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## Credit System Change Asked by Pomona Grange of Douglas

### LOCAL HANDLING OF LOANS PREFERRED

Present System Requires Too Much Time; Kellogg Grange Wins Prize.

A change in the administration of farm production loans so that they may be handled through county or local administration, under the supervision of local boards, who will also have charge of land bank loans is proposed in a resolution adopted at the meeting of Douglas county Pomona grange in Roseburg Saturday.

The grange also adopted a resolution urging additional facilities for mental cases at the veterans hospital here, rather than by conversion of present buildings as contemplated; opposed the annual payment of \$6,000 to W. J. Kerr, chancellor, urged consolidation of courses in the state university and college, and proposed a change in the farm loan banking system to give a larger local representation.

Officers were elected for the coming year, and a talk was heard on grange sponsored measures. The meeting, held at the I. O. O. F. hall, was attended by representatives of nearly all of the 18 subordinate granges of the county, and was given over during the morning to grange business, initiation of members, election, and other strictly grange matters. A basket dinner was enjoyed at noon, and a lecture program, open to the public, followed during the afternoon.

Discussing the matter of farm credits, a resolution declared that considerable delay in securing farm loans, credit loans, etc., results from the present system, and that local boards should be provided with authority to administer the farm credit for the community.

Would Shift Responsibility. "The local board must act on loans for land ownership," the resolution said, in outlining the present credit set-up. "These loans cannot be paid unless the operator can produce and market his crops in such manner as to meet these obligations. If he is unable to be heard for through the production credit, his land bank loan may not be paid. Therefore, if our local board is to be made responsible for his land bank payments, they should also be able to be responsible for his production and marketing needs."

Kellogg grange was announced as the winner of the 415 cash prize for the best percentage of attendance at meetings for the contest period, with Riverside winning the \$10 second prize and South Deer creek the third prize of \$5. The appropriation of \$30 for prizes to be given granges showing the largest per capita attendance during the summer months was voted by the grange last to spring. Mrs. Ethel Busenbark was chairman of the committee in charge of the prize awards.

Pest Hunt Results Shown. The report of the Pomona Agricultural committee, of which Fred Goff is chairman, stated that the pest hunt, sponsored by Pomona grange, showed the following results for September: 25 coyotes, 443 rats, 1990 digger squirrels, 116 gophers, 181 moles, 11 owls, 42 hawks, 61 crows, 227 blue jays, 10 rattlesnakes, 11 weasels, 274 rabbits, 162 mice, a total of 5584 pests and 966,200 points. The standing to date of the several granges was announced as follows: Riverside, 556,500 points; Riverside, 158,550; Smith River, 122,675; Loom Lake, 49,500; Tualuma, 39,075; Melrose, 28,625; Roseburg, 12,325; Gile, 9,360.

The few reports received for October, it was reported, showed a decided gain. The contest is to continue through November. The report declared that farm conditions are improving and that prices for products is now above the average. The growth of co-operative marketing has now reached the prairie industry it was stated.

Six Obligated. Six delegates given the obligation of the Pomona degree. The new members are Lois Harris, Glide; Ernest Weatherly, Elton; L. R. Judy, Loom Lake; Edith M. Kardell, Loom Lake; Mrs. L. R. Judy, Loom Lake; Mrs. J. A. Gardner, Yoncalin.

T. B. Busenbark, of Melrose, was elected master of Pomona grange at the annual election held in connection with the meeting Saturday. Other officers chosen were M. H. McCord, Glide, overseer; Mrs. Paula Anderson, Kellogg, lecturer; Cecil Harris, Glide, steward; Elton Fisher, Kellogg, assistant steward; Mrs. Harry Collison, Roseburg, chaplain; Pearl Jones, Roseburg, treasurer; Mrs. Ruth Canebeer, Glide, secretary; Clyde Hemerson, Sutherland, gatekeeper; Mrs. Esther Dean, Cores; Mrs. Chlorella Rhoads, Days Creek, Pomona; Mrs. Henry Landers, Roseburg, Florida; Mrs. Alice Goff, Roseburg, lady assistant steward; C. H. Bailey, Roseburg, Charles Hartley, Sutherland, and R. A. Calhoun, Wilbur, executive committee.

Joining with other organizations which have protested conversion of the facilities of the veterans hospital and barracks here to pro-

### Fretful Cow Wins "Beauty" Contest

TULSA, Okla., Nov. 2.—(AP)—Oklahoma's "it" cow, a charming Holstein, is Ralston F. Morley's Netherland Bell Homestead.

