

FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

ANNUAL FARM BUREAU DISTRICT ELECTION MARCH 9.

The Secretary of the Farm Bureau of Hermiston is mailing to each paid up member in districts number 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 (districts number 3 and 5 do not elect board members this year) a list of the members in good standing in their respective districts. Each member is requested to check his or her candidate for the nomination of director in that district on the list being sent out, and bring or send this list in a sealed envelope to the annual adjourned meeting to be held March 9th in the Hermiston Union church at 1:30 P. M.

Three nominees in each district receiving the highest number of votes will be considered the nominees for that district. Voting will then be conducted in the usual manner by the members of that district in the annual meeting to decide which of the three nominees is to represent that district on the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston board of directors.

Any paid up member who has not received a list of names, or who pays up his membership between now and the day of election, may secure this list by calling at the office of the Farm Bureau Co-operative.

Members are urged to bear in mind that there are several amendments to the by-laws to be submitted for adoption at this meeting on which all members in good standing, regardless of district, may vote.

HORTICULTURALIST WILL SPEAK AT FARM BUREAU MEETING

O. T. McWhorter, Extension Horticulturist from O. S. C. will speak at the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau meeting Saturday night, March 2, on the growing of small fruits and vegetables, which is a timely topic in view of the fact that early vegetable gardens can be planted any time now. The discussion, no doubt, will tie in with the growing of fruits and vegetables for canning in the local canneries.

H. K. Dean, superintendent of the experimental station, will be another speaker who will discuss results of trials being conducted in an endeavor to find a curly top blight resistant variety of vegetable.

Entertainment for the meeting is being planned by A. E. Bessel. Refreshments will be served.

4-H CLUB ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM, MARCH 7TH

A 4-H club achievement meeting and program will be held in the Hermiston Union church Thursday, March 7, at 8:00 P. M. The main purpose of this meeting is to make scholarship awards and to present 4-H club pins to members for work completed during the past year.

C. C. Clarkson, Manager of the Hermiston branch of the First National Bank of Portland, will be present to make the awards. Mr. Clarkson and the bank he represents have purchased the 1934 pins for club members in this county who, by completing their projects, have earned them.

Walter A. Holt, county agent, will be present to talk on club work. A short entertainment program is being planned.

All members of 1934 4-H clubs, their parents, and others who are interested in club work are invited to attend this meeting.

TO MEMBERS OF THE UMATILLA PROJECT FARM BUREAU.

The date for the payment of our annual dues of 1.00 per member for 1935 is March 1st. This is payable at the Farm Bureau Co-operative and entitles the member to all the privileges of our cooperative enterprises, such as the Farm Bureau Co-operative, Grange Co-operative and the Co-operative Service Station. Also, the adjourned meeting of the Farm Bureau Co-operative will convene February 9, and no member not in good standing in a bona fide farm organization will have the privilege of voting.

C. M. JACKSON, Sec. (Feb. 25-March 7)

Notice to Grangers.
All Grange members who wish to vote at the annual Farm Bureau meeting March 9, must be paid up to date.

FLORENCE G. ATTEBURY, Secretary.

Seed Potatoes Now Here.

A car of Irish Cobbler seed potatoes is being delivered to members of the Farm Bureau Co-operative this week. The shipment consists of uncertified Cobblers and certified Idaho Rurals. A truck load of certified Irish Cobblers is expected in a few days.

At the home of Frank Siebert, in Saxonburg, Pa., a sunflower plant has a bloom 35 feet above the ground. The 12-foot plant, which is growing from a knot hole in an apple tree, is believed to have sprouted from a seed carried to the tree by a bird.

APPLICATION FOR PCA LOANS SHOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY

Acting on the invitation to "apply early", local farmers are beginning to arrange with the Pendleton Production Credit association of Pendleton, Oregon, for the finance they

will require to carry on their seasonal operations. Farmers who get their loan applications approved early have everything to gain and nothing to lose," says Secretary-Treasurer W. E. Moore. "Interest, at the low rate of 5 per cent, does not begin, of course, until the borrower puts the money to work. It is figured on a net basis for just the length of time the advanced sums are outstanding, payable at the end of the season when the loan is retired."

