

extensive resources of the Department of Agriculture Library and the data of the Bureau of the Census.

In July, 1932, Farm Research issued its first publication called Farm News Letter. Its masthead carried the following, written by Ware:

Farm News Letter is issued weekly to supply farmers and farm workers with a critical analysis of official reports, farm relief proposals, farm legislation, etc. It gives timely accounts of the struggles of the farm population against those agencies responsible for the chronic agricultural crisis by supplying vital facts which are too often beautified, ignored or actually distorted.

The opening article of Issue #1, also by Ware, reads:

In a news letter addressed to business men, Roger Babson (the doctor for sick business) tells them to "go into the woods, rest, think and pray." Farm News Letter is addressed to farmers, and it will not advise them to "rest, think and pray." When farmers are losing their homes to the sheriff and tax collector, when their year's crop is being swallowed by the banker and the food industries, it is not time to talk about resting and praying. It is time for thinking, of course, but especially it is time for action.

There was no lack of action out across rural America.

Ware heard that some farmers in the Philadelphia milkshed held a mass meeting to protest low prices for their milk. He sent me out there to meet the leaders. I found a radicalized group of Jewish, Lithuanian, Quaker and Mennonite farmers who were forming a Farmers' Protective Association.

In the Midwest, the storm center that Summer was Iowa,