

FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

HISTORY OF OUR CREAMERY AND COLD STORAGE PLANT.

One of the most outstanding co-operative achievements in our community was the establishment of a cooperative creamery some three years ago. To say that it has been a success from the start is putting it mildly, as the membership has steadily increased and the quality of the butter put out is far above that of the average creamery.

One of the wisest things done in connection with the organization of the institution was the creation of seven districts from each of which a director is chosen. By scattering the representation over a wide territory, more interest is taken and the chance for factional strife is reduced to a minimum.

The creamery has always paid a fair market price for butterfat and sometimes has paid a premium price.

Recently there has been added to the creamery a cold storage locker system and pre-cooling rooms. The lockers are about all rented and there will soon be little choice in location. The butcher has handled about 110,000 pounds of meat since the opening last May, and several thousand pounds have been carried in by those who do their own cutting.

It is estimated that almost twice as much meat has been consumed in the district tributary to Hermiston since the installation of the cold storage, than would have been used in the same length of time without the lockers.

The total gross income from cold storage to November 15th was \$1,993.98; total operating expense, \$438.72. The net income, \$1,555.26 has been applied on indebtedness.

The local cooperative creamery is one of the member units of Interstate Associated Creameries of Portland, a cooperative marketing organization buying butter on a pool basis from the eight cooperative creameries which own fourteen plants in Oregon and southwest Washington. The board of directors is composed of two directors from each of the member units. This board meets every two months in Portland to conduct the affairs of Interstate Associated Creameries.

There are three of these regional marketing agencies on the coast. Interstate Associated Creameries of Portland, Challenge Butter and Ice Cream Association of San Francisco, and United Dairymen's Association of Seattle.

The member units of Interstate subscribe for stock in much the same manner as do the members of each cooperative creamery, the method of financing being through the revolving fund system. Inasmuch as the parent organization will soon be efficiently financed, the stock certificates will be called in just as the local creamery has been redeeming ownership certificates during the past year. There will always be enough stock outstanding to equal the capital of the organization.

Interstate Associated Creameries was organized about four years ago and has made remarkable progress during the lean years which followed.

278,103 Pounds of butter were received from members in October, 1934; 232,108 pounds of butter were received from members in October, 1933, which is a gain in volume of 45,995 pounds in October 1934 over October 1933.

In October 1933, 98,460 pounds of score butter was received, while in 1934, 184,314 pounds of 92 score butter was received.

During the first week of August a number of picnics were held in various parts of the state by units of the Interstate association. From far and near they came with heavy picnic baskets. At noon the loaded tables gave no hint that prices have been low and money scarce. The effects of the depression were carefully hidden behind smiles and cheerful greetings. Speakers at the picnics dwelt on cooperative marketing and none among the 5,000 members present doubted the wisdom of cooperative marketing.

To the thousands of dairymen making up the membership of the Interstate association, co-operative marketing is more than a successful business method—it is a mode of life. It represents to them the hope of the future of farming.

On a farm near Seneca, N.Y., a mare gave birth to a freak animal with the body and legs of a pig and the head and nostrils of a colt.

NO PATRONAGE REFUND PAID DELINQUENT MEMBERS.

According to the by-laws governing the Co-operative Service Station, no patronage refund can be made to any member who has allowed his membership to become delinquent. Information as to the status of any membership is available at the main office of the Farm Bureau Co-operative.

Hours for Closing Advanced.

Starting with November 1st the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston will close at 5:00 o'clock instead of 6:00 o'clock p. m. This is being done in observance of winter business hours, Manager H. M. Sommerer, says.

NEW CORN-HOG PLAN OUT; CROP RESTRICTIONS OFF.

Smaller benefit payments for hogs but less reduction and more liberal contract requirements in other respects, characterize the 1935 corn-hog adjustment program, according to advance announcements received by extension officials at Oregon State college from the Agricultural Adjustment administration.

Copies of the new contracts have not been received, but detailed reports of their provisions show that growers who voluntarily choose to sign again will be permitted to raise up to 90 per cent of their established hog base instead of 75 per cent as was the case this year. Corn growers may also plant up to 90 per cent of their base acreage, though they may elect to reduce down to 70 per cent, as was allowed this year, and take rental benefit payments on the 30 per cent.

The benefit payment plan on hogs will be changed so that instead of receiving \$5.00 on each hog raised under the allowed quota as was the case this year, the grower will be paid \$15.00 a head for the number represented by the 10 per cent reduction. The effect of this is that in the case of a man with a 100-hog base he will receive \$150 in benefit payments as compared with \$375 under the original plan. He will be able to raise and market 15 more hogs, however, and will have no restrictions imposed as to number and kind of other livestock produced.

