

**The embargo never worked
It's past time to lift it or
implement 90% parity loan rates**

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Late Flash: At the Appeals Court hearing March 11 the judges took the Missouri grain case "under advisement." No further word at press time.

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Meek calls for a million letters to DC

AAM Chairman Marvin Meek called for a million letters, mailgrams and phone calls into Washington D.C. asking that the 90% of loan rate be indexed into the new farm bill.

"We have lost continuity by stressing too many issues," says Meek. "We should stress first and foremost that we want 90% of parity loan rates indexed into the new farm bill," Meek said. "Then go on and talk about the other problems."

"I know farmers are mad, but they're back home. Washington hasn't been getting the message. We need a massive campaign right now. If you don't do it, there's not much sense in anybody else working on it," Meek said.

"If you really want to help, we need 100,000 letters from every state. The ball is in your court. If you want to set there and farm, you can," Meek said.

Meek said there will be a time to come to D.C., but to conserve resources he

suggests everyone wait until there are two or three bills out of committees. States should designate 50 or 100 people now to go to D.C. and make preliminary plans.

AAM is developing lobbying packets that will be available to everyone who comes to Washington.

Anyone who wants to go to D.C. now may, Meek said, but be aware that there will be a need for strong representation later.

Meek said that everyone should keep in mind that the number one priority is getting the loan rate indexed into the farm bill at 90% of parity. Behind that are the issues of the grain embargo, the FmHA debt moratorium, bankruptcy laws, alcohol fuels, etc.

"Your calls, letters and telegrams are monitored. They do have an impact. Every reader of the *American Ag News* should get non-members to call and write also. Use your imagination. Get everyone to sign a letter."

Military advisors stand in way of lifting embargo

AAM Chairman Marvin Meek said in Washington that the state department and military advisors are standing in the way of the grain embargo being lifted.

Republican Senators and Congressmen are becoming critical of

Reagan because their own credibility is at stake. Both Hagedorn and Jepson are putting out critical press releases.

The mood of the Republicans seems to be that Reagan shouldn't have campaigned on that

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Caroline McKnight and the Fluffy Rice Queens from Arkansas prepare their rice dishes in the Longworth cafeteria for the AAM reception recently. Rice Queens are Ruth Taylor, '79, Fran Ray, '77, and Mary Hanrick, '81.

Cryts arrested

Released on Personal Recognizance

Wayne Cryts was arrested March 6 by FBI after he voluntarily went to St. Louis and turned himself in when he learned the FBI wanted to arrest him.

Cryts was charged with Conspiracy.

His bond was set at \$1,000, but he was released on his personal recognizance without posting any money. Cryts is restricted to his local territory and cannot go east of the Mississippi, south of the Arkansas line, north of the Iowa line, and in about half the state of Missouri. "The politicians will get a rest because I can't go to Washington D.C. or Jefferson City," Cryts said.

Charges will be presented to a federal grand jury by March 26. The grand jury is the arm of the prosecutor used to gather information. It is up to the grand jury to decide if there is a case.

Meanwhile a jurisdictional hearing was set for March 11 in the Appeals Court in St. Louis. That court had the power to give the case back to Federal Judge Baker or to the state of Missouri.

A rumor was circulating that Alvin Jenkins might be picked up and charged as a co-conspirator. At press time the night of March 11, Jenkins had not been arrested and the validity of the rumor was not known.

Meanwhile Columbia Pictures expressed interest in doing a true life documentary of the Ristine grain action. Cryts said he would insist on script approval by the five founding fathers of American Agriculture.

Wayne has received many letters recently, but says one is outstanding. It reads:

Dear Mr. Cryts,

We have been following your problem in the paper concerning your grain. While I don't necessarily believe everything I read in the papers, I know you're getting a raw deal. I want to write and encourage you to stick to

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AAM Washington Newsletter

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Search is on for legislative remedy for grain in bankrupt elevators

Congressman Emerson of Missouri and Senator Dole of Kansas are leading the search for legislative remedy for grain in bankrupt elevators. (Congressman Emerson had joined the crowd at the Sikeston appreciation party after Wayne Cryts' soybeans had been successfully removed from the Ristine Elevator.) Senator Dole reportedly said this week that he has decided to try amending the bankruptcy code. Congressman Emerson is more likely to approach it through a bill to create a federal grain insurance corporation along the lines of the FDIC that insures bank deposits. He would expand upon a bill that had been proposed unsuccessfully in the past by Congressman Findley of Illinois. Numerous congressmen are expressing an interest in being co-sponsors.

Interior Secretary Watt, four governors testify at Subcommittee

Among the many hearings going on that are good for AAM'ers to attend was a Subcommittee on Agriculture which one day heard Interior Secretary Watt, then the next day the Governors of Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Joyce Jobgen of South Dakota brought a report back to the AAM office telling that Secretary Watt had said one reason for the "Sagebrush Rebellion" is the lack of a good neighbor policy on the part of the federal government.

He also suggested that there be a water policy that would encompass the entire United States. The Governor's participation regaled a study of the Ogallala Aquifer and the proposed huge water project.

Dairy -- A.A.M. is opposed to the bill to rescind the April 1 price adjustment to dairy. We will do everything possible to maintain the indexed 80% parity. We will be testifying before the House Subcommittee on Dairy pertaining to the bill to rescind the adjustment.

We want to again wish W. A. Stapleton (Dub) a very happy 76th birthday! We celebrated with a cake swamped with 77 candles, one for parity! Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Stapleton, for all the help you've been in the National Office these last two weeks.

Block testifies before Jamie Whitten's Appropriations Subcommittee

Secretary of Agriculture John Block testified before Jamie Whitten's Appropriations Subcommittee on Thursday, February 19th and said the details of the 1982 departmental budget won't be available until March 10, but that as much as \$1 billion more in unspecified USDA budget cuts -- beyond those already announced -- are likely to be proposed. This subcommittee which, in its way, yields as much or more clout on agricultural policy as the Secretary himself.

Block said he would "like to eliminate target prices as they are a direct drain on the treasury." He would advocate raising the loan rate modestly. He would like the call level increased so the market price would move higher on its own. When asked about dairy, he said he wants a little disincentive so dairy would sell a few cows contributing to our surplus.

About FmHA, Block said he would like financing for lower income families and reduce business and industrial loans. He would like to cut real estate above moderate income. He said he

would like to help where needed the most with operating loans and help those in the drought area stay on their feet.

