Association and showed them all there is to know about figuring printing claims.

This only tongued person, who is just as slippery as Dolin, convinced the Taxpayers Association members, that Dolin's way of figuring printing was all wrong, and so on July, 1931, when the State Examiners arrived and found an overcharge on one of Dolin's claims, it was like pouring gasoline on a fire. The Taxpayers Association then offered to go thru all of Dolin's claims to find out just how strong he had gone into the county's cash box. Sometime during the fall, Dolin and Syverud, the Secretary of the Taxpayers Association, met with the commissioners to figure some of the claims, which according to Syverud's way of figuring had been over-

MASS SOLIDARITY PREVENTS ATTACK BY SHERIFFS, COPS

City of Girard Unable to Feed Hunger Marchers, Hires Special Force of Police Thugs

March Is Big Step Forward In Breaking Down Vicious Race Prejudice

GIRARD, Kansas, April 5.—Over 150 marchers and 2,000 spectators participated in the Crawford County Hunger March on April 4. The spirit of SOLIDARITY was so great that the special police (who had been hired by the City Officials who claimed they had no money to care for the Marchers overnight, but were able to find \$75.00 for extra police to intimidate the workers and farmers) did not dare arrest one of the speakers when he was telling the workers and farmers how in past struggles the Negroes were used against the white workers and the white workers against the Negro workers. This so exposes the treachery of the ruling class and their watch-dogs that the County Sheriff, while he did not dare arrest the speaker, protested by saying that the speaker should not expose these crimes of the bosses. When the speaker stopped long enough to say that it was the truth and that the Sheriff knew it, Sheriff Robertson closed up like a clam.

FARMERS DEMAND COUNTY DO ROAD WORK THIS SUMMER

GOVERNOR ERICKSON SAYS HE WILL TAKE MATTER UP WITH COMMISSION

Last week we wrote another letter to our State Highway Commission in which we insisted that Federal Aid road work be done by counties instead of by private contractors, the same as has been done in the State of South Dakota. Another letter was written to Governor Erickson asking for his cooperation in this matter.

We are informed by the Highway Commission that:

G. N. Ry. Would Discontinue Station at Madoc

Helena, April 12.—Hearing on the petition of the Great Northern railway to discontinue its agency at Madoc, in Daniels County, and to employ a custodian at that place will be held there April 20, the Montana railroad commission said today.

First, it proved to the workers and farmers who participated in the March, under the leadership of the Unemployed Council and the Communist Party, that, unlike their previous experiences in marches of Alex Horvat fame, perfect order and self-imposed discipline are absolutely necessary to gain their demands it is necessary to increase their strength thru organization.

To those who did not participate in the March, but were there to learn, as was shown by the unanimous endorsement of every word the six speakers said, and by their unanimous endorsement of the Workers National Unemployment Insurance Bill immediately after the grafting politicians had refused to endorse the same—to those, it exposed the lies spread by the supporters of Capitalism who were fearful that the March would prove successful, and did everything in their power to stir up trouble and confusion in the minds of the workers and farmers. This bunch of parasites went to great pains to spread the rumormongers that it would be a mob, and advised the local merchants of Girard to close shop on April 4th. They stated that if storekeepers kept their stores open they would be raided; and that workers and farmers who did not want to get into trouble had best stay home.

It proved to the above mentioned gentlemen that the toilers of Crawford County would not lie down and starve in silence for committing the crime of producing too much of the good things of life.

There is one other thing which the Hunger March proved to those present—that is, that the Communists are the most fearless and outspoken in the exposure of capitalism and the capitalist politicians, and that the Communist party is the only political party that leads the fight for the every day burning demands of the toiling masses.

The toilers of Kansas, with the rest of the American working class, are completely disgusted with the present system of robbery; that leadership is and must be the COMMUNIST PARTY.

On Saturday, April 16, the Navajo Youth Section of the U. F. L. are staging a play at the Farmer-Labor Temple, which they call "Farmers Problems and the Remedy." This is entirely a home production, made up by the Navajo people themselves. It is reported to be the best of its kind ever shown in this part of the land. Let us pack the Temple on the 16th and enjoy not only the play but also the big dance afterwards.

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NAVAJO FARMERS' PLAY, APRIL 23 IN PLENTYWOOD

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FARMERS CORRESPONDENCE WHAT, WHY AND HOW

A comrade from North Dakota writes us as follows: "The Producers News is fine but there is not enough of local news in it. More farmers' letters would make it more interesting to the farmers to read. That is the only criticism I have." While we think there are other features of the paper that could be criticized, we agree with this comrade that the chief criticism of the paper is the insufficiency of farmers' correspondence.

What is farmers' correspondence, what is its importance and how can we get it?

We just want to know, all of us, what the conditions are under which our fellow farmers are living in all parts of the country.

