

### Farmers Union Oil Increase For Year Satisfies Members

MT. ANGEL — A satisfactory increase in volume during 1953 was experienced by the Marion County Farmers Union Oil Company reported Peter F. Gores, secretary-manager, at the all-day annual members' meeting of the cooperative organization Saturday, February 28, in the St. Mary's school auditorium.

A summarized report of each year's business since 1934 when the organization was started was given by Wm. G. Stacey, certified public accountant of Salem. During his time there has been a savings for members of \$1,091,329, or 14 percent. Cash refunded to members amounted to \$545,451 and with the \$40,508 dividend refund allowed for 1953, brings the total to \$585,959 of the amount of cash refund to members to date.

The 1953 volume of business was \$898,016.65, compared to the \$28,217.95 figure in 1934 the organizations first year in business. During those 20 years, \$7,795,859 worth of business have gone through the cooperative.

The report showed the cost of merchandise sold through the cooperative last year was \$765,526 with a gross margin of \$132,490. The net association margin for

1953 amounted to \$37,315.29, plus the \$9,644.21 patronage refund received, brought the total net margin for 1953 to \$46,959.50.

The 1947 year certificates from association earnings (yellow certificates) have been called in for payment.

Robert Harper, Gervais Rt. 1, and Elmer Thompson, who lives in the Monitor district on Woodburn Rt. 2, were chosen to succeed themselves as directors. At the meeting of the board of directors which was held follow-

ing the membership meeting, Robert Harper, Gervais Rt. 1, was re-elected president and Warren Gray, Marion Rt. 1, was re-elected vice-president. Raymond Warner, Silverton Rt. 2, and Peter P. Kirk, Newberg, are holdover board members. Peter F. Gores was retained as secretary-manager.

President Warren Gray of Marion presided, and other speakers included Hess Williams, of the General Petroleum corporation, Portland; and Eric Coxan, manager TBA division of Pacific

Supply Cooperative, Portland. Charles Baker, manager of Pacific Supply Cooperative, Portland, gave an address on the Hells Canyon issue.

Free lunch was served to 450 in the diningroom of St. Mary's school. On account of the large crowd, the group was divided, and during the lunch hour Peter P. Kirk of St. Paul showed pictures of the 1953 St. Paul Rodeo.

A total of 1884 members belong to the cooperative from Marion, Clackamas, Yamhill and Linn counties.

### St. Mark's Holds Lent Observance

The St. Mark's Lutheran congregation will observe special Ash Wednesday services and the beginning of Lent at a 7:30 o'clock Holy Communion service Wednesday evening, according to announcement made by the pastor, the Rev. John L. Cauble. This is a traditional communion service in the Lutheran church. The Lord's Supper will be administered in candlelight, following a brief meditation on the

subject of "Sin". Friends of the congregation and other interested persons are extended a cordial welcome to this service of worship and reception of Grace. Wednesday evening devotional services will continue throughout the Lenten season. Pastor Cauble will deliver a series of meditations on the subject "Plaguing Problems and the Lenten Lord". These services will likewise be held at 7:30. The public is invited.

**LIBERTY CUB SCOUTS**  
LIBERTY — The Cub Scout troop 18, committee meeting will be held Wednesday, March 3, at

the home of Dr. Lewis Clark on Boxwood Lane.

Each den has been asked to send a Cub Scout to the committee meeting so final plans can be made for the carnival which is scheduled for March 26, at the Liberty hall. Den mothers and committeemen are especially invited.

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### Lamp Shades EC Club Project

ROBERTS—The Home Extension Unit met in the grange hall Thursday at 10 a.m. for making "Fabric Lampshades" with Mrs. Herman Doney and Mrs. L. F. Zielke as project leaders.

Those making lamp shades were Mrs. Jerome O. Apple, Mrs. Earl Blankenship, Mrs. James W. Martisfield, Mrs. L. F. Zielke and Mrs. Jim Daniels. Others present were Mrs. Frank Boehringer, Mrs. Oscar Phillips, Mrs. Russell Davenport, Mrs. Glenn Bidgood, Mrs. George Bressler, Mrs. Chet Austin, Mrs. G. S. Higgins, Mrs. A. D. Graham and Mrs. Merle Phillips.

In the afternoon Mrs. A. D. Graham, chairman, called the meeting to order for the business session. A collection was taken up for the ACWW fund.

Mrs. Jim Daniels made a report on the Program Planning meeting and it was reported that Mrs. C. N. Ruggles, County Committee women, would be present at the March or April meeting.

March 28 at 1 p.m. the Home Extension Unit will meet at the home of Mrs. Jess Forster with a county agent present to demonstrate "New Trends in Lighting."

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph DeVilbis and sons, Mrs. Jess Forster and Mrs. G. S. Higgins from the Roberts Sunday School attended the annual Workers Conference at Dallas, Saturday.

Next Sunday after Sunday School a group plans to go to Panther Creek to meet with a group of Sunday Schools from joining precincts.

Basket dinner will be served at 12:30 p.m. (Bring own table service as well). At 2 p.m. J. J. Ray, General Missionary will speak and show slide pictures taken in his work.

The G. T. club will entertain their husbands and families at the grange hall Thursday night Mar. 4.

A pot-luck supper will be served at 6:30 p.m., each one to bring their own table service.

Mrs. Lee U. Eyerly and Mrs. Karl Heyden are on the entertainment committee.

Steven Eyerly fell and broke his left arm above the elbow Friday while at school.

### Commission Planned For Strawberries

Preliminary work is under way for an Oregon strawberry commission, report J. R. E. Schedeen, Gresham berry grower, at a strawberry growers' meeting in Salem last Thursday.

Purpose of the commission is to promote the general welfare of the strawberry industry.

Schedeen outlined the procedure to be followed in establishing the commission. A major goal is further research on strawberries at Oregon State college. Other goals include market promotion and development, including new uses for strawberries. Schedeen stressed that a strawberry commission, if approved by the growers, cannot establish marketing agreements.

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