In Blocks printed testimony, he stated that they would be terminating the alcohol fuels guaranteed loan programs. He said that he was one of the greatest promoters of alcohol fuels in Illinois, but felt that the gas tax exemption of 4¢ a gallon gave the private sector enough incentive to finance alternative energies.

For all Delegates: Please send in those sheets to me immediately; our files are depending on it. If you did not receive a sheet listing your state personnel, addresses, phone numbers, etc., let me know and I will forward one to you as soon as possible. When these sheets are returned, I will compile a current booklet with all the states, delegates, addresses, etc., and forward on to all state headquarters so that we all will have current, correct records. Thanks.

Darlene

USDA figures show stocks of grain low

Tom Benson of Minnesota is digging out figures from USDA that show grain stocks, both in the U.S. and worldwide, to be at lowest levels in years. We're all wondering when the market is going to respond to that information. The January 16 *Foreign Agriculture Circular*, printed by USDA's Foreign Agriculture Service, shows ending world stocks of coarse grains as 55.2 million metric tons for 1980/81. This compares to 87.8 million MT for 1979/80, 90.2 million MT for 1978/79, 84.1 million MT for 1977/78 and 79.6 million MT for 1976/77. (The chart doesn't show any years before 1976.)

Page 28 of the same publication shows world stocks as a percentage of utilization for each year back to 1960/61. The projected 1980/81 figures for wheat, coarse grains, and total wheat plus coarse grains are respectfully 19.8%, 7.3%, and 10.5%. The lowest percentage year for each of the three is 1980/81.

Page 25 shows beginning stocks of corn at 546 million bushels for the U.S. This compares to the 1980/81 level of 1597 million and the 1979/80 level of 1304 million. The figures are shown for each year back to 1970/71. Aside from

1980/81, the only years with beginning stocks under 650 million bushels were the three years from 1974/75 to 1976/77. Overall production and usage have grown since then and it is now considered that 444 million bushels are needed to maintain the pipeline, says Benson. (Soybeans were not recorded in these charts.)

All this fuels our suspicions that the supply situation is a major consideration in the stall on ending the embargo. Everyone should be reminded that if supply is the reason, rather than "national security", then the present farm bill requires 90% parity support loan prices for all commodities.

"A time to choose"

Thursday, February 26, Richard E. Lyng, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, former Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, and Marilyn Fedelchak from National Family Farm Coalition testified before Weaver's Subcommittee on Forests, Family Farms, and Energy. The testimony addressed the structure of agriculture report, "A Time to Choose."

Lyng said, "It could have been a better report." He said it would be this administration's policy to have less regulation, to reduce FmHA credit, to retain research that would benefit all, to accelerate depreciation, to decrease estate taxes and would work toward eliminating disaster payments and use federal crop insurance. Lyng was concerned about prices competing in world markets.

Bob Bergland said he was an unemployed private citizen. He said he would have continued the study of structure in agriculture. He felt the tax cuts may not increase productivity. His concern was that quite a few of the programs subsidized the rich. He favored putting a cap on payments. One of his major concerns was the appreciation of land values. He said the land mining was fierce, that our soil conservation programs were not good. He felt we had stretched our productivity even when it wasn't profitable. Bob Bergland's final line was that many changes were needed, but never admitted that farmers had repeatedly testified at the structure hearings for better prices.

The committee members asked many good questions but were very kind. Weaver said he would once again introduce his bushels for

barrels bill. He added, "Aren't they getting bargains? Why shouldn't we raise prices?" Marlenee plead for a good estate tax structure. Brown did not feel Congress should be discriminating against large farms. Strangeland said he felt the owner-operator farm was the best. He didn't feel any operator could tolerate high interest rates; added that exports were not good if we were selling under cost of production. He said the consumers would have to wake up to that! Consumers can't have cheap food at the cost of the farmers. He said the farmer had to have a return on his investment and that land price had to be reckoned with. He said there was no such thing as free trade and free market -- that only happens when the government stays out.

Daschle asked if the demise of the family farm would continue to a total demise. Marilyn Fedelchak urged for support of the small farm, owner-operator type. She felt there should be incentive for on-the-farm research and development of organic and conservation type farming.

Labor-led budget coalition includes A.A.M.

One hundred fifty-seven organizations led by major labor groups have formed a coalition to oppose certain budget cuts and improve the economic condition of the people. The coalition includes such groups as: the AFL-CIO, the United Auto Workers, the League of Women Voters, the Consumer Federation of America, the U.S. Catholic Conference, and the Sierra Club. The A.A.M. has the distinction of being named to the steering committee of ten. The *Washington Post*, in a front page article on the press conference announcing the coalition, said, "Marvin Meek, National Chairman of the A.A.M. told the gathering he had campaigned for Reagan in 34 agricultural states because he promised to life the grain embargo and return profitability to farming. Meek said his group felt Reagan had abandoned his promises."

AAM Chairman Marvin Meek was set to testify at hearings beginning March 11 and lasting two weeks in 8 subcommittees. Meek will call for 90% loan rates in all testimony.

Around the countryside

Georgia

State Office: Box 173, Unadilla, Georgia 31091

About 80 people attended a called meeting of American Agriculture of Georgia on Thursday night, March 5, at Unadilla, Georgia.

The purpose of the meeting was to select a group of farmers and agribusinessmen from different areas of the state to meet with the Georgia Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C. concerning the critical situation farmers are facing in farm financing. Delegates selected will decide on the date of the meeting. A collection was taken to help with expenses.

This meeting was called after a trip to the State FmHA office in Athens, Georgia on February 25 by 100 farmers failed to get a satisfactory answer as to why farm loans are not being processed to get funds in time for planting. It is planting time now for South Georgia and the majority of the farmers are still waiting for their loans. One of the officials stated that the reason it had taken so long to process the loans was that "farmers had lost all their equity in their operation in the last four years."

The regular State Meeting will be held in Unadilla, Georgia on Thursday, March 19 at the High School.

Mrs. Adam Andel Perry, Georgia

Kansas

State Office: Box 627, LaCrosse, Kansas 67548.

A "Town Meeting" on the new farm bill was held in Hutchinson, Kansas March 7. Despite travelers warnings, TV reported there were over 200 there.

Tom Foley and Dan Glickman spoke.

Foley was pessimistic, nervous, and drank a lot of coffee, reports say. He made the statement that under Carter "we were just beginning to get the agriculture story out. Under the Republican administration, there is no way we will ever get a price for our product or get anything for agriculture." He quoted the Heritage Foundation extensively.