Benefits for the corn growers have been raised from 30 to 35 cents a bushel and yields will be figured on a farm basis rather than on the particular acreage left out of corn. All restrictions as to the use of what formerly called "contracted acreage" have been removed under the new corn-hog plan, and the contract signer can raise anything he pleases except corn on this land and for any purpose, except as he may be bound by other adjustment contracts.

This lowering of restrictions on what are now termed "shifted acres" is explained by the Washington officials as being necessary in view of the shortage of feed which is expected to develop early next season in many of the areas affected by drought. The AAA leaders believe continuance of the corn-hog control is necessary in the modified form, however, to prevent rapid expansion of the corn production and repetition of the surplus conditions first in corn and then in hogs.

Regional meetings in connection with the new contracts will be held soon after Thanksgiving, the one for this territory to be in Salt Lake City. Soon after this the extension leaders and county and community committees will prepare for the new campaign, with the new contracts probably being offered some time in January.

4-H Corn-Hog Contests Renewed

Pig feeding and corn growing contests will again be among the principal events for 4-H club members at the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland next fall. This announcement was made early by G. A. Pierson, president of the Portland Union Stock Yards company, during the 4-H club hour over KOAC at Corvallis, to enable next year's contestants to make their plans.

Mr. Pierson's company has sponsored these two contests for the club boys and girls annually for the past 10 years, providing \$1075 for the pig growing contest and \$450 for the corn growing contest. Following the contests each year the pigs are sold with the other club animals in the 4-H fat stock auction sale.

OSC BEEF FEEDING TESTS MAY BRING NEW INDUSTRY.

Possibility of developing a profitable winter cattle feeding industry in western Oregon is being investigated this season by the animal husbandry department of the OSC experiment station. The experiments are the result of the changing consumer demand for a higher quality beef than is normally offered in this region in the spring months.

Twenty head of feeder cattle from eastern Oregon ranges were purchased at the Portland stockyards this fall and, together with 10 head of calves raised at the station, have been placed in feed lots at Corvallis for the winter.

One of the older lots is being fed on a combined hay and barley ration, while the other is being given hay and mill by-products, the purpose being to compare the relative economy of several methods of feeding. The project is being carried on by E. W. Rodenwald, assistant professor in animal husbandry, who has several years' results already on a smaller scale.

"The Willamette valley usually produces a surplus of hay and feed grains, especially some of the lower quality hays not suitable for dairy herds," explained Professor Rodenwald. "With the present premiums that are being paid for well finished beef in the spring, it is our belief that farmers in western Oregon can profitably market this surplus feed by fattening feeder cattle on their own places."

"In some places this is being carried on already in a limited way, but profits have been limited by the apparent necessity of feeding too much grain. If the larger tests this year bear out preliminary results on a small scale, feeding recommendations can be made that will be more economical."

The change in consumer demand in the last 10 years has been so marked that many packing companies have been forced to carry on extensive winter feeding operations to get high quality beef to supply their trade in the spring. One Seattle packer is reported to have fed out 5000 head last winter.

An important by-product of such a new enterprise would be the increased fertility to follow feeding operations on the farm, the OSC men add.

FRUIT OUTLOOK DISCUSSED IN OSC ECONOMIC REPORT.

Featuring long-time trends in the outlook for fruit and nut crops, the first installment of the 1934-35 Oregon agricultural outlook reports has just been released by the agricultural extension service at Oregon State college. The report supplements and condenses outlook information assembled at the recent national outlook conference held in Washington, D. C., by the bureau of agricultural economics of the United States department of agriculture with forty agricultural colleges and the Agricultural Adjustment administration cooperating.

Referring to the general fruit situation, the report points out that the combined production of all fruits has increased 20 per cent in the last 15 years; with grapefruit, oranges, pears and cherries showing the greatest gains. Nut production also shows a strong upward trend, with nut imports falling off.

The circular contains 10 pages of condensed information, with outlook statements on apples, cherries, pears, prunes, walnuts, filberts, strawberries, other berries and grapes, and other horticultural products. Copies are available from county agricultural agents.

With reference to current farm price levels, the report shows that for the nation as a whole farm prices now average almost exactly the same as during the 1910-1914 pre-war period, but in Oregon they are only about 80 per cent as much. Since mid-September the general farm price level has declined slightly, although the outlook is for some increase during the first half of 1935.

