

FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

WHEAT LEAGUE FIGHTS TAX ON GRAIN BAGS.

Umatilla county members of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League have joined with members of the league from other Oregon wheat producing counties in an attempt to do away with the tax on grain bags. Last Sunday, at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League at Arlington, Umatilla county was represented by James Hill, President of the Pendleton Grain Growers, B. W. Gilliland, chairman of the agricultural committee of White Eagle Grange, and Walter A. Holt, County Agent, in preparing statements to be placed before the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in connection with the Jute tax.

Wheat farmers of Eastern Oregon are taking the lead in this fight for an elimination of the tax, which will have a definite effect upon the production costs of not only wheat, but of those growing potatoes, oats, barley, and other commodities using burlap bags. Wool bags have been declared exempt from the tax.

Some of the arguments submitted by the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in asking for elimination of the tax are to the effect that it is as impossible to substitute cotton for grain bags as for wool bags, the argument of the Administration being that the Jute tax is a compensating tax for the one on cotton, the purpose being to prevent the utilization of jute in place of cotton in view of the fact that there has been a processing tax placed upon cotton goods.

The wheat growers' argument points out that this tax imposes an additional burden upon Pacific Northwest wheat growers because in this territory over 60 per cent of the wheat moves to tidewater points in burlap bags. This is contrary to the custom in other wheat growing areas of the United States, and is brought about because of the lack of farm storage, the nearly 100 per cent use of combines, and the necessity for moving all of the wheat in one direction—to the Pacific coast.

The wheat growers further point out that the Pacific Northwest people are already paying the tax on cotton, the proceeds of which are used for financing the cotton reduction program. Wheat farmers are glad to pay that tax, they tell us, as they realize that people in the cotton-producing states are paying a tax on flour, this latter tax being used to finance wheat reduction, which is expected to benefit wheat growers. This is a fifty-fifty cooperation on the part of both sections, and is evidently fair according to the statement of leaders in the Wheat League.

League members believe, however, that the tax on grain bags is unfair because it throws a larger burden upon northwestern wheat growers than is borne by wheat growers elsewhere. The processing tax is thirty cents per bushel upon wheat. Northwestern farmers are paid for fifty-four per cent of their average annual production. From a thirty-cent tax, two cents are deducted to finance wheat exporting; an average of one cent or less is deducted for expense of the local Wheat Production Control Associations, and the burlap tax amounts to approximately one and one-half cents. Wheat farmers feel then that out of the thirty-cent processing tax they will actually get twenty-five and one-half cents. In other words, approximately fifteen per cent of the processing tax goes for other things so far as the wheat grower is concerned, of which over one-third is for a fund for cotton growers.

A further argument is to the effect that the tax falls unequally upon different wheat growers. The man so situated that he can bulk his grain escapes it altogether. The farmer who cannot afford bulk equipment, or the man so far from market, or on such rough land that bulking is impossible, must put his grain in sacks. These people are therefore forced to support the cotton program to a greater extent than are their more fortunate competitors. Wheat growers feel there is no justice in this situation.

Then there is the case of those farmers who grow oats and barley. These two groups alone require over ten million bags yearly and are not benefited at all by the AAA program, according to the brief prepared by the Wheat League officials. In fact, the growers of these crops will be very severely handicapped by the reduction program of bags now under way, and a pro-

posed program for dairy cows and beef cattle. Wheat Leaguers raise this question: "Why should our farmers pay out \$277,000.00 annually for the privilege of sacking their oats and barley when they have no connection whatever with any of this program except to be damaged by it?"

Relation of Wheat Export Cooperation.

The suggestion has come to officials of the Wheat League from Congressional correspondence that AAA officials believe the burlap tax justified as it applies to the Pacific Northwest because this section is favored by the diversion of two cents of the thirty-cent flour tax into an export fund used principally here in the Northwest. To quote from the brief of the Wheat League: "We do not believe those things have any logical connection at all. If the emergency export of wheat is right and just, why impose a tax on burlap? Why not one on candy, shoes, or some other unrelated item? The Pacific Northwest surplus is only part of the wheat surplus and if not exported, it would go to the Atlantic coast, southern states, and the middle west, as it has in the past, and set to depress the price of all wheat in the United States."

The Wheat Leaguers conclude their statement with a request that the tax should be rebated to the original purchaser upon sufficient proof that the bags are to be used for grain, and offer the suggestion that Wheat Reduction Control Associations could easily provide machinery for such rebates with very little expense.