Peggy Arensman asked him if he was influenced by the Heritage Foundation. He said he is influenced by his constituents - individuals, not groups.

Lois Scheufler asked about the Trilateral Commission. He admitted he is a member but said that it is an international organization and is as harmless as Kiwanis International.

Several people from the audience called him a liar. He was visibly upset and responded that they could believe him or not. He stated that at no time had anyone from the Trilateral Commission discussed farm policy with him.

Earl Hunt, president of Kansas Wheat Growers, made an excellent statement that the farmer had already taken a budget cut at a time when everyone else got increases.

Peggy Arensman suggested that since he said he listened to his constituents, he should be flooded with letters.

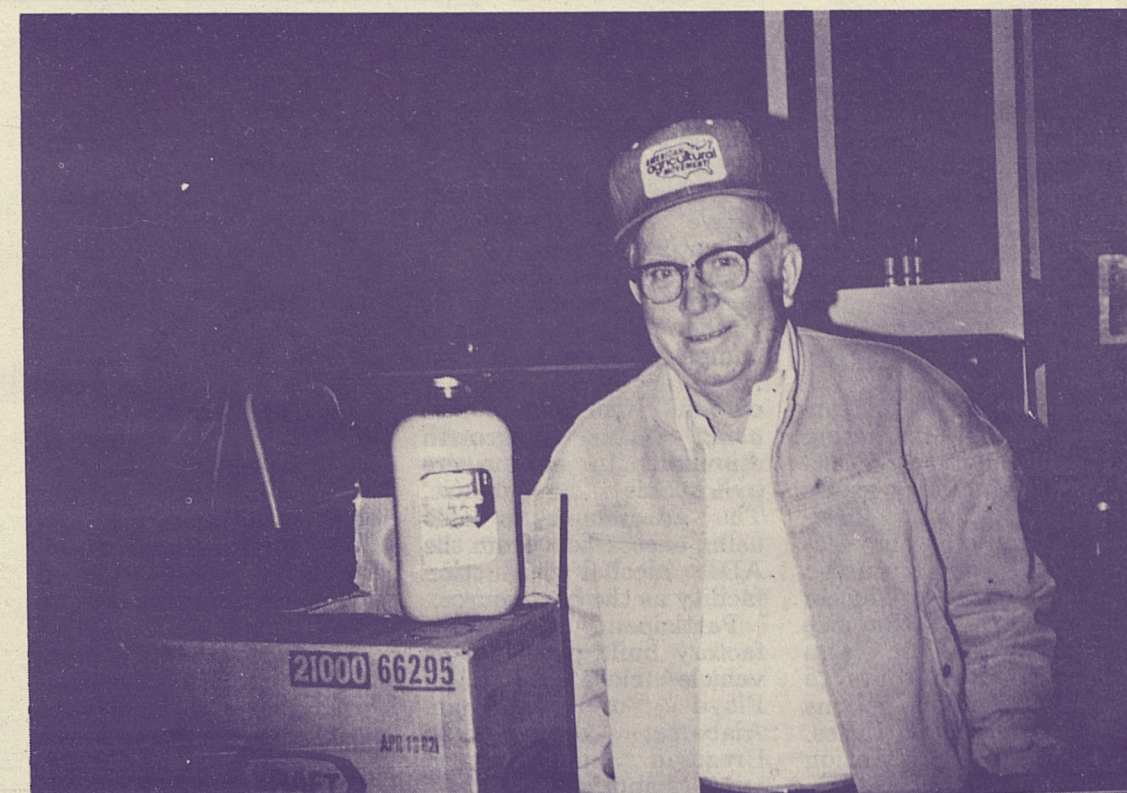
"We all know Mr. Foley is an honorable man, and he says he listens to his constituents." She suggests everyone call and write to Foley and Glickman reminding them that the USDA says it cost \$5.00 per bushel to produce wheat and the Chase Manhattan study done for the Wheat Growers said it costs \$5.35 a bushel, not counting cost of land.

Currently Glickman is saying a \$4 loan rate will be stretching it.

Jan Legg dies

Jan Legg, wife of Jerry Legg, Tonkawa, Oklahoma, died Tuesday, February 24 in Oklahoma City's Baptist Medical Center, ending her eleven-year battle with leukemia. Jan and Jerry were

some of the original founders of A.A.M. in Oklahoma and have been staunch supporters. Her friends will remember with gratitude her service to agriculture and her community.



Fred Williams, Florida delegate, brought 36 gallons of orange juice donated by the Florida Citrus Commission to the AAM reception. The Florida Peanut Association donated 400 sample packages.

Texas

State office: Box 1601, Hereford, Texas 79045.

Update from Austin

I testified Tuesday night against H.B. 1228 by Bill Messer of Belton. H.B. 1228 and its companion bill S.B. 628 call for a ceiling on credit interest rates not to exceed 30% and a minimum ceiling of 18%. There is a very complicated formula to be used in figuring rates under this bill.

Briefly, rate ceilings may be twice the 6 month treasury bill rate with the minimum 18% and maximum 30%. But alternate rates may be used. Regular loans may also use quarterly rates; credit cards may use annualized rates. It all gets rather complicated, but the bottom line is *bad news* for borrowers.

On foreign ownership, the word is that Leroy Weiting is not going to give Pete Patterson's H.B. 112 a hearing. We are planning at this time to have a congregation here in Austin on March 16. Rumor has it that Mr. Weiting is tired of all those telegrams coming across his desk. Perhaps he'd rather see our smiling faces. Let's show them to him!!

A possible alternative to the nickel exemption bill concerning gasohol appears to be in the works. The nickel bill seems to be in some trouble in committee. The possible alternative is a bill raising the gasoline tax to 5% of the state average on gasoline and giving a 5% exemption to gasohol. Also included is a change in vehicle taxation from a weight basis to a value basis.

Until the next time, keep those phone calls and letter coming to your representatives and senators. If you don't remember they're here to represent you, 90% of them certainly won't.

Calvin Allison

Legislative office: 1011 Congress, Suite 421B, Austin, TX 78701. Phone 512-472-4650.

Alvin Jenkins spoke at a Texas District 3 meeting in Haskell March 9. The meeting drew about 200.

After he spoke, Alvin showed off his talents as an auctioneer by auctioning off several cakes for a total of \$1003.50.

Eleven people signed up for new or renewal memberships.

The Haskell bank put Alvin Jenkins' name up in lights on their bank sign.