The content of farmers' correspondence is so simple that it is hard to explain. It is just a simple sketch of the life of the individual farmer. Seeding time is here. We want to know how the farmers in the various communities are getting their seed. Did they have enough left over from the harvest last year to buy oil and gas for their tractors. In what sort of condition is the stock. Did you make your last tax payment. How many other farmers in your township or county have not paid their taxes. How many foreclosures have there been, and how many sheriff's sales. What has the Farmers Union or the Grange been doing in your territory. What do they tell the farmers about the way out of this misery. What are the price of milk, eggs, butterfat, cord-wood, etc., in your territory. What do the farmers think about the Wall Street-Hoover government, about the Democratic party, about the Farmer-Labor party, the Socialist party, the Liberty party, and other third, fourth and fifth parties of capitalism. Do they know that the Communist Party is the only party of the working masses. Are there any

Federal Land Bank loans in your territory. What is the land bank doing to collect its loans from the destitute farmers. Have there been any attempts to organize the farmers for militant action in defense of their farms and homes.

These are just a few. The answers to these and similar questions reveal the conditions of the farmers throughout the country.

Why is this farmers' correspondence of the greatest importance to the development of the organized struggle of the farm masses? It will show the farmers throughout the country that the conditions under which they are suffering are not confined to their little neighborhood but are country-wide. It will show them this in the language of their fellow farmers, with such specific details that will impress itself indelibly on their minds and will convince them that united action is the only solution for the farm masses. These farmers will see in the Producers News that other farmers living under the same miserable conditions as themselves are organizing to repel the attacks of the capitalist class thru mass action.

"More farmers letters in it would make it more interesting to the farmer to read." This is what the capitalist press, the farm press in particular hides from the farm masses—news of the wretched conditions of their fellow farmers throughout the country. They hide this news because they know that if it is spread it will mean organized resistance of the farm masses to the miserable conditions the crisis has intensified and the class that is responsible for it. It is this news that we must spread, to rouse the small and middle farmers for struggle. We can get this news ONLY thru farmers' correspondence.

We call on all of our readers to send us this news about their local conditions. It doesn't have to be long—if you don't want, and as for grammar, punctuation and such like details, why that's what an editorial office is for anyway. Lots of our readers have worked hard for subs and the Doings of the Advance Guard show the good results. We suggest to these comrades who have been first in the subscription drive that they send us in the news of their neighborhoods. They have shown what can be done for subs and they can show what can be done for farmers' correspondence.

The main basis of the farmers' correspondence should be the United Farmers League locals. Many locals have already appointed secretaries who tell us what is going on in their communities. That must be spread to every local. In addition to this, each United Farmers League local has the task of building up around it a group of farmers who will write regularly for the Producers News. They need not be members of the United Farmers League, in fact we must try to get as many non-members as possible actively engaged in this farmers' correspondence. They will see by this that the United Farmers League is the only organization that is interested in their every day conditions. The reporting of this news in the Producers News will also show the farmers in the particular community and in many other communities that the United Farmers League will lead them in the struggle against the intensified exploitation that the capitalist crisis has brought with it for the small and middle farmers.

Doings of the Advance Guard

Another week has gone by. Somebody has been resting up a bit and the result has not been so good, but they are all ready to go again. We are getting letters from many parts of the country, telling how they are going to put on organization and subscription drives, bigger and better than ever.

Spring is here and with it come hopes of big crops, better prices and better conditions for the farmers. Don't fool yourselves—Down in the State of Mississippi sixty thousand farms were sold for taxes lately, one-fourth of the land in the state.

The farmers in all other states are not any better off. They are facing the very same thing. The law, made by somebody else, is not protecting the farmer. The only way the farmer will ever get protection is by organizing and protesting in mass. Wherever we are doing that, we are getting results. But the farmers must have their own paper so they can see what other farmers are doing. The Producers News is their paper.

E. F. Lowell, Long Island City, N. Y., sends us a dollar to pay for the subscription for an Arkansas farmer. We want more to do as he is doing. This Arkansas farmer did not know there was a farmers' paper called Producers News. He might never have found it out, had it not been for the man living in Long Island. Now the farmers in that part of Arkansas have something to talk about. They have the paper.

Jack Meadows, Negamie, Mich., wants to know the price of 150 copies. They have a good local story and want the farmers to read it—something in that line should be done in other communities from which we get interesting articles. It is always easier to create interest for the paper if you have some local articles in it. But you should order the papers when you send us the article, we often run out of back copies.

Stanford Altpeter, Hillsboro, N. H., sends us ten copies of back issues.

John M. Marshall, Leetonia, O., is on a speaking tour and sends us six subs.

Bruce N. Taylor, Palisade, Minn., sends in a sub renewal.

Frank Standinger, Tamarack, Minn., sends two subs.

O. M. Torgerson, Bainville, Mont., subscribes.

Frank Martinichet, Custer, Mich., sends stamps for copies of paper.

Arthur Kutsi, Angora, Minn., sends in two subs.

Will Be on the Go
Johnnie Klorstad, Williston, N. Dak., sends in four subs and writes: "We shall be on the go from now on getting subs. All readers are real boosters too. When they have read a couple of times they won't be without it if it takes their last cent. We'll be fighting and carrying on the work to our best ability. Your paper is getting better every week."

Richard Koski, Richwood, Minn., sends one sub.

Louis Wallin, Van Hook, N. D., sends along two new subs and one renewal.

Dwight John, Wolf Point, Mont., subscribes.

HARD AT IT AGAIN
P. F. Barrett, Sanish, North Dakota sends us eight more subs. He orders more receipt books and is going after it full force.

Fred Fonder, Ladysmith, Wis., subscribes for one year.

Steve Kochis, Calhan, Col., pays for his subscription and orders a bundle.