Farmers generally are expected to increase crop acreage in 1935, especially of crops not under adjustment contracts, the circular shows. The price outlook during the 1935-36 marketing season depends a good deal on growing conditions next summer as well as upon the amount of improvement which may occur in domestic demand conditions and general price levels for food and other commodities.

RED CROSS RELIEF GIVEN TO VICTIMS IN 103 DISASTERS

Tornadoes, Fires, Hurricanes, Floods, Epidemics, Make Record of Year

A history of the disasters in the United States in any year is written annually by the American Red Cross, according to Chairman John Barton Payne, commenting on the report for the year ending June 30, 1934, which has just been issued in Washington.

"Because of the charter provision which places upon the Red Cross the responsibility for disaster relief, our chapter and staff workers are notified of all calamities of storm and fire and flood," he continued. "The emergency period may prove to be brief, in cases where the victims have their own resources to draw on. While it lasts, however, whether it brings the immediate need of food, clothing and shelter for the homeless, or entails a program of investigation and rehabilitation, the Red Cross is the official director of all relief."

A great variation in type, and a wide geographical distribution, characterize the 103 disasters reported last year. Tornadoes, hurricanes, hailstorms and other storms made up almost one half of the total. Especially numerous were the tropical storms which swept in from the sea to the Atlantic and Gulf Coast region. There were 21 storms of this type, establishing a new record for frequency.

Next in number to storms were disasters of fire, the report shows. Red Cross aid was given following 25 fires in the United States and insular possessions. The most spectacular was the Chicago stockyards fire, where Red Cross workers arrived shortly after the fire started, administering relief until the emergency period passed, giving first aid to about 1,000 persons.

Floods caused serious damage in some sections, 17 calling for Red Cross relief. Three explosions were reported, and typhoid fever, a school bus wreck and one of the year's tragedies for which Red Cross funds were needed for relief and rehabilitation.

"Technique acquired by the Red Cross in these disasters and the hundreds of others we have handled is at the service of the public," Chairman Payne said. "To make this possible the disaster relief service has issued a manual containing instructions for chapters interested in advance preparations for emergencies. Disaster institutes were held last year in 23 strategic locations, to enable Red Cross and civic workers to formulate plans for possible disaster emergencies in their communities."

Support of the disaster relief activities of the Red Cross comes from the annual roll call held each year from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day.

Trained to Save Lives

First aid certificates were issued by the Red Cross last year to 130,972 persons who finished the course of instruction put on by the chapters. Included in this list were more than 70,000 foremen, time clerks and other key employees on Federal Civil Works projects. Further evidence of the government's endorsement of the first aid program is found in projects now under way where Red Cross chapters, at the request of the War Department, are giving first aid instruction in CCC camps. Where it has been requested by Army engineers the same instruction is also made available to key men working on federal water conservancy and flood control projects.

War Veterans' Problems Increase

Last year American Red Cross chapters dealt with the problems of nearly 400,000 veterans and their families. The workers find that as the years go on their responsibility increases rather than decreases. Changes in legislation, the increasing age of veterans and the consequent increase in physical illness, bring new needs for sympathetic treatment, by trained Red Cross workers. In addition to this service to veterans the Red Cross served as the official medium between the people and the men in military and naval service, giving aid and through this service last year to 6,979 men in the army, navy and marine corps.

Fires on Morro Castle and at Nome, Alaska, Received Help of Red Cross Workers

A number of tragic and unusual disasters have recently called for Red Cross relief.

Included in them have been a flood in Kentucky, following a series of cloudbursts in August; epidemics of disease which threatened several sections, including some caused by drought conditions. Red Cross workers found much to do for the survivors of the Morro Castle fire and for those engaged in rescue work; and Red Cross relief went by airplane to Alaska when the famous old gold camp, Nome, burned in September.

WANT ADS

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LIVESTOCK WANTED — CATTLE Sheep and Hogs. L. J. Huston, The Dalles, Oregon. Write me or leave name at Hale's Confectionery Dec. 6.

ON OREGON FARMS

Cherry Tree Treatment Tried. EUGENE—A demonstration trial to determine the effect of nitrate of soda treatment in overcoming damage caused by leaf-spot of cherries has been started by Wilmer Walton of Route 1, Eugene, in cooperation with O. T. McWhorter, extension horticulturist of Oregon State college, and County Agent O. S. Fletcher. Ten trees were treated with the nitrate of soda at the rate of one pound per tree, and two with one-half pound per tree. Surrounding untreated trees in the orchard will serve as a check.