The A.A.M. of Texas made as its priority the passage of HB 112, a bill against foreign land ownership, a number one priority for this session of the legislature in Austin. The next priority and one with equal importance was one to obtain passage of a 5¢ per gallon exemption on the sale of fuel alcohol.

March 9, the House Agriculture Committee met and HB 112 was sent to a sub-committee without a hearing. The sub-committee is chaired by Susan McBee of Del Rio, and has as its members A.C. (Tony) Garcia, of Pharr and Robert Saunders of LaGrange. All three are to be considered unfriendly to the bill.

A.A.M. of Texas is calling on all persons interested in the bill to go to Austin Monday, March 16th to lobby to get the bill out of sub-committee. Also send letters and telegrams to the Chairman of the Ag and Livestock Committee, Representative Leroy Weiting, asking that the bill be brought out of sub-committee and sent to the floor of the House of Representatives for a vote. Telegrams of support should also be sent to the Speaker of the House, Mr. Clayton and

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Alcohol marketing workshop held

The first regional Fuel Alcohol Marketing Workshop was held in Reno, Nevada recently. Alcohol producers from nine states attended the workshop, which was sponsored by the American Agriculture Foundation based in Denver.

Storing, handling, transporting, and marketing fuel alcohol were discussed by various industry experts. Many ideas, observations, and opinions were expressed and discussed by alcohol producers ranging in production size from the smallest farm scale production units to over 200 million gallons per year facilities. Technical information dealing with the storage,

metering, loading, and transporting of fuel alcohol was presented by J. Allen Otten, representative from the Emco Wheaton Company.

Doug Snyder, director of gasohol development for Archer Daniels Midland company, announced that ADM is now capturing carbon monoxide and using it as a growth stimulant in a one-acre hydroponic greenhouse. The greenhouse is also using excess heat from the ADM alcohol production facility as the heat source.

Participants say a GM factory built pure alcohol vehicle close up. Jim Floyd of Cullman, Alabama, drove the Brazilian manufactured pure ethanol car the 2,000

miles to the workshop. Alcohol Cars for America, an Alabama based firm created by Jim Floyd and Michael Pete, will have this car on exhibit at all the other regional marketing workshops sponsored by the American Agriculture Foundation. These cars may be purchased by anyone who is sponsored by an alcohol producer.

Mr. Lew Gibbs, senior engineering associate from Chevron USA, gave an informative presentation on the quality control aspects of alcohol. Mr. Gibbs is on the API and ASTM committees studying gasohol. Mr. Gibbs also mentioned that alcohol may see a great potential as an additive to gasoline as an oc-

tane booster, since 5.4% alcohol can be added to gasoline and still be marketed as high octane gasoline. He also explained the various quality control tests in terms that could be used by alcohol producers.

Kelly Jackson, deputy director of the Nevada Department of Energy, announced that the Air Force is studying a proposal that would use up to 200 million gallons of alcohol in the state of Nevada to power turbines which would provide electricity for the MX missile system.

Mo Campbell of Mar-Cam industries in Glenside, Pennsylvania, echoed a point that had been mentioned several times during the workshop - that a market has to be created for alcohol, and that alcohol must be promoted. He also made the point that the person who makes a profit on the

product is the person who should be responsible for the promotion of the product. Mar-Cam Industries is an alcohol brokering firm which has a successful track record of promoting and marketing gasohol in the United States.

Workshop participants concluded that as alcohol production increases, the market for the product must be developed. There were several potential markets for alcohol identified and all of them need to be pursued aggressively by alcohol producers.

The next regional Marketing Workshop will be at the Ramada Inn North, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on April 2 and 3. For more information, contact the American Agriculture Foundation at 3333 Quebec Street, Suite 2450, Denver, Colorado, 80207, or call Steve Koehn at 303-388-1683.



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Bonnie's World

You have often heard it said, "Women -- who can understand them?" Well, let me tell you here and now, we are not hard to understand. All a fella has to know is when to talk and when to be quiet. When to touch and when to leave alone. When to be gentle and when to be firm. After 23 years, Pa is learning and maybe the fact that he has five daughters helped him out.

The other day, he came walking in the house with a gift under his arm. He handed me a card and the gift and it surprised me so, that it took a minute for me to find my voice. My first question, of course, was, "What have you done now?" He got this hurt look on his face and said, "Well, what is the date today?" "February 23," I said. He got this funny look on his face and said, "February -- I thought it was March." Well, I started crying, threw my arms around him and told him I didn't care that he was a month early, just that he remembered that, on that date, 23 years before, we had our first date. His life has never been the same since he got mixed up with a crazy blond.

Bless his heart, he had tried so hard and when I opened up the gift, it was a duplicate of what the girls had given me for my birthday. He said, "Well, I guess I'm batting zero. Let's

pretend that none of this happened and I will try again next month."

This is where trying to understand a woman comes in. It wouldn't have mattered what he had given me, it was the thought that counted.

When we were first married, we were poor, but believed that we had a grand future ahead of us on the farm. I'll never forget the first flowers Pa brought me. I was out working in my yard and heard Pa coming on the little IH-H tractor. When I looked up, there he was, looking like a big toad on a lilly pad. And out to his side in his big ole paw was a bunch of wild plum blossoms. His face was covered with dirt, and when he grinned, all you could see was teeth. He told me that he was working in the field and when he went by those plum bushes, they were so pretty that he wanted me to enjoy them, too. To this day, those were and will always be the most beautiful flowers anyone ever received.

Pa still doesn't know what will bring on a flood of tears. Or whether they're happy tears or sad tears.

By the time Pa and I have been married 50 years and he has all of his little girls raised, maybe he will write a book. The title -- what else? "What Makes a Woman Tick." Well, we'll see what the years bring.

See ya next week, and may God bless.

Mailbox

A funny thing happened on the way to the AAM office

As soon as the February 24 issue of *American Ag News* arrived (the bean issue), I immediately called the Editor and ordered 300 copies to use in our membership drive. Two days later I got one copy in my mailbox with no address label. Several A.A.M. members mentioned that they, too, received an extra copy. Other non-members began to mention that they, too, had copies in their boxes. Realizing what must have happened, I called the mail carrier and we decided the bundle must have broken in the Red Rock mail sack.

The Postmistress didn't understand exactly why the boxholders carried no labels. Everyone getting mail out of the Red Rock Post Office got a copy of the *American Ag News*. The mail carrier found 63 copies that hadn't been put in boxes and I finally got those. We had 237 issues distributed for us. Wasn't that nice of the Postal Service?