Sophie Mutanen, Hurley, Wis., sends us two more subs.

Gabriel Viger, Eveleth, Minn., orders a receipt book.

Eino Hill, Oakes, N. D., writes for sample copies and says: "I would like to get some subscriptions among the farmers here."

A. Schlemmer, Chicago City.

gainst this frightful attack on the lives of tens of thousands of farmers in Mississippi and hundreds of thousands more throughout the country only one power is effective—the massed resistance of the small and middle farmers to sheriffs' sales and to evictions. Sheriffs' sales and evictions can be stayed by the united resistance of the toiling farm masses. This is the only way in which they can be stayed. The capitalist demagogues in Congress and in the state legislatures talk about "farm relief," about refinancing at lower interest rates for the farmers, while the agents of the bankers in the taxpayers associations talk about tax relief, and while the small and middle farmers continue to be plundered and robbed of their lands.

Refusal to pay taxes until tax relief is given the toiling farm masses is the only way in which tax relief can be won. Exemption of taxes for small farmers, lowering of taxes for middle farmers, increased taxes for the rich! Cancellation of all delinquent taxes for the small and middle farmers! Prevent tax sales and seizures by mass action! Mass action in the struggle against the capitalist class! This is our power, the power by which we can repel the brutal attacks of the plunderers who would coin our life blood and that of our children into million more profits to make us bear the burden of their crisis.

Build the massed organized resistance of the toiling farm masses. Build Committees of Action in every farm community for militant struggle for our every day needs and demands. Join the United Farmers League. Spread the militant word of the toiling farm masses into every farming community—BUILD A MASS CIRCULATION FOR THE PRODUCERS NEWS.

FARMERS MUST ORGANIZE FOR ACTION IN TOWN MEETINGS

By DOUGLAS HOPE

Ashland, Mass. March 27.—The writer has just attended the town meeting held at Hopkinton, Mass. Hopkinton is noted for its political machine, which, like Tammany Hall, revolves around the Roman Church, and it offers several lessons for the farmers in the conduct of meetings.

A few days before the annual meetings held in New England towns the town report is distributed. This is a detailed report and it enables the farmers to determine beforehand where the money of the town is going. In Hopkinton, for instance, one has only to run thru the list of salary items and look for expenditures of \$1000 or more, and he will find that one of the Terry family is recipient, without a single exception. The brother of the road commissioner made approximately \$10,000 off the town last year.

Farmers should plan a meeting immediately that these town reports appear. They should study these reports before this meeting so that grievances may be brought up and a program of action prepared. The program should include the appointing of speakers to take up specific items. Each of these speakers should be supported by other speakers so that the demands of the small farmers can be built up to a climax and

timony that since 1919 the insurance companies engaged in the most intense competition to force the farmers of the west to take loans. He admitted, further, that the insurance companies had used all means in their power to discourage the farmer from repaying his loans even when he could. The plundering of the farm masses of the west was so profitable that the insurance companies forced them to maintain their debt burdens and to increase them.

The representatives of the insurance companies stated, when asked, that a lower rate of interest was not possible. This will satisfy the Saskatchewan legislature. The delegation of plunderers' representatives included the following:

Robert Henderson, Superintendent of Investments, Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation, Toronto; S. E. Cork, Confederation Life Assurance Co., Toronto; R. Charles Young, Trust and Loan Company, Montreal; J. G. Gunn, National Trust, Montreal; H. R. McConnell, Canada Life Company, Regina.

pushed thru. It is quite needless to state that the farmers must co-operate with the workers in the towns in these matters. If possible, workers must be present in the preliminary meeting in which plans are made, and they must have a part in the program of action.

The political machine of Hopkinton revealed the effectiveness of organization. Four men (including the moderator) railroaded items thru the meeting in a way that one cannot help but admit was efficiency itself.

The wealth of the town (Hopkinton is a town of private estates and bourgeois commuters) arrived early. They filled the seats and the moderator ruled that all left standing could not vote. So well is the machine organized and so powerful is it that no one made any objection. Most of those standing were workers in the town who are afraid either of their jobs or of the displeasure of the church.

The hypocrisy of the town politicians was revealed when the matter of their salaries came up. The appropriations committee had recommended a cut of ten per cent. The salary items were at the head of the list, so were considered first. With the help of the moderator, these politicians railroaded thru a return to last year's figures before the audience knew what it was all about. Then the town treasurer, a cheap state politician, got up and stated that the town was broke and must save money, so why not take it off the appropriations for salaries of school teachers. (School teachers have already had to pass up several weeks' salary.)

It is important to learn, however, that in these meetings the farmers and workers should be prepared for dozens of tricks like this. If possible they should move that items of vital importance to their welfare be considered early in the meeting. This insures these items a greater chance of getting passed. Items against which the farmers have a grudge should be moved to a place late in the program of business. In this way, funds which are available can be appropriated for desirable items; and shortages will fall upon the items supported by the politicians.

The farmer and the worker must learn to take control of such meetings as this. We must learn even from our enemies, the capitalist politicians. We must be at least one think ahead of them.

YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE UNIT FORMED AT POWERS LAKE

Powers Lake, N. D., April 7.—A Young Communist League unit was organized at Powers Lake, N. D., at that meeting.