"This system of cooperative credit was designed especially to meet the needs of agriculture in an economical, constructive way. Farmers can derive real benefit, both now and in the future, from this self-help method of financing. But they should not regard their PCA as a 'relief' agency or expect it to make unsound loans."

"A large part of our past economic trouble has been due to 'easy' credit or unsystematic use of credit. We don't want to repeat these mistakes. That's why our association is trying to follow a conservative, constructive course. So while we are ready to be of maximum service in offering farmers low cost, dependable financing this doesn't mean that we can follow a 'wide open' policy. In the long run a careful loan policy will serve agriculture to best advantage."

"Some people have the wrong impression that the federal government agency set up to dish out emergency funds. Such, of course, is not the case. The Pendleton Production Credit association is the farmer's own cooperative institution for making production loans on a sound business basis at actual cost. It is true that the federal government acts through the Production Credit Corporation of Spokane has an investment in our Class A non-voting stock and exercises general supervision. But as rapidly as our association builds up its resources the government's stock will be retired."

"District Number One, or Echo district, shall embrace the district lying south of the Union Pacific Railroad from Hinkle eastward; and east of the Butter Creek highway toward Lena to a point intersecting Morrow County line. District Number Two, or Stanfield-Holdman district, shall embrace the Stanfield project and all the territory eastward, and as far south as the Union Pacific Railroad to Pendleton and points east. District Number Three, or South Columbia district, shall embrace that portion of the Hermiston project lying south and east of the disjunct road and the railroad through Hermiston, and the feed canal of the Hermiston Irrigation project. District Number Four, or North Columbia district, shall include the members residing in the triangle formed by the diagonal road, the railroad through Hermiston and the Wallula Cut-Off Highway, and those members residing in the State of Washington. District Number Five, or Butter Creek-Minneha district, shall include all the territory west of the railroad through Hermiston and west of the Butter Creek highway to Lena, except as hereinafter provided. District Number Six, or Umatilla-Irrigon district, shall include all the territory under the Browns' Ditch, and the West Extension Ditch as far west as Judson. District Number Seven, or Morrow County District, shall include all of Morrow County and west, except that portion known as the Umatilla-Irrigon District. All disputed questions of boundaries shall be settled by the Board of Directors and their decision shall be final. It is further provided, that at the annual adjourned meeting of February 9, 1935, five directors shall be elected, four for two years and one for one year, and that the two hold-over directors serve their terms out of the district in which they live. Lots shall be drawn to determine which directors shall serve for two years, and which for one year. Thereafter all elections shall be for two years. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum."

"Thus farmers of this territory have a most unusual opportunity to build up their own permanent system for dependable, low-cost financing. An almost unlimited volume of loan funds will continue to be available through the Federal Intermediate Credit bank 'tight' money times or 'easy', because the credit bank has a ready demand for the debentures it sells to private investors. The cost of this money will depend in large degree upon the character of the notes we send to the credit bank for discounting. As present FICB debentures have such high standing in the market, borrowers are getting financed at the lowest rate in history."

"Out of experience gained last year, several short-cuts have been made so we can now serve borrowers more promptly and conveniently. Even so, however, we suggest that applications be made as early as possible. This will enable us to give better service. Good service and fair, helpful treatment is our aim."

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF FARM BUREAU CO-OPERATIVE OF HERMISTON.

Notice is hereby given that the annual adjourned meeting of the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston will be held at the Hermiston Union church in Hermiston, March 9, 1935, at 1:30 p. m. for the purpose of electing five directors and for the adoption of amendments to the by-laws of the association. Following are the amendments to the By-Laws of the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston as proposed by the board of directors of the association, at the regular board meeting held February 18, 1935.

District Meetings.
RESOLVED, that Article Three of the By-Laws of the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston shall be amended by adding thereto the following:

DISTRICT MEETINGS: Special meetings of the members of any district may be called for the purpose of nominating and electing a member of the Board of Directors for that particular district, one week preceding the annual meeting at which a vacancy in the Board of Directors for such district is to be filled.