Glenda Riddle
Noble Co, Oklahoma

Demand and strike

Dear Sir,

I am renewing my subscription for the *American Agriculture News*. I enjoy reading it very much. At least I know somebody is trying to get farmers fair prices.

The only way farmers are going to get parity prices is to demand them and strike like labor does.

Missouri Mule
Ronald Watson
McFall, MO

AAM is succeeding

For one year I had the opportunity serving as the Louisiana Delegate calling for our fair share in the marketplace, a price based on fundamental economic principle for the American family farmer, 100% parity.

It was an eventful year, unsurpassed. Each person who seeks pride of ownership, stability of the family farm system and a price that represents the farmers fair share in the marketplace should not pass the opportunity by to get involved in A.A.M.

Serving as a delegate in A.A.M. gives one strength through total involvement in both state and national affairs.

Even though we are not yet rewarded by our fair share in the marketplace, this is no reason to believe that we will not be. We definitely are making giant strides in our quest to be, so let's not back off. Let's keep up a forceful call for 100% parity prices for our farm raw materials.

Any price less is not our fair share and cannot be tolerated. A lesser price will not allow a decent standard of living for our work. Only a continued struggle. Each day we get closer; I truly

believe that.

We are reaching out and making friends with other groups and other fellow workers. They are responding. We are exposing, more, how farm prices are manipulated and why. More attention is being paid by others to how this nation's unfair pricing system of farm products hurts workers and consumers.

We have a continued dialogue going, not only with President Reagan, Vice President Bush and Secretary Block, but with friends on both sides of the aisle.

More injustices that confront us are reaching the courts. More alcohol plants are being constructed around the nation. We are influencing public opinion along with legislative opinion. Never think differently. A.A.M. is developing clout.

Roger Beall
Louisiana

Dear Editors:

Here is my check for renewal to *American Ag News*. Thanks for bringing to light some of the injustices that are being handed out to the farmers, that are being brought to the surface by your publications and the work of the American Ag Movement. My paper goes to the local barber shop when I am through with it, making it do double value.

Keep up the good work.

M. Keith Prentice
Wray, CO.

Don't blame all elevators

I am certainly on Mr. Cryts' side when the issue of the Ristine Missouri grain raid comes up. The apparent shafting Mr. Cryts is getting from the federal government is about as rotten as can be. From reading about the events and issues of the case, it would appear that an illegal act by the elevator manager and the bank was committed. I suppose that whether the banker committed a crime would be dependent upon if he knew the grain used for collateral did not belong to the elevator.

The reason I am concerned about this is because as an elevator manager I am afraid that the bad publicity is not good for the honest elevator. I believe that the vast majority of us, who are the owner-operators, of small independent elevators would never stoop to using our customers' grain as collateral for a mortgage -- even in tough Jimmy Carter times.

I like your newspaper and agree with most of your opinions and editorials. Without the farmer, those of us in ag-related businesses would not exist. The operation of a grain elevator (or any other business) should be mutually beneficial to both the customer and the place of business. I am concerned about your reactionary stand (apparently) against all grain elevators.

Obviously, warehouse receipts guarantee that the customer holding the receipt is the owner of the grain. To condemn or blame all

elevators and elevator managers and bankers because of one's illegal act along with a rotten justice department ruling, is like saying that because a bank in New York City was robbed we should all take our money out of the local banks and bury it in our back yards.

I very much agree that Mr. Cryts has, so far, gotten a rotten deal. But please don't react against all elevators. There are those of us who are honest.

Thanks
Dwayne H. Claassen
Manager
Countryside Grain, Inc.
Marion, Kansas

Same song!!

Congratulations, Mr. Chartier, the author of the letter entitled "Going the way of the others", March 3 issue of *American Agriculture News*. You are unanimously accepted into the "Fence-Riders League."

After your long history of farming (3 years) and a complete knowledge of agriculture policies, you have awakened me to the fact that, in farming, there will always be those who criticize farm organizations as long as it's free.

I strongly resent your comparing my organization (A.A.M.) with those that sell insurance or any other objective than saving America and the family farm.

You criticized lobbying in Washington. Are you so ignorant of farm policies that you don't realize where agriculture policies are adopted. Let me inform you, it's in Washington, D.C.

And about those so-called "guys running all over the country, making speeches," how dare you criticize the first real patriots I have ever known.

Your theory that the 22 organizations are our problem, have you ever thought that they might be good for representing their special commodity and to share production ideas for that commodity?

As far as that one organization that fights for all agriculture producers and products, well, A.A.M. is doing quite well, thank you.

You say in your letter that we have had that kind of talk before. Well, you're right; some of my neighbors say it every other day. But, they don't pay dues or participate in any action to get anything done.

You said you started far-

ming in 1977 and you believed in A.A.M. then. Well, A.A.M.s beliefs and goals haven't changed. So yours must have. I sincerely hope you, as a farmer, can get back to those ideas of fairness and join your fellow farmers in working together, not apart.

Thank you,
Robert Hebensperger
Hobart, OK

Warehouse receipts should say one of two things

Dear Editor:

In view of the recent events concerning warehouse receipts, I think we need to get after our governors and legislators and get them to enact legislation that would require by law the attachment of a statement of full disclosure to each warehouse receipt issued.

Following are two statements which I have prepared, one of which I think should be used to let a producer know exactly what the warehouse receipt is worth:

"This attached warehouse receipt constitutes a valid proof of ownership of the above named commodities by the person named hereon. This guarantee of proof is backed by the U.S. government and therefore this receipt may be legally used for collateral for loans on this commodity including U.S. government loans through C.C.C., etc.

This commodity may be removed at any time from this elevator or warehouse by the owner upon payment of storage and handling charges and upon repayment of any and all loans made against it, and upon surrender of this warehouse receipt to the elevator or warehouse operator.

This commodity represented hereon cannot be used as collateral by anyone else other than the owner of this warehouse receipt.

In the event of bankruptcy by the elevator or warehouse, this commodity cannot be considered as assets of the elevator or warehouse."

This next proposed attachment is quite negative but as I understand it, it is the interpretation of the value of warehouse receipts by the Federal Judge:

"This warehouse receipt is an instrument that indicates the amount of grain that was delivered to this elevator or warehouse and the date it was delivered.

It does not indicate positive proof of ownership by the producer named hereon because there was no member of any court present to verify that this named person was actually the deliverer.