Comrade Little John from Bel-den was here to organize the unit. H gave a brief talk on the Y. C. L. and why the working class youth should join the only working class youth organization.

We know that we should do our utmost to double the membership of the Y. C. L. and we will in this unit!

Our plan of action at present is to bring a new member each to our next meeting, which will be the 15th of April.

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Oyens, Iowa.

CORBIN, MINN., U.F.L. LEADS FARMERS IN REAL STRUGGLES

(By J. K.)

Corbin, Minn., April 6.—The farmers at Corbin are starting to awake from the lethargy of inactivity, to which they have been lulled by the fallacious promises of the capitalistic politicians. They are beginning to get their eyes open, and see the necessity of organizing.

A United Farmers League local was organized here some time ago when a few farmers joined. Now we have almost fifty members, although the local Stuart Murray's political boss has done his utmost to prevent the formation and growth of the U.F.L. He has done his damndest to spread stories, propaganda and vicious lies about the U. F. L.

About a month ago we had a meeting at the Corbin Workers' hall in which a resolution was drafted and adopted, to demand relief from the county and road work. A committee was selected to go and present the resolution to the County Board of Commissioners meeting. But, when the resolution was read by the chairman of the county board, the atmosphere got so hot for our Commissioner Mr. Murray that he left his chair and went. He did not dare to come back till an hour after the committee had their say so.

The resolution was referred to Mr. Murray so we didn't have much hope for results. He sent his overseer to interview us and the requested work was begun. The results obtained by the U. F. L. has awakened keen interest and enthusiasm even in those poor farmers who have been so dominated by a fear of the politicians that they did not dare to attend meetings of the U. F. L.

This is just the beginning. The League had a meeting again at our Workers' hall last Sunday afternoon, in which another resolution was drafted containing demands that the county hire only farmers' teams and trucks for road work, and that work be started on new roads real soon. On one particular road or proposed road the farmers have been living for thirty years without a road. Just a trail through the woods. Another farmer has to take his children with a jumper for two miles through the woods to the road where they went for the school bus. Our demands are so small and reasonable that we expect the county to give them all the necessary consideration and it

shouldn't get so hot for Mr. Murray to go out to cool himself, but we shall see.

The county agent out here has been getting busy. He is organizing some calf clubs, etc. Perhaps he is beginning to feel the precariousness of his position and wants to make some efforts to make himself appear necessary. I was at one of his meetings Monday night and it seems to me that he only succeeds in making himself appear very ridiculous. Just a word of his. He said, "there are thousands of people coming to the country from the cities. They get a few chickens, a cow or so. That makes so many more pounds of butter and eggs for the market that it cuts down the prices of farm produce. So the farmer must sell at lower prices, and in order to be able to sell at low

price, the farmers must get rid of all their scrub cows because they are not worth two cents at St. Paul market, and get more and better purebred stock. The farmers must raise more crops per acre, etc."

To me such advice is preposterous and inconsistent. The farmers are paying for such humbug with their tax dollar, only they will not continue it always. They are starting to see thru it.

The U. F. L. will have a social at the Corbin Workers' hall on the evening of the 24th, which will be a splendid occasion for new members to join and have a good time together with the old ones.

There will also be two speakers who will tell about the U. F. L. and its work of helping the toiling farmers in their battle for existence.

Mass Eviction

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middle farmers of all life blood except that which permits them to drag out their existence. It is this that the capitalist leeches now hunger for.

When the life of the toiling farm masses and the profits of the capitalist class come in conflict, when out of the racking toll of the small and middle farmers there is no longer enough to grant their families a decent living, let alone pay the robber demands of the bankers and their state, then the capitalist class decrees that the lives of the small and middle farmers shall be sacrificed to capitalist greed.

The entire history of agriculture under capitalism has been one of increasing debt burdens through which the capitalist class has taken an ever greater toll from the sweat and toil of the farm masses. Thousands of toiling farmers have been robbed of their homes and land and driven into slavery as tenants. The increased debt burden of the farmers who still own their land has meant that the capitalist class was robbing them of an increasing share of their toil, that while they were legally the "owners" of their land they were actually being robbed of it. The last stage of the looting of the capitalist class on the farms has been robbing the farmers of even the judicial fiction of "ownership." The capitalist class which has been robbing them under the legal means of increasing mortgage

debts hung around their necks is now resorting to open and unceasing expropriation.

The mass auction sales of 60,000 farmers' homes and lands in Mississippi on April 5 mark a new stage in the attack on the toiling farm masses. They mark it in tax deeds stacked mountain high, a symbol of the oppression and unrelenting exploitation that is capitalism, a message from the bankers written in sweat and blood of the farm masses and stating that to protect the investments of the bankers and to continue the exploitation which they represent the farm masses must be expropriated, robbed of their last possessions, left homeless and penniless, so that they will become tenants. In this reckoning of the bankers who become tenants will be fortunate, for the rest there is starvation in the great army of unemployed in the cities.

But there is another reckoning—the reckoning of the toiling farm masses, organized for militant struggle. This is the power that the bankers have not reckoned with—it is a power that they must be faced with, amazingly, if the farm masses are to protect their very existences.

The program of the capitalist class is clear. It is the robbing of tens of thousands of farmers of their land by 74 sheriffs on April 5th in Mississippi. It is a program of unqualified plunder and pillage. But the bankers have reckoned without their slaves. A

CHINESE RED

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of ammunition, with the avowed intention of overthrowing the Nanking Government."