In spite of a fretful mood she won a bovine beauty contest at the oil capital horse and dairy show Saturday night.

She trampled her costume and fought her handlers, but the judges were captivated by her red silk costume spangled with tiny mirrors, ruffled pantaloons and 10-foot train.

Her five-day-old calf, dressed like its mama, followed her in a white go cart.

vide an institution exclusively for the care of neuro-psychiatric patients, the grange adopted a resolution urging that additional facilities be provided if needed, but that the present facilities be continued.

Another resolution stated that congress had repealed that part of the enabling act establishing the farm loan system and pertaining to the board of directors governing farm loan banks, changing from four to one the number of directors elected by stockholders, thereby practically destroying it as a cooperative organization. It was proposed that the next congress be requested to restore the original act, thereby making four of the seven directors of each bank to be elected by the stockholders.

Pomona grange adopted a resolution presented by Elk creek grange opposing the pension of \$6,000 annually for Chancellor Emeritus W. J. Kerr and urging his discontinuance, and also another requesting the board of higher education to abolish unnecessary duplication of courses in the university and college.

Among visitors present at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Thiersen of Milwaukee and State Senator Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill.

Mr. Thiersen is master of Clackamas Pomona grange and Mrs. Thiersen is lecturer of the Oregon State grange. Mr. Zimmerman, a member of the state grange executive committee, was the speaker during the afternoon program, discussing the measures sponsored by the grange at the general election.

Following the noon recess, during which a basket dinner was enjoyed, a program, open to the public, was presented by Mrs. Ethel Busenbark, Pomona lecturer.

The program included: Music by the Kellogg grange orchestra, address by Mrs. Thiersen, reading by Florence Everts of Glide, said by Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Goff of Melrose, address by Mr. Thiersen and talk by Senator Zimmerman.

GRANGE CONTINUES TO REVEAL GROWTH

The year's figures of grange progress throughout the country are now available, as the membership and financial year of this great farm organization closed on September 30, and the tabulation of organization work reveals very interesting totals.

The grange is one of the few fraternal organizations which make a net membership gain year after year, which steadily increases its financial balance; which organizes large numbers of new units every 12 months; and is constantly building new grange halls—all on a very low dues basis, results made possible by a policy of thrift and caution in the administration of this farmers' organization.

For the 12 months ending September 30, 256 new subordinate granges were organized, distributed over 14 different states, the widest coverage in new organization work ever recorded.

CAULIFLOWER MAY BE BOUGHT BY U. S.

SALEM, Nov. 2.—(AP)—In a series of messages from the federal government Governor Martin Belmont of Oregon authorized P. H. Appleby, assistant to Secretary Wallace, telegraphed the federal government would purchase surplus cauliflowers if the situation warrants.

Rural rehabilitation loans and grants to farmer victims of the recent bandit fire were under consideration by the resettlement administration, Washington officials wired.

The telegram indicated \$12,000 for rehabilitation loans and \$8,000 subsidiary grants already had been made available by the government to fire victims who qualified for such assistance.

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### DEMAND FOR FARM LABOR INCREASES

Supply Drops to 86 Pct. of Normal; Average Pay Slightly Higher.

Farm wages for the country as a whole stood at an index of 119 on October 1, an advance of two points since July and of eight points within the year, the bureau of agricultural economics reports. Day wages, without board, over the country as a whole, on October 1, amounted to \$1.55 as compared with \$1.54 three months earlier and \$1.47 a year ago.

The further reduction in the supply of labor available for hire was a principal factor in the upturn of wages. Reports from farmers throughout the country indicated that the local labor supply had dropped to about 86 per cent of normal on October 1. This average of three points down from July or almost nine points lower than a year ago.

Although the supply of hired help has been growing smaller, the demand for farm labor has increased notwithstanding the smaller harvest of corn and other important crops resulting from the drought. Farmers were in the midst of cotton and fruit picking, potato digging, beet pulling, bean threshing, and other harvest on October 1 and the demand for workers, placed at 83.7 per cent of normal, averaged one point up from July 1 and 3.5 points above a year ago. In the west north central states hardest hit by drought, there was a sharp drop in the reported demand for labor in the past quarter. Likewise, there was a smaller demand for labor in the Rocky mountain states. There was an excess of farm help reported in these two areas.

Supply Decreasing. On the other hand, actual shortages of labor were reported in the northeast, likewise in the central and eastern cotton states and on the Pacific coast.

For the country as a whole, however, the supply of workers still exceeded the demand by 2.5 per cent on the first of October. These months earlier the supply was reported as 7.5 per cent greater than demand. In October a year ago it was 18 per cent greater.