The grain represented by this warehouse receipt can legally be used as collateral for loans by the elevator or warehouse.

In the event of bankruptcy by the elevator or warehouse, then the producer does not have any legal claim against this grain until all claims and expenses against the elevator or warehouse have been satisfied from the sale of this grain. Then any proceeds that may be left can be paid to the producer."

Of course, no one in his right mind would ever again put grain in public storage if this latter version was used, but that's how it is right now and the powers that be will not deny it when asked. So we need to insist that one or the other of these full disclosure statements be put on warehouse receipts from now on and if a person wants to store grain under these circumstances, then that's his own business.

I want to compliment you on your great little newspaper. It is really great. I only wish it had a circulation a thousand times larger.

Sincerely,
Clinton Gepner
Geary, OK.

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"Stay in there. It's a good fight. If we all lose, we tried, and I like that feeling. I can't be beat because I won't give up."
Alvin Jenkins.

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Federal Register

Carol Ebert

Citicorp, New York has applied through its subsidiary Person-to-Person, Inc. to operate an industrial loan company for individuals or businesses to buy mobile homes, modular units and related manufactured housing and to issue thrift certificates and passbook certificates, and to make consumer personal loans under the 'ready credit' program and to secure first mortgage loans on residential and commercial properties, and to sell U.S. Savings bonds, money orders and travelers checks in 29 states -- the others having been crept over already. Comment on expected benefits to the public by March 19 to FRB of New York, A. Marshall Puckett, Vice President, 33

Liberty St., New York, N.Y. 10045. Fr. Vol. 46, No. 36; February 24, 1981.

EO 12294 of February 24 suspends litigation of claims against Iran.

EO 12295 of February 24 extends with EURATOM (European Atomic Energy Community) the peaceful nuclear cooperation and non-proliferation objectives. Both EO's signed by Ronald Embargo Reagan.

Department of Commerce, ITA, announces second-quarter 1981 trigger prices on steel mill products, imported to be about 4.4% higher than first-quarter levels. Fr. Vol. 46, No. 38; February 26, 1981.

Only two *Registers* showed up this week so far.

The James boys ride again!

The bankrupt James Brothers problems were apparently short-lived, because they're now actively buying grain and cotton and advertising extensively in newspapers for new business.

One of the James Brothers was seen vacationing at Hot Springs, driving a white Mark V. Another was rumored to have vacationed in Hawaii.

A newspaper advertisement read "Attention Cotton Farmers, Our gin at Knobel (Arkansas) will be open for the 1981 cotton crop. If you are interested in booking your cotton crop, we can keep you abreast daily of the current prices. The plant is the only modern plant in the area now operated and we need the support of all cotton growers in our area

to assure you that the gin will not be closed. We believe the cotton position in the fiber industry is very good now and will continue to improve in the future. I would like to thank every one of you personally for your support and concern for the Knobel gin. I appreciate you. You are the reason that it is still operating. Thank you, Bob James"

Commodities in the string of bankrupt James Brothers elevators is still tied up with creditors waiting for partial payment. Farmers in effect had their stored grain confiscated by the bankruptcy court to pay off debts of the elevators, yet the James Brothers are scot free and out trying to get more farmers' commodities in their elevators.

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issue if he wasn't going to lift the embargo.

Bill Clark, the State Department deputy Meek met with last week, publicly stated the embargo should be lifted.

Senator Helms said Reagan's credibility at home is more important than his credibility overseas.

Meanwhile, Representative Byrd from Virginia has sponsored a resolution to keep the embargo on. 75 Democrats and 4 Republicans have signed it.

Secretary of Agriculture John Block is reported to be doing a tremendous job, but walking away bloody from cabinet meetings. "Block is still deserving of our support," said Meek.

"We should exert as much pressure as we can immediately," said Meek. "We must keep the heat on."

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Land? Cattle? Barrett McCannless, Pueblo, Colorado, 303-947-3102. Reports on Lamar Radio 7:15 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, 920 on Radio Dial.53830 Hwy 50E, Boone, Colorado 81025. 10tpF3



Johnny Parch, Tennessee, Chuck Canton, Minnesota, and Joan Arnold, Minnesota, cube cheese for the AAM reception. (Photos by Darlene Dey, national office secretary, and Joyce Jobgen, South Dakota.)

Delegate meeting set March 28

A delegate meeting has been set in Washington D.C. for March 28 through April 4. Chairman Marvin Meek says every state should send someone. There is lots of work to do.

Wheat Country Health Delights, whole wheat recipes from Kansas, the wheat state. Spiral bound, nearly 200 original recipes developed by Carol Ebert, farm wife. \$4.95 plus 60¢ postage. (Total \$5.55). Order from Carol Ebert, Rt. 1, Box 29A, St. George, Kansas 66535.

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your guns and don't back down under threats from the authorities.

I am currently serving time at Leavenworth and can tell you it isn't all that bad.

And if you get sentenced you can hold your head high and know you did the right thing. Abraham Lincoln said to sin by silence when one should protest makes cowards of men. You're certainly not a coward, and I'm proud to claim you as a fellow American.

May God bless you.
(Name withheld by editor)
Leavenworth Prison

Minnesota

State Office: 141 W. Thielke, Appleton, Minnesota 56208

The Minnesota Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee held a hearing February 24. Riley Konerza of Silver Lake, Minnesota, testified for AAM.

Konerza contrasted the farm program of the Roosevelt era when farmers had 100% of parity to the disastrous farm program initiated by Truman and followed by all the successive administrations for the last 25 years.

He compared the relative prosperity then with the dire economic situation now, and called on the legislature to enact laws to bring economic justice to farmers.

The Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner, Mark W. Seetin, says that Minnesota agriculture is the base for one third of all the jobs in the state and annually generates about 40% of the gross state economic products. In 1980, nearly 600,000 Minnesotans were employed in Minnesota agriculture and related industries.

State office addresses will be printed with state news in the future. Please be sure we have your correct state office address and phone number.

What is the Agriculture Council of America?

A group of former secretaries of agriculture, the reads of major agri-business and farm equipment firms, bankers, railroad executives, leaders of the major growers associations, and heads of farmers organizations. Neal Rogers of Michigan represented AAM at the three-day conference in Washington, D.C. The subject of the conference was export policy, railroad and shipping of grain, a price for the U.S. farmer, and educating the public. For more information, please write the Agriculture Council of America, Room 708, 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

Cotton allotment costs are losses

Those who bought cotton allotments before they were discontinued should be able to take them off their income tax as ordinary farm losses, knowledgeable people say. The 1040X must be filed before April 15.