The dispatch admits that the League commission on its recent visit to Hankow spent most of its time investigating the growth of the power of the Chinese Red Army and the revolutionary worker-peasant masses in the emancipated Chinese Soviet Districts. The presence of the League Commission at Hankow further exposes the role of the League of Nations in preparing the present Japanese attack on China and developing the plans of the imperialists for armed intervention against the Soviet Union.

Direct armed intervention by the United States imperialists against the growing power of the Chinese Soviet districts was openly threatened yesterday by the Shanghai Evening Post, an American-owned newspaper published in Shanghai, South China. The paper admitted that the United States has been forced to negotiate with the Chinese Soviet Government of the Hoan-Anhui-Hupoh districts for the release of two Americans. The two Americans are Captain Charles Baker who was caught transporting munitions to the Nanking troops, and the Rev. Bert Nelson, one of the missionary agents of United States imperialism in China.

WESTERN CANADA

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insurance companies have plundered not only the farmers thru exorbitant interest rates but the policy holders whom they now use as a screen for their attack on the farm masses.

Bowman used the report of the debt adjustment commissioner of Manitoba as a basis for the lie that high interest rates were not an important factor in the wretched conditions of the farm masses at the present time. He admitted that the loans to farmers in the western part of Canada had been made at eight per cent interest rates.

This plundering he tried to cover up by the statement that these loans had not returned the insurance companies as much as loans at much lower rates in the eastern part of the Dominion. This was shown to be a lie by his own testimony that since 1919 the insurance companies engaged in the most intense competition to force the farmers of the west to take loans. He admitted, further, that the insurance companies had used all means in their power to discourage the farmer from repaying his loans even when he could. The plundering of the farm masses of the west was so profitable that the insurance companies forced them to maintain their debt burdens and to increase them.



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Pioneer Corner - Youth Section - Labor Sports

ELECT COMMITTEE TO START COUNTER OLYMPIC CAMPAIGN

TRACK MEET AND PROGRAM WELL ATTENDED BY WORKERS

N. Y. Mills, Minn., April 2—The Counter-Olympic Conference and the Sub-District track meet was held at the Heinola Hall on Sunday, March 27.

The conference started at 10:30 A. M. There were delegates from Menasha, Sebeka, Richwood and Heinola. A committee was elected to start the Counter-Olympic campaign. The conference was successful in every way.

The track meet started at 12:30 P. M.

The results were as follows. Junior boys high jump: Victor Lind and Orville Fraki tied for first place—4 ft. 6 in. Milton Makinen, 2nd—4 ft. 4 in. Elmore Makinen, 3rd, 4 ft. 3 in.

Senior boys standing high jump: 1st place, Harold Mattson—4 ft. 4 in. 2nd place, Rufus Fraki—3 ft. 3 in. 3rd place, Oscar Widell, 4 ft. 5 in.

Senior boys standing broad jump: 1st place, Harold Mattson—8 ft. 9 in. 2nd place, Rufus Fraki—8 ft. 6 in. 3rd place, Oscar Widell—8 ft. 5 in.

After the track meet there was a basketball game between the Heinola and the Sebeka L. S. U. second teams. The scores were 9 to 12 in favor of Heinola.

At 7:30 in the evening there was a basketball game between the Heinola and the Sebeka first teams. The score was 42 to 16 in favor of Heinola team. The Heinola team will play at the basketball tournament at Superior on April 23rd.

After the game, there was a program of music and group athletics on the mat and the high bar.

The track meet in the afternoon and the program in the evening was well attended which shows that the parents in this community are anxious to have their children take part in workers sports.

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THEY BURN CHILDREN IN ALABAMA

by HAP
Nine working children rode away To hunt for work and better pay In Alabama!

The bosses brought their lynx-law down,
"We'll burn you workers black and brown In Alabama!"

They burn children in Alabama! Children of the workingclass. They burn children in Alabama! Children of the workingclass.

They kill with the faggot, they kill with the flame,
They lynch with the law to bless their shame!

The knife cuts deep, the rope chokes tight,
The flames eat the body in the hungry night,

And the children die! Don't let them die!
While the bosses dance beneath the sky

And laugh . . . laugh . . . laugh loud and high!

They burn children in Alabama! Children of the workingclass. They burn children in Alabama! Children of the workingclass.

Workers, don't let the lynchers pass!

Thousands of Workers Discharged in Railroad Equipment Industry

Only 21 men were employed in the manufacture of locomotives in January to each 100 so employed in 1926, according to the U. S. Department of Labor. Only \$17.40 was paid in wages to these workers for each \$100 paid in 1926.

In the manufacture of cars for electric and steam railroads, employment in January was 17.5% of normal, and only \$10.30 was paid in wages for every \$100 paid each month in 1926. Payrolls in railroad repair shops were 44.4% of normal and employment 51.5%.

BACK TO THE LAND MOVEMENT SOURCE OF BANKERS' LOOT

DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE HOLDS CONFERENCE TO HIDE ROBBERY

The Department of Agriculture has been forced to admit indirectly that the back-to-the-land movement about which it has brayed so vigorously is just another source of plunder for the capitalist class.

