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EDITORIALS

THE PROGRESS OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION

During the past six years, there have been many and diverse efforts in the name of farm relief.

Some of them have failed. Some have been partially successful. Some are still being weighed in the balance of achievement. But one of the efforts, at least, seems to have been entirely worthwhile—that of promoting farmer-owned and farmer-controlled agricultural cooperative associations.

Government assistance was not responsible for the creation of the principal co-ops—it has, however, done much to accelerate their growth, and to increase the scope and effectiveness of their work. And

that work constitutes one of the brightest pages in the unwritten history of American farming. Each year has seen steady increases in the numbers of farmers enrolled in co-ops—and in the volume of goods of all kinds handled by the co-ops. Each year has seen definite progress toward establishing a closer share of the final selling price of what he produces. This represents real and permanent achievement, that promises great results for the future.

STOLEN READY MADE

In a recent editorial, the Gas Age-Record observed that there could be no better commentary on the worth of electric "yardsticks" determined by government competition with private utility companies than the following anecdote:

Two London broom peddlers met on the street. Said Peddler Number 1 to his competitor, "Hi don't see 'ow you sells your brooms for sixpence; Hi steals the sticks and Hi steals the straw, and Hi don't make nothing sellin' 'em for ninepence."

"That's easy," said Peddler Number 2. "Hi steals 'em ready made." Government yardsticks seem to invariably steal their thunder "ready made". They do this in various ways. One way, well exemplified by the TVA, is to fix the investment of a government-owned plant at a ridiculously low figure—and to write off the rest of its worth for war department, reclamation or some other purpose. Another is to use strange and wonderful accounting methods, which show part of the truth but

not all of it—accounting methods which would not be permitted by any regulatory agency in the case of a private utility. Still another is to receive various services—accounting, stenographic, postage, etc.—for nothing, and let other departments of the government, less in the public eye, foot the bill. And perhaps most important, government enterprises are tax-free, do not need to show a profit, and are financed at the extremely low interest rates made possible by the fact that the credit of the entire nation is behind government securities.

As a result, the so-called yardsticks, existing or potential, the government has undertaken are, in the view of many unprejudiced experts, worse than useless. They are misleading and confusing. They are too often designed to "prove" a point—whether the actual facts point in a different direction or not. They represent the ascendancy of partisan politics over sound economics—a fact which the public is fortunately beginning to realize.

It is the practice of a broadcasting station in a mid western city to set a microphone out in the street and hail passing people, get them up in front of the microphone and ask them to talk. In a recent broadcast of this kind the requirement of each victim as to reply to the question, "What is the most beautiful thing in the world?" The fellow didn't miss it much who said, "A five dollar bill one picks up on the street when he is a thousand

miles from home, dead broke, cold and hungry."

Congress, before it adjourned, around to everybody except the newspaper editors. Up to the time of adjournment no mention had been made of the possibility of ordering the plowing under of every other subscriber.

A reader of this paper tells us that where he sees a team of horses with their tails matted full of cockleburrs he knows the man is either a poor tenant or has a mortgage on his farm.

It is a mighty barren life that the sight of a group of children on their way to school, will not stir in it a flock of memories.

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PROPOSED BUDGET

FOR THE CITY OF CENTRAL POINT, OREGON
FOR THE YEAR 1936

The following is a budget of the estimated expenditures of the City of Central Point, Oregon, for the year 1936, together with the estimated receipts from all sources and the levy of taxes required to raise the necessary revenue:

SUMMARY For the Year 1936

Department	Levy	Estimated Receipts	Budget
Recorder	\$1,240.00	\$ 100.00	\$1,340.00
Treasurer	125.00		125.00
Police	925.00	50.00	975.00
Library	132.00		132.00
Fire	175.00		175.00
Streets, Labor and Material	400.00		400.00
Park	30.00		30.00
Fire Hydrants	1,320.00		1,320.00
Light and Globes	200.00		200.00
Taxes, Legal & Audit	130.00		130.00
Maintenance & Repair	268.00		268.00
Emergency	300.00		300.00
General Fund	\$5,245.00	\$ 150.00	\$5,395.00
Redemption of Bonds	2,500.00		2,500.00
Interest on Bonds	2,050.00		2,050.00
Total Levy	\$9,795.00	Est. Ex.	\$9,945.00

Department	Estimated Receipts	Budget
Recorder	\$ 100.00	\$1,340.00
Office Supplies	20.00	
Stamps and Printing	20.00	\$1,240.00
Treasurer—Salary	\$ 120.00	
Stamps and Exchange	5.00	\$ 125.00
Marshal—Salary	\$ 900.00	
Special Police	20.00	
Traffic Tags and Notices	5.00	\$ 925.00
Library Support	\$ 120.00	
Lights	12.00	\$ 132.00
Fire Track	\$ 75.00	
Hose	100.00	\$ 175.00
Streets—Labor	\$ 300.00	
Material	100.00	\$ 400.00
Park	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
Fire Hydrants	\$1,320.00	\$1,320.00
Street Lights	\$ 141.60	
Globes	58.40	\$ 200.00
Taxes	\$ 40.00	
Legal	60.00	
Audit	30.00	\$ 130.00
Maintenance and Repair		
City Hall—Jail	\$ 30.00	
Fuel	30.00	
Trucks and Supplies	100.00	
Accident Fund	75.00	
Telephone	8.00	
Miscellaneous	25.00	\$ 268.00
Emergency		\$ 300.00
Total General Fund	\$5,245.00	
Redemption of Bonds	2,500.00	
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Recorder—Salary	\$1,200.00	
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