Cotton allotments purchased before 1973 became valueless when the allotments were discontinued in 1977.

From *Washington Update* by Jay Richter

Big brother advice

Dumb advice from bureaucrats is something the Reagan people tell you they hope to put an end to, or at least reduce.

Remember when the government's occupational safety agency advised farmers to be careful not to step on manure -- it was slippery and they might fall down! Well, the other day the USDA came up with another one. In a 2-page release, the department advised us all to inspect slopes very carefully this winter before sliding down them. "Look out for trees at the bottom of the slope," said the Big Brother bureaucrats. "Even though people see trees, they still collide with trees and with other obstacles, causing head, back and neck injuries."

Mary C. Jarratt is replacing Carol Tucker Foreman as Deputy Secretary for Food and Consumer services. Her Deputy Assistant will be John Bode. G. William Hoagland will be Director of Food and Nutrition.

AAM mailed a get-well card to Senator Dole, who is recovering from the removal of a kidney stone. Gerald McCathern had his book, *From the White House to the Hoosergow*, copyrighted. He had the book entered in the Library of Congress. The staff at the Library thanked him and said they were lacking in information on farmers.

Pay our hand in D.C.

Clifford Hamilton reminds everyone to "Pay your hand in D.C.," Marvin Meek, by sending a check to Clifford Hamilton, Rt. 2, Box 71, Lubbock, Texas 79415, payable to Marvin Meek.

AAM Chairman Marvin Meek has served without salary for over a year and has had to hire a hand to take care of his farm while he's in Washington. The AAM Chairmanship has turned into a full time job, and Meek should not be expected to serve without compensation.

Reminder on AAM Documentary

States are asked to send in information on their AAM activities missed by the *American Ag News* over the last three years. This information will be included in an AAM documentary, and also in another project to be announced later.

We need this information as soon as possible, within the next two months at the latest.

Thanks
Ag News
Box 100, Iredell TX 76649

USDA wants comments on bankruptcies

The USDA is receiving comments on how best to protect farmers with warehouse receipts at this address:

Merrill Marxman, Room 5959 S. Bldg, ASCS-USDA, PO Box 2415, Washington D.C. 20013.

Call these numbers

and ask that the 90% loan rate be indexed into the new farm bill, and that the embargo be lifted immediately.

State Dept. . . 202-632-2124
White House 202-456-1414

Note that the State Department has changed the number they receive these calls on since the last notice.

Pass the hotline number on to friends and neighbors. Tell them it's compliments of American Agriculture.

Melcher introduces 75% parity loan bill

Senator John Melcher, Montana, introduced a farm bill in the Senate calling for 75% of parity loan rates for major crops.

The bill also specifies that if any president decides to embargo an agricultural commodity to any foreign nation, for any reason, the loan rate would automatically be adjusted to 100% of parity.

A.A.M. proposals for '81 Farm Bill

Following the congressional party, the AAM Delegates that were in town met on Friday, February 27. The Legislative Committee met and the Executive Committee met. They came up with the following recommendations for the 1981 Farm Bill:

Recommendations for the 1981 Farm Bill

1. 90% parity loan rate
2. Reserve: Entry at no less than 90% parity
3. Producer Board - established within USDA
4. Tariff on all agricultural imports at 110% parity
5. Embargo protection for

United States producers
6. Conservation investment tax credit

Proposed additional legislation

- A. Eliminate inheritance taxes on privately-held production assets
- B. Development of alcohol fuels
- C. Floor price on commodity trading indexed at 90% parity
- D. Warehouse receipts and their validity as title
- E. Federal loan moratoriums
- F. CCC revolving fund
- G. Bankruptcy law changes to protect private property

Calendar of Events

March 15, 16, 17 - Texas Solar Realities '81, statewide conference and exhibition. Banquet, free solar exhibition, solar media fiesta. For more information contact: Texas Solar Energy Society, 1007 S. Congress/Suite 359, Austin, TX 78704. Phone (512)443-2528.

March 16-17 - Washington D.C. Two seminars to analyze, interpret and explain the Alcohol Fuels Programs of 41 US Bureaus. Contact Alcohol Fuel Focus, 202-223-6111.

March 16-17 - Fort Collins, Colorado. Engineering Alcohol Production. Contact Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado 80521.

March 18 - Southeast Nebraska meeting at Weeping Water school gymnasium. Speakers will be Alvin Jenkins and Stan DeBoer. 7 p.m.

March 19 - Georgia A.A.M. State Meeting at Unadilla, Georgia.

March 19 - Agriculture Day. Theme this year is "Agriculture - It's Your Heartbeat America."

March 20 - Commemorating National Agriculture Day, there will be a meeting at the Fairgrounds in Imperial, Nebraska. Speakers will be Alvin Jenkins and Stan DeBoer. Barbeque at 5 p.m., meeting at approximately 7 p.m.

March 27 - 29 - Carolina Farm Stewardship conference, Camp New Hope near Chapel Hill, NC. Cary Fowler, author of *Food First*, will speak. Several workshops, square dance. For more info, 704-851-9346.

March 28 - April 4 - AAM delegates meeting in Washington D.C. Every state should be represented.

March 29-31 - The Trilateral Commission meets in Washington, D.C. at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel.

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Peanut trial continues

The jury trial continues in Oxford, Mississippi where 7 farmers accuse the Sessions Peanut Company of cheating them out of thousands of dollars.

Chappell Sides, AAM member from Coffeeville, Mississippi, is involved in the case.

The farmers' attorney, Will Ford of New Albany, Mississippi, told the jury that Sessions Company had decided to discourage Mississippi farmers who had recently obtained peanut allotments from the government to grow peanuts. Sessions was concerned that Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana would take over the market, Ford said.

Attorney Ford said the company bribed federal and state inspectors to downgrade the peanuts, lowering the price and making peanut growing unprofitable.

Ford contended Sessions bribed the inspectors to downgrade the peanuts by saying they had high foreign material (mostly dirt) and using other factors to bring down the price the company paid for the load.

Attorney for Sessions Company Thomas Bell of Jackson, Mississippi, says the lawsuit is a result of a scheme by Mickey Motley, the man who hauled the farmers' peanuts to Sessions.

Bell said Motley owed another company owned by Sessions over \$38,000. Sessions demanded payment and Motley "did not, would not, could not" pay the debt.