The same rules which govern the calling and holding of special meetings of the entire membership as described in Sections Three, Four, Six and Seven of Article Three of the By-Laws of this Association, shall govern the calling and holding of meetings in any district. Twenty percent of the members of any district shall constitute a quorum for any meeting called for that particular district. The Secretary of the Association shall furnish to that district requesting such special meetings a list of the qualified members of the Association in that district. A list of all list, together with a result of the ballot so taken, shall be certified to the Secretary of the annual meeting of the co-operative. The result of such ballot shall be binding on the Association, although such ballot were taken at an annual meeting of the cooperative association. The validity of such election shall not be questioned, unless it shall appear that these rules have not been

duly observed, or that enough illegal votes have been cast to effect the final result of the ballot. Description of Voting Districts. RESOLVED, that Article Four, Section One, of the By-Laws of the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston, shall be amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE FOUR, SECTION ONE, of the By-Laws of the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston, shall be amended to read as follows: Corporate powers of the Association shall be vested in and exercised, conducted and controlled by a Board of seven Directors, who shall be elected at the annual meeting from seven districts; one from each of said seven districts by the members residing in each of their respective districts, which districts shall be designated as follows: District Number One, or Echo district, shall embrace the district lying south of the Union Pacific Railroad from Hinkle eastward; and east of the Butter Creek highway toward Lena to a point intersecting Morrow County line. District Number Two, or Stanfield-Holdman district, shall embrace the Stanfield project and all the territory eastward, and as far south as the Union Pacific Railroad to Pendleton and points east. District Number Three, or South Columbia district, shall embrace that portion of the Hermiston project lying south and east of the disjunct road and the railroad through Hermiston, and the feed canal of the Hermiston Irrigation project. District Number Four, or North Columbia district, shall include the members residing in the triangle formed by the diagonal road, the railroad through Hermiston and the Wallula Cut-Off Highway, and those members residing in the State of Washington. District Number Five, or Butter Creek-Minneha district, shall include all the territory west of the railroad through Hermiston and west of the Butter Creek highway to Lena, except as hereinafter provided. District Number Six, or Umatilla-Irrigon district, shall include all the territory under the Browns' Ditch, and the West Extension Ditch as far west as Judson. District Number Seven, or Morrow County District, shall include all of Morrow County and west, except that portion known as the Umatilla-Irrigon District. All disputed questions of boundaries shall be settled by the Board of Directors and their decision shall be final. It is further provided, that at the annual adjourned meeting of February 9, 1935, five directors shall be elected, four for two years and one for one year, and that the two hold-over directors serve their terms out of the district in which they live. Lots shall be drawn to determine which directors shall serve for two years, and which for one year. Thereafter all elections shall be for two years. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum."

Patronage Dividends.
RESOLVED, that that portion of Article Seven, Section One, relating to the gasoline set up, and described in said By-Laws as Amendment of December 30, 1932, be further amended by the addition of the following:

"The Board of Directors shall from time to time determine the policies and facts as to payment of patronage dividends out of funds in excess of actual and, or anticipated expenses, and the determination of the basis of deductions applying to wholesale and retail purchases of members and the basis of distribution of patronage dividends between the members shall rest in the judgment of the Board of Directors; provided, that no patronage dividends shall be paid to those not members of this organization, nor shall such patronage dividends be paid more often than once in each calendar month. If such patronage dividends shall be paid monthly, they shall relate to business done during the preceding calendar month."

Vacancies.
RESOLVED, that Section Three, Article Four of the By-Laws shall be amended to read as follows: VACANCIES. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by the other directors in office from the district in which such vacancy occurs, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Distribution of Patronage Dividends.
RESOLVED, that Article Seven, Section One, described as the Amendment of December 30, 1932, be amended, beginning in seventh line of second paragraph of said amendment, to read as follows: "...and that any moneys remaining in said fund, owing to the fact that patronage refunds have been set aside for people not entitled to receive them, may be used for community or charitable purposes."

Method of Amending By-Laws.
RESOLVED, that Article Eleven, be amended to read as follows: These By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting of the members or at any special meeting of the members called for that purpose, by two-thirds vote of those present and voting, provided at least ten days notice of such intention has been given.

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Grange Confers Degrees. The White Owl Grange of Echo conferred the third and fourth degrees upon Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helms and Mrs. M. K. George at its regular meeting Wednesday, February 20. Two applications for membership were received, and a short program was directed by the lecturer, Mrs. Roscoe Myers. First and second degrees will be conferred upon candidates at the next regular