In order to make these masses think that the Hoover Hunger government was doing something for them the concluding sessions of the four-day conference of the National Land Use Planning Committee held at the Department of Agriculture recently were devoted to providing "safeguards" that will prevent exploitation of those who are now going back to the land, and that will prevent the creation of new land use problems.

The committee discovered that those who are moving back to the land comprise three groups.

"In the first group are those who left the farm a few years ago and are now returning to a place of refuge, usually with their relatives. In the second group are those going back to the land simply to obtain food and shelter, and who are renting and cropping from any land owners willing to give them a chance. The third group includes those who have enough money to make a small down payment on a farm."

The solution of the land use problem according to the conclusions arrived at by the conference revolved around the question of taxation. This would involve tax reduction on the land, tax reduction for the small and middle farmers. It would also mean that Federal and state "governments would have to get more of their revenue from other sources."

This means that the solution of the land problem which these capitalist economists and writers brot forward would mean a reduction of taxes for this section of the tolling farm masses. This is the solution these office boys of Wall Street offer to their masters.

"Sam H. Thompson, member of the Federal Farm Board, John H. Guill, of the Federal Farm Loan Board, and Nils A. Olsen, Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture, acting as a subcommittee, presented a tentative program for the more orderly disposal of foreclosed land."

"They were instructed to confer with institutions holding these lands, with prospective land buyers and others interested. The desirability of helping dispossessed farmers make a fresh start on a sound economic basis was emphasized."

The program of these bankers agents is not to aid the tolling farm masses, to prevent them from losing their lands, but to provide "more orderly disposal of this foreclosed land." They are supposed to act as real estate agents between the capitalists holding the land and those whom the capitalist class would like to exploit. "The sound economic basis" on which these farmers will make a new

WORKERS' CHILDREN SUMMER TRAINING CAMPS ON MESABA RANGE WILL START ON JUNE 13

The first meeting of the Mesaba Range Workers' Children Summer Training Camp Committee was held at the Rona Hall, Virginia, Minn., on April 5. The following preparatory decisions were passed:

The Workers' Children's Summer Training Camps, which will be held at the Mesaba Park, will begin on Monday, June 13, and it is requested that all children be at the Park on Sunday, June 12, 1932. The age limit of the students this summer will be from 10 to 16 years, inclusive. The Camps will be able to accommodate between 40 and 50 children at one time, the sessions being two weeks each. The children from the farming localities will be taken in first, and from the cities, last. The cost per child will be \$5.00 which can be paid all in cash, or \$3.00 cash and \$2.00 worth of food, groceries, etc.

The permanent Secretary for this summer's camps will be: Alf Hagg, 220, 2nd St. North, Virginia, Minn., from whom you can get further information regarding the camps, and the Treasurer will be: Katherine Shady, 220 2nd St. North, Virginia, Minn., to whom all finances can be sent.

This year's aim will be to get as many non-Pioneers, workers' children, and non-Finnish elements as possible, into these camps, so that after the camps are over, we will be able to build bigger and better Pioneer groups throughout the Mesaba Range. Application blanks for the children will be sent out to the Women's Councils and Y. C. L's throughout the Range, from whom they can be gotten, in the near future. The children should take with them, to the camps, blankets, pillows, and one change of clothing, and a bathing suit, tooth brush, etc.

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BUILD THE COUNTER OLYMPIC UNITED FRONT CAMPAIGN

Comrades! The Counter-Olympic campaign has not begun as it should. The first stage of the campaign, the organization of a strong united front, and the Tom Mooney Street Runs have not been carried out as they should have been. This is partly the fault of the district.

Remember, our task is to initiate a strong united front composed of all working class organizations and as many other sports organizations etc. as we can get to support the campaign. The Labor Sports Union must begin that campaign. It has the responsibility of forming the United Front. Every club must approach sports organizations to join the campaign. Send your delegate to the meetings of the organization. Appeal to them to send members to take part in the Counter-Olympic Campaign Committee.

Individual members of sports clubs and any worker or athlete who is interested in the struggle against the bosses' Olympics is welcome to join these C-O committees.

A very important part of the campaign and a part that must be carried on regularly from now on until the International Workers Athletic Meet is regular sports activity. This is a sports campaign. Therefore place the main emphasis on sports, on working class sports as opposed to bosses sports.

This means more meets should be held. Every club can and should organize sports programs, meets, games, etc. These are our basis for reaching new elements and widening the C-O campaign. Our program should consist mainly of OPEN MEETS. By that we mean meets to which we invite all our opponents and sympathizers. The only requirements of entrance is willingness to compete as a workers sportsman in a workers meet that is against the bosses' Olympics and for mass sports.

YOUNG WORKER TELLS HOW SOCIALISM IS BEING BUILT IN SOVIET KARELIA

The following letter from a Soviet Karelia is from a young Comrade, twenty-five years old. The magnificent progress in the Soviet Union which is reflected in this enthusiasm stands in sharp contrast to the decay of capitalism which we see about us.—Editor.

PETROZAVODSK, March 8.—Dear Comrade: A word from the Soviet Union, which should be recognized by the proletariat of the world as their fatherland.

In my short sojourn here I have seen such a vast difference between the capitalist system and the communist system that my enthusiasm knows no bounds. A person sure notices the difference between here and there immediately on reaching a Russian port. I left a country of old men and despair, I landed into a country of youth and hope in the future.