Attorney Bell claimed that Sessions received threatening telephone calls telling them to forget about the debt.

Attorney Bell claims that Motley then got George Guilford, a federal peanut inspector, to make up the story about Sessions bribing him to downgrade Mississippi peanut loads.

Attorney Bell said "We want you to know that emphatically ... George Guilford was never bribed...George Guilford never downgraded peanuts."

Farmers are asking about \$200,000 in actual damages plus interest, and \$10 million in punitive damages.

Robert Williams of Coffeeville, the first farmer to file suit against Sessions, testified first.

Sessions attorney Bell implied that farmer Williams did not have good judgement about the quality of his own peanut crop.

Chappell Sides Jr. of Coffeeville testified March 4 that he first became

suspicious of the high percentage of foreign matter that inspectors at Sessions said they found in his peanuts. Sides said in 1977 he borrowed a cleaner and cleaned the harvested peanuts, expecting to remove a lot of dirt, but actually came up with only a small amount of dirt. Sides testified he still got a markedly lower foreign materials rating from the company, even though he had cleaned his peanuts first. Sides said he then got worried.

Sides said he was busy harvesting other crops and did not investigate further until he ran into Mickey Motley, who had hauled Sides' peanuts to Sessions.

Sides said after pressing Motley, he told him that inspector George Guilford had admitted downgrading the peanuts.

George Guilford, the inspector, took the stand March 5. He testified he was bribed by the company to downgrade peanuts grown in Mississippi, and that Sessions wanted to discourage Mississippi farmers from growing peanuts.

Guilford testified he had altered every "rough note" (his working papers) on farmers crops, or had them altered, on every load of peanuts that came from Mississippi from 1971 to 1974.

Guilford said he had been bribed with overtime hours he was paid for but did not work, \$120 a month in cash from 1971 to 1974, and peanut oil and peanut butter.

Guilford played for the jury a tape recording he said was of a conversation with a Sessions officer about a bribe the officer was carrying but had not yet paid to Guilford. Guilford said he hid the tape recorder in his boot on October 26, 1977 and put the microphone in a cigarette package in his shirt pocket.

The trial is expected to last several weeks. The *Commercial Appeal* in Memphis is following the story. AP has also put out some reports.

"I never did want to farm the treasury. I want to farm the land. Give me parity in the marketplace." Alvin Jenkins.

Washington Update

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Elmo Olson of North Dakota prepares baked beans at the AAM reception using a recipe from home.

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Liked Ristine story

Just a note to let you know we appreciate the coverage you gave the Ristine situation. Our guys were there -- proud to be a part of it and we wives who stayed at home were equally proud. Oh, if every concerned farmer would spend only 1/10 of the time in action that our guys do, think of all we could accomplish. I thank God for our association with a dedicated group such as A.A.M. We at least have a common goal and work together for that goal.

Marcia Ochs
Bison, KS

Debts should be set aside

Most alarming and very sad is the report on the number of mortgage foreclosures and delinquencies in various farming areas of the U.S.

Such an imminent threat to so many farm families necessitates an approach to Congress for legislation similar to the Frazier-Lemke Debt Adjustment Act of the 1930's depression era. The farm mortgage debt write-off feature of this legislation saved many farm families from disaster and kept them in the farming business.

Farmers also need a better crop insurance program with government funding which would provide families with income during periods of drouth or weather induced emergencies.

Sincerely,
Riley D. Konerza
Silver Lake, MN

On target

Certainly appreciated Bill Holdren's letter in March 3 *American Ag News*, particularly his "on target" comments about the need for farmers to communicate and use the "tool" that *American Ag News* has provided us with.

We also need to comment on different federal law

changes so capably reported by Mrs. Ebert in the *Federal Register* report -- do it! Let 'em know we are getting on the ball and paying attention to our business.

"Food for Thought" certainly adds stature and "horse sense" to *American Agriculture News*, and always get a good laugh out of "Bonnie's World."

Actually, it's hard to find words to adequately express my appreciation for *American Agriculture News*!

Doug Wildin

Hutch news editorial

Keep up the good work.

I wonder how the Hutchinson Editor who wrote the editorial for everyone's enlightenment would like it if someone used his paper as collateral for a loan and then that someone declared bankruptcy and his paper was tied up in court so that he couldn't print or sell his stupid remarks or even his newspaper, his building, his machinery, or anything that was his livelihood. Would he be so quick to judge people who stood up for their rights or claimed what was theirs?

We have been told all these years that warehouse receipts were our proof of ownership -- that was supposed to have been the law. Who suddenly changed that law to suit their own whims? Wayne Cryts was breaking no law to take what was rightfully his. The men who used his beans to obtain a loan broke the law. The banks who loaned the money on those beans that belonged to someone else broke the law. The Courts who refuse to give a man what is rightfully his is breaking the law. A Government that refuses to stand for a man's rights is breaking the law, but not Wayne Cryts nor the farmers who stood with him.

This great government of ours would never have had a beginning if our forefathers had not stood up for their rights and the rights of others. They, too, rebelled against a government, a system which was trying to take away their rights of

ownership among other things.

I am proud of Wayne Cryts, who had the guts to defend his property and I am proud of the men who stood with him, because he's in the right and he and they were within the law. He only took what belonged to him.

Louise Kimbell
Springfield, CO.

Answer to Hutch News editorial.

In reply to your recent editorial headed "Law and Order", I wish to make these statements as one who spent weeks studying the facts and the law before I went to the Ristine elevator. If you will read Amendments V and VII of the Constitution and understand as fact that these judges violated the very letter and intent of the Constitution, you may have some understanding of why farmers removed their grain.

Most of the people at the Ristine elevator were A.A.M. farmers because they have stood together before and a bond between these men and women exists that only those who have made the commitment can understand. Yet, not only farmers, but people from many walks of life stood at Ristine that day.

The folklore of which you speak in your editorial is the history of those who were willing to sacrifice of themselves that justice prevail. Each of us at Ristine that day expected to go peacefully to jail so jury trials would bring justice to the attempts of judges to dictate theft of private property.

There was not even one word of anger spoken, much less any violence. I do not know why we are not now in jail for our actions. We are willing if that is the price of justice.

You stated in your closing sentence that "law and order begins at home." Indeed, law and order begins in the hearts of men and women who will not only speak of justice, but will stand at all cost till justice is done.

Larry W. Matlack
Burton, KS