BANK FOR COOPERATIVES REDUCE INTEREST RATE.

Spokane Bank for Cooperatives reduced its interest rate on March 16 from 4 to 3 1/2 per cent on effective merchandising loans.

The effective merchandising loan is a short-term loan made to cooperative associations for current operations which is to be repaid from current returns. Mrs. Henry Ott and Mrs. J. Jendrzewski of Hermiston and Mrs. George Wood and Elaine Green were club guests. Mrs. J. M. Richards will be hostess at the April meeting.

The other type of loan made by this bank is the facility loan which is made to cover not over 60 per cent of the cost of construction of necessary buildings, plants and farm machinery. These are made to cooperative associations to be repaid over a term of years. The interest rate remains unchanged on the facility loan at 4 1/2 per cent. Since February 8, when the Bank for Cooperatives made its first loan, 37 formal applications have been received at the bank, 17 from Washington, seven from Montana, seven from Oregon and six from Idaho. These applications cover wide diversity of farm commodities produced in the northwest states. They are filed by associations operating creameries, cheese factories, grain elevators, various types of warehouses, fruit and nut drying plants, fruit and vegetable canning plants, feed mills, farmers' markets, and cold storage plants. Every day requests are received for application forms.

Preliminary application blanks of the emergency crop loan section of the Farm Credit Administration are at hand in the offices of all county agents. These must be carefully filled in by each applicant so that the work of handling the applications will be expedited.

The important change in the seed loan regulations as compared with the former years is that now the maximum amount of loan is \$250, as against \$300 in 1933, and \$400 in 1932. The applicant must obtain a statement from the county production council that he does not intend to increase his acreage in violation of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration program.

Information Requested.

Certificates of equity issued in 1926 numbered from 1 to 83, inclusive, have been called for redemption. Many of the holders of these certificates have moved away, and the management would appreciate any assistance any of the readers of the Herald can give toward locating the parties listed below: Cert. Name Last known address
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38 W. A. Knauff Boardman
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71 W. H. Copeland Stanfield
72 D. C. Beckman Holdman
83 E. C. Lyle Hermiston
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APRIL 3RD FINAL DATE FOR CORN-HOG SIGN-UP.

The final closing date for submitting corn-hog contracts in Oregon has been set by the Corn-Hog Committee for April 3, through authorization granted by the Corn-Hog Section, according to word just received by the Umatilla County Agent's office, which has been asked to notify farmers to this effect and to be guided accordingly.

A meeting has been scheduled for Friday, March 23rd, at Hermiston in the office of Garnet D. Best, assistant county agent.

This means that those farmers who are expecting to participate in the benefit payments through corn-hog reduction contracts must have their applications and contracts in the hands of their local committees not later than April 3. The committees have been handling a great many requests in this connection, and in view of the fairly large sign-up and the additional work which must be done after the sign-up has been completed, it is necessary that a closing date be established in order that payments may be made to cooperating farmers at the earliest possible date.

Stanfield Grange News.

A large number of local Grangers and 35 guests attended the regular Grange meeting Saturday evening. Eight new members were initiated in the 3rd and 4th degrees by the Cold Springs degree staff. The degree work was very ably and impressively presented. There were twelve members of the Echo Grange present.

Mrs. J. F. Rueber was hostess to the H. E. Club at her home Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. L. F. Wooster presided during the business meeting. Club members and their husbands will hold their annual banquet and hi-jinks in the near future. Mrs. Henry Ott and Mrs. J. Jendrzewski of Hermiston and Mrs. George Wood and Elaine Green were club guests. Mrs. J. M. Richards will be hostess at the April meeting.

Grange Dance.

There will be a dance in the Stanfield Grange hall Saturday night, March 24th. The public is invited. Music by Garrison's Old Timers.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES FOR DAIRY CONTROL HELD SOON.

The dairy control program moves on apace with announcement from Washington that regional conferences to discuss proposed provisions with producers and handlers of dairy products will be held the latter part of March and early April. The location and date of the Pacific Northwest conference has not been announced, but Dean William A. Schoenfeld, Director Paul V. Maris of the extension service, and P. M. Brandt, chief in dairying, have joined in a recommendation that it be held in Portland, as the most central location for this region.

With the county agents' offices again the clearing houses for the emergency federal seed loans, W. L. Teutsch, assistant state county agent leader, has been designated to coordinate this program in Oregon. Loans up to \$250 are available, but any application for \$150 or more must first be made to the local production credit association.