I landed in Leningrad. The first thing that attracted my attention was the lumber, piles, piles and more piles. A person wonders where it all goes too. Boats of many different lands were loading and unloading cargoes.

In the city itself construction work of all kinds was going on night and day. You may compare Russia to a bee hive and just as busy.

The Soviet government has been in existence fourteen years. It is marvelous to think of what has been accomplished in that time, what it has taken other countries decades to accomplish. The Russian people are going right to the top of the heap and there is no doubt about this.

There is work here for everyone and room for thousands of others. No excuse for a person not being able to support himself. He has every opportunity in the world to make a useful citizen of himself.

Here Comrade Deb's favorite words come true. He said, "I don't want to rise from the ranks, but with the ranks." Your success depends on the progress made by all. It takes the combined efforts of all to make this thing go. No individualism here.

Of course one cannot expect a Utopia or a paradise here. Far from it. We are just building communism here. Despite the many efforts of our enemies to put a wrench into the machine, we will succeed. This is no country for a person who thinks he is coming to a rest home. To be a true proletarian here you have to be willing to work, work and more work.

Don't listen to what you hear over the radio or read in the newspapers about Russia. It is all propaganda. I thought so when I was over there and now I know so.

The food over here is plain but nourishing. A person receives good wholesome food three times a day. Cereals, meats, vegetables, bread and plain deserts are our fare. Contrary to what you hear over there, we even receive butter. Any person here not expecting John D. Rockefeller banquets, ought to be satisfied here.

I am doing mechanical drawing in the central garage here. I work five days a week—on the sixth day I rest. The hours of work are from nine to four. This program is only temporary to help fulfill the five-year plan. Then we go back to the five-day week. No boss here to yell hurry up here all the time. It is up to you to get your work done. You're part of the big cog here.

Our peace policy is sincere. We have only a defensive army. We don't want war but we are always ready. Why don't we want war? Because the armies of the capitalists are made up of workmen. We are an entire nation of workmen. We don't want to slaughter other workmen. I hope that in case of an attack on the Soviet Union the proletariat of the world will remember "Proletariat of the world unite."

Comradely yours
HEIMO NYLANDER.
U. S. S. R. Soviet Karelia
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Petrozavodsk

GET OUT YOUR GLOVES, BATS AND BALLS AND BUILD THE LSU BASEBALL TEAMS

With the coming of the spring comes also the baseball season. Baseball is the national sport of the United States and therefore naturally it is exploited by millionaire grafters who pad their own pockets with huge profits. Every season millions of dollars are paid for admission to baseball games. Some players are highly paid during their prime, usually four or five years, and then they are thrown on the scrap heap. Many of them having never gone to school or studied any trade are unprepared for any other career. Even the former college players who have turned pro find after they no longer bring in results they are turned loose to take care of themselves the best they can. Digging ditches, if they are fortunate enough to get even that, is their reward for the strenuous work they have done to enrich others who did nothing.

As long as baseball continues to be popular, so long will it be another profit-making scheme for the few who handle the reins. The Labor Sports Union too must organize and play this highly popular sport. It will be a means of attracting youth to our organization. Our baseball playing must not be limited to those few who already know how to play the game well but must be a training camp for raw recruits, or rookies. Working class sport must never be left to the few but must take on a mass character. Every worker or sportsman, man, woman and child, must be drawn into the ranks of the LSU baseball leagues. This summer an attempt will be made to organize leagues covering our entire district. Clubs must

already begin making plans for a great season. Let us see twice as many teams on the field this summer as last summer. Make our LSU baseball leagues something that everyone knows about and that will attract other teams into becoming members. All teams will greatly facilitate work by reporting regularly to the district on their activity with regard to baseball. All questions will be cheerfully answered to the best of our knowledge. Send all communications to: Baseball Committee, Midwest Dist. LSU, Box 553, Superior, Wis.

PREPARE FOR THE MIDWEST DISTRICT L.S.U. CONVENTION

The next District Convention of the LSU will be held at Superior on April 23rd. This will be a historic convention. It will be one of tremendous significance to the worker sportsmen in the Midwest. From the Convention we must go back to the clubs with a clear idea of what is our main task in the coming season and how it is to be carried out.

Out of the convention we must get a clear line of activity on the sports field for the coming year. A stronger leadership for the District must be established in the Convention.

Our problems, shortcomings and tasks must be discussed here in the light of self-criticism. If we come prepared to the convention to take up these tasks then we will be assured of a successful convention. Begin the Pre-Convention discussion now in every club. Get every member to discuss.

unconditional release for these victims of class justice.

Flaxton, N. Dak., April 7.—An Anti-War demonstration was held in the Larson Hall on April 6 with about 150 people present. Comrade Frank Witty acted as chairman. Mabel Husa spoke on behalf of the Young Communist League, Fletcher Ingerson on behalf of the United Farmers League, and Russell Jensen.

Lewis Newgard gave a very fine talk on Christianity and War. Comrade E. J. Marks, who spoke for the Communist Party, pointed out the danger of war at the present time. He told the audience that anyone who believed in killing the workers across the pond should be shoved into the front line trenches and used for cannon fodder. The Young Communist League members sang some of their songs.