A rise in prices of farm products this fall put farmers in a better position to pay higher wages and to hire more workers, the bureau said. The ratio of prices received to farm wage rates rose to 112 per cent of the pre-war average on October 1. On July 1 this ratio was 99 per cent of pre-war, and a year ago it was 105.

### FOUR-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

Thursday evening the club leaders of Edenbower community met at the home of Mrs. Alvia Wetherell to develop plans for 4-H club work in their community this year.

Mrs. Stella Payne, leader of a clothing club; Mrs. C. J. Bradley, leader of the Cooking club; Mrs. Glen Ringo, leader of camp cooking club; Miss Mabel Williams, teacher of the upper grades and leader of the health and marketing clubs; Miss Helen Kinsell and County Club Agent E. A. Britton were present at the meeting.

All clubs of Edenbower community finished their projects last year 100 per cent. They plan to repeat this year.

The 4-H Forestry club was organized at Melrose last week with Robert Bombraque with the United States forest service as leader. Kiles White was elected president. Orlo Handy, vice-president, and Bob Greene as secretary. Other members of the club include Grant Bombraque, Calvin Conn, James White and Nobel White.

Camas Valley school sent in a 4-H Health club enrollment of 14 members this week. Miss Betha Lary, teacher of this school, leader of the club which has for its president Wilma Murray, Donald Conn for vice-president and Virginia Sherif for secretary.

Ped's school under the leadership of Elma Abrahamson has organized a 4-H Health club of nine members and has already started their work for the year. The club members elected Pauline Lahti, president; Frances Finney, vice-president, and Uta Tamont, secretary.

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### GARDENS ARE AIDED BY COMPOST HEAD

Every good gardener, whether interested in flowers or vegetables or both, will usually have a compost heap somewhere about the premises, says R. E. Stephenson, associate professor of soils at Oregon State college.

The heap may be hidden by the garage, behind some shrubbery or in some other inconspicuous spot, but wherever it is, every kind of waste material about the premises should go into it. Grass clippings, leaves, weeds, the dead stalks of flowers and vegetables, and similar material all make fine compost. But Professor Stephenson issues one warning—put no diseased plant growth in the compost heap, on penalty of spreading the disease throughout the garden.

It is best to keep the compost heap moist, but not water-logged. A few handfuls of sulfate of ammonia, superphosphate and lime added to the compost occasionally will cause the material to rot more quickly and will help to make a better fertilizer. Also a few shovels of rich soil on the heap will save moisture and inoculate the compost, Stephenson says.

There are no objectionable features to composting—no odor and no flies, Stephenson points out. The heat produced by compost properly handled kills larvae and insects which might otherwise appear.

If not enough other material is available, and one wishes to do so, one may purchase straw or even clover or alfalfa hay for making compost, he says. If straw is used it is best to place a layer of straw six or eight inches thick. Then wet it down, add some fertilizer and soil, and another layer of straw, until a heap about six feet high is made. For each ton of straw about 75 pounds of sulfate of ammonia, 30 pounds of superphosphate and 50 pounds of ground limestone are needed. A ton of straw will make about three tons of wet compost in about three months time.

If one does not care to compost, he may purchase rotted manure and use lawn clippings and leaves for mulching without composting, Stephenson says. Leaf mold is also good, but pretty flowers and good gardens are difficult to produce on soils that get dry and hard easily, unless some form of humus material is used regularly.

PORKERS LAUNDERED TO SMELL "SWEET"

TULSA, Okla.—(AP)—Other pigs have distasteful attributes, but not those of Charlie Thompson, 12, and Sidney Hussey, 12—their smell "sweet as a daisy."

The two young future farmers of America brought their hogs from their homes near Sayre, Okla., for exhibition at the four-state fair here. "Our pigs are cleaner than a hound's tooth," they declared. "We know. We launder them ourselves and they're nice to sleep with. More than a lot of people we know. Our hazy pigs smell sweet as a daisy."

Asked about the odor that permeated the hog exhibit, the boys replied: "Oh, that's these other pigs."

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### BRAINS SHOWN BY 'HOPPERS' IN DIET

INDEPENDENCE, Mo.—(AP)—Grasshoppers may eat anything from grass to saddle leather when pressed for food but they avoided sorghum cane fields during the long dry summer until after heavy rains.

A county extension agent explained the cause contains prussic acid during drought periods in quantity sufficient to kill cows grazing on it. Rain dispels the acid.

"The grasshoppers moved in immediately following the rain," the agent said. "To me, that is conclusive proof of their intelligence."

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