Mr. Teutsch suggests that time of applicants will be saved if the necessary information for the application be in hand the first trip to the county agent's office. This information includes a complete legal description of the farm, a list of all indebtedness of every kind, a record of the 1933 crop production, a list of all livestock and major farm equipment on the place, and a record of all hay, feed and seed now on hand.

Strawberry Varieties Tried.

EUGENE—Two strawberry variety trials to compare new berries recently developed at the Oregon Experiment station with varieties now commonly grown in Lane county have been started on the farms of Ben Davidson, Route 2, Eugene, and E. P. Sanders, Alvarado. These trials have been arranged as a part of the 1934 program of the Lake County Horticultural society with the cooperation of County Agent O. S. Fletcher and Dr. George Waldo, special small fruits investigator for the U. S. department of agriculture, stationed at Oregon State college.

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FARM PRICES MAKE GAINS OVER COSTS LAST MONTH.

Most farm prices made substantial gains during February, and as a whole these gains were greater than increases in prices paid by farmers, according to the monthly Agricultural Situation and Outlook report just prepared by the Oregon State College extension service. Eggs were the only major commodity that did not share in this general price increase. As compared to January, grains rose 3 points, fruits and vegetables nine points, meat animals 9 points, and dairy products four points, while eggs dropped nine points.

In terms of pre-war conditions, the February index of all farm prices stood at 76, the index prices paid by farmers for commodities usually bought stood at 118, and the purchasing power of the farm dollar was 64 per cent of pre-war, or parity. The farm dollar in February with a purchasing power of 64 per cent of parity is a much better dollar than the farm dollar of a year ago which had a purchasing power of only 49 per cent of parity. This 15 point gain in purchasing power represents slightly less than a third of the gain that must be made before the farm dollar will have an equal exchange value with the industrial dollar.

The purchasing power during February of some of the major farm commodities in relation to parity was as follows: Eggs 59%, chickens 76%, wool 121%, beef cattle 60%, lambs 94%, hogs 45%, butter fat 70%, wheat 69% and potatoes 107%.

The outlook report also includes brief commodity notes, among which are notes on poultry, lambs and potatoes.

Hatchery reports indicate a smaller output than a year ago. For the United States as a whole, bookings for chick deliveries after February 1 were about 13.7% less than for last year.

The early lamb crop is slightly larger and the condition of lambs is better than last year. An earlier than usual market movement is expected.

Preliminary estimates of potato plantings indicate that they will be larger than last year. So far the bulk of this increase appears to be in the early and intermediate states.

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OREGON PIONEER MOTHERS HONORED AT LUNCHEON.

Medford, Ore., March 21 (Special)—Regarded as the first organization of its kind in the state, a "Three-Quarters Century" club is to be established next week in Medford, honoring pioneer women who have resided in the southern Oregon section for the past 75 years, dating back to the beginning of Oregon statehood in 1859.

The present scope of the club is limited to Jackson, Klamath, and Josephine counties, facilitating the organization of the club. Pioneers from the three counties have been invited to attend a special luncheon in Medford, March 26. Prof. Irving E. Vining, of Ashland, closely associated with pioneer days of Oregon, will be the principal speaker, while Attorney Evan Reames will act as toastmaster.

The same pioneers to be honored at the luncheon will also take an active part in Oregon's Diamond Jubilee celebration in Medford, from June third to ninth. The crowning honor of the entire celebration, the title of Queen Mother who will reign over the festivities, will be awarded to the outstanding pioneer woman of the state at large.

TOO MUCH TEMPER COSTS JOB IN "HE COULDN'T TAKE IT."

"He Couldn't Take It," which will be at the Oasis theatre Friday and Saturday, stars Ray Walker as a cockey, devil-may-care upstart whose fists and an uncontrollable temper, cause him to lose one job after another until we find him in the role of a special investigator for the district attorney.

Because of his temper and fighting traits, Jimmy's fiancée, Eleanor Rogers, breaks their engagement and begins to cast her affection toward her boss, an attorney by the name of Oakley.

Jimmy manages to break up a gang of criminals headed by Oakley, who is trying to abduct Eleanor to Canada under the guise of business. The supporting cast includes Virginia Cherrill, George E. Stone, Paul Porcasi, Dorothy Granger, Stanley Fields, and Astrid Allwyn. The short features on the program include another Aesop's Fable cartoon, a travelogue entitled "Peacock Throne", and Chapter 7 of Devil Horse.

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