FARMERS PROTEST WAR PREPARATIONS

DEMAND SCOTTSBORO BOYS BE RELEASED AT ONCE

Williston, N. Dak., April 7.—Anti-war meetings were held in Williston, April 6, in the open air in the afternoon and in the court house in the evening, which were well attended by workers and farmers of Williams county. The speakers represented the Young Communist League and the Communist party, and brought out war will not solve the crisis, do away with unemployment or raise the price of wheat and so forth. They brought out the inevitability of war under capitalism, the fallacy of the disarmament conferences and peace pacts and the necessity of doing away with the capitalist system, which is the breeder of wars. The crowd listened very attentively and enthusiastically.

Lots of literature was sold including Producers News, Daily Worker, Young Worker, New Pioneer, and the Labor Defender containing the story and pictures of the Ford massacre, and the pamphlets "Who are the Young Communists" and "Life in the U. S. Army." A number of applications were turned in for the Young Communist League. This shows what the young workers especially are beginning to realize the necessity of organizing against war. These applicants were unemployed workers of the city of Williston.

A resolution was unanimously passed condemning the decisions of the Alabama Courts in sentencing the Scottsboro boys to electric chair. The resolution is as follows:

Gov. B. M. Miller, Montgomery, Alabama.

We, farmers and workers gathered at a mass meeting in Williston, N. Dakota, protest against the decision of the Supreme Court of your state in upholding the decision of your lower courts to execute seven innocent Negro boys on the basis of the flimsiest evidence. We demand a new trial for all of the boys with Negro and white workers on the jury and

DEPT. OF JUSTICE STARTS SUITS IN SOUTH FOR DEBTS

In order to crush the rising militancy of the tolling farmers of the South the department of justice of the Wall Street government has started suit against 25 farmers scattered thruout the South to collect seed loan debts. These farmers are located in Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi. The suits are being undertaken at the instigation of Secretary of Agriculture Hyde and are for the purpose of protecting the "government's interests."

These suits are part of the wholesale plundering campaign of the Wall Street bankers against the farm masses of the South. The Wall Street government is acting like any other of the Wall Street agencies—robbing the tolling farmers of the last remnants of their means of existence.

County News

ANTELOPE

W. Richardson, L. Hedges and Ted Glaze dehorned cattle one day this week.

Saturday night Mrs. Pete Ler and Mrs. C. A. McLaughlin entertained the Community Club to a whist party at the McLaughlin home. It was turned into a surprise on Mr. and Mrs. Syl. Ueland, who have kept their marriage secret for two months. A purse of silver was presented the honored couple. Mrs. Ueland, nee Ruth Irwin, who teaches the Monday school, will complete her term of school about the 24th of May, after which the newlyweds will begin housekeeping in town.

The Van Hec family from Plentywood were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Van Hec.

The Ed Ringquist family of Plentywood visited at Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brandons Sunday.

The Fred Tachell and A. R. Berg families called at Fred and Ted Glazes, respectively, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lindquist were Sunday callers at the Peter Sorenson home.

Mrs. J. Stewart entertained the Women's Club Tuesday. Home Demonstration Agent Mrs. King attended from the county seat.

Sunday dinner guests at the Geo. Overby home were Mr. and Mrs. Sven Johnson of Plentywood. Sven Johnson commenced with spring work at Overbys. Ed Christianson works for Art Olson and Art Christianson for Christ Klies.

Mrs. Art Grayson is convalescing at home after her appendicitis operation. She returned home on Thursday.

No crowd came to the dance Saturday night so it broke up at midnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Graysin are out on the farm with Art Graysins during spring work.

Mrs. Emil Grinsrud visited Thursday night with Mrs. Gronvold in town.

L. J. Regan's sale Tuesday drew a large crowd. In a week, he with J. J. Regan will move to a farm in northern Minnesota.

German services were held April 10. English services will be held the 24th of April at the German Lutheran church.

Lucille Nelson spent the week end with Miss Annie Rose Hagen of the north Comertown county. A large number of Comertown people attended the big U. F. L. meeting in Plentywood. When there is something going on, one can almost be sure the Comertown people will be there "jolly and happy."

The Chris Kikkelsen family are all reported to be in bed, seriously ill with the flu.

ROAD WORK

(Continued from Front Page)

way Commission's office, that a meeting of the Commissioners will be held in Helena April 22-23, where our letter will be presented. Governor Erickson's letter is printed below:

STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
Helena
April 6, 1932.

Mr. Hans Rasmussen, Plentywood, Montana.
Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

I have your letter with enclosures concerning State highway work in your county. I shall be glad to take this matter up with the Commission the first time they meet at the Capitol and see if something cannot be done for the people in your county along the line suggested by you, and will advise you if anything can be done.

Yours very truly,
Signed: J. E. ERICKSON,
Governor.

At the United Farmers League mass meeting last Saturday in the Farmer-Labor Temple where hundreds of farmers and workers were present, the following resolution was passed without a single objecting vote:

RESOLUTION
Whereas, farmers and workers of Sheridan County have had practically no income during the last few years of economic crisis, drought and unemployment, and have for that reason not been able to meet their taxes and other obligations, and

Whereas, it is understood that several miles of Federal Aid roads are to be built in Sheridan County during this year, and

Whereas, we are informed that road work of that nature is done by counties in other states, be it therefore