Grows Large Field of Rye Grass. ALBANY—Probably one of the largest fields of English rye grass in the Willamette valley is that grown for seed on the farm of Frank Kropp of Harrisburg. Mr. Kropp entered the rye grass seed business several years ago with an 11 acre field, and this year harvested seed from more than 400 acres.

Grasshopper Numbers Decreased. KLAMATH FALLS—Indications are that the grasshoppers which have infested parts of Klamath county in such numbers in the past few years will be less of a problem next year, as fewer eggs have been deposited than for many years, according to County Agent C. A. Henderson. Mr. Henderson believes, however, that unless control work is continued the Klamath district will again face a serious infestation in about three years.

Co-operation Only Hope. In these days of dire conditions we can only repeat what we have so often said, that the hope of humanity lies in the practice of co-operation. The world can not be made better by strife no matter whether military or economic; it can only be made better by organized, planned, cooperative efforts to bring men into common usefulness and the fruits of their labor to the service of humanity.—Manitoba Co-operator.

FOSSIL—The number of sheep in Wheeler county has been reduced approximately 15 per cent by the government sheep buying program, according to Russell McKennon, county agent of Gilliam county, who supervised the cattle and sheep buying here. This has been of great value to the shepherds, giving them an opportunity to feed their remaining stock properly and leaving their hands in much better condition, Mr. McKennon says.

TOLEDO—Possibilities of the expansion of cauliflower production to a commercial cash crop in Lincoln county is indicated by a check up of several trial plantings put out in August, reports County Agent M. J. Conklin. While some trials failed because the plants were not properly handled, satisfactory growth was obtained on the farms of G. Dahl, W. F. Wakefield, Claus Christiansen and A. Lisl. The unusually dry

weather tended to hinder leaf growth. The fact that the plants headed a little too early is believed to indicate that sowing of the seed for plants should be delayed until the middle of August.

EUGENE—J. W. Webb and A. E. Webb of Fisher are cooperating on an irrigation project to provide both farms with supplemental water from one ditch. The water will be taken from Buck creek and will be used on about 30 acres on the two places. They were assisted in laying out the project recently by Arthur King, extension specialist in soils from O.S.C. and County Agent O. S. Fletcher.

BOARDMAN NEWS

By Mrs. Dan Ransier

The Home Economics club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. J. L. Stout. A pot luck dinner was served at noon.

The P.T.A. and Boardman High School Student Body are sponsoring a dance Saturday, December 1, in the gymnasium. Funds will be turned over to the organizations.

Charles Skovbo was taken to Hesper last week by his father Alfred Skovbo and Mr. Sturm, where he received attention for a fractured collar bone.

Guy Barlow has purchased a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger and family visited relatives on the project over the week end.

The Ladies Aid will hold its next meeting at the home of Mrs. Byram in the west end of the project.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ransier and Mrs. Olive Attebury motored to Pendleton Thursday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Tyler were honored on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary Wednesday night when friends and neighbors surprised them by coming to spend the evening. The couple were presented with a gift and the evening spent

enjoying games.

A farewell party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sundsten honoring Mr. and Mrs. Wolfe who expect to leave soon. The evening was spent playing cards.

A Commercial club is being organized in Boardman and the first meeting will be held Tuesday night. The main event will be election of officers.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Packard have purchased a new Ford sedan.

Adult educational classes are now in progress and anyone wishing to enroll may do so at any time. First aid classes meet each Monday night at 8:00 o'clock in the school cafeteria; dining room service and etiquette class meets each Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, meeting place announced later. Made-over garments class held its last session Monday. A dressing-to-type class will open Thursday, December 6, at 2:00 p. m. All ladies interested are cordially invited to attend.

The Home Economics club card party, given in the Root hall last Thursday night, was a big success. Fifteen tables of 500 were in play with Ralph Wasmer winning high honors for the men, and Mrs. Emma Dillabaugh winning high for the ladies. Consolation went to Mrs. Ray Brown and Mr. Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Delano were business visitors in Hermiston last Thursday.

Tom Boyer, who died suddenly last Thursday morning, November 22, at the home of Harland Jones, was buried Sunday in the Boardman cemetery, with Rev. Thomas officiating. Mr. Boyer was 60 years old and had no known living relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Macken and family spent the evening Sunday with Mrs. Rice and daughter Nadine, and with George Bush.

The first basketball game of the season will be played at Umatilla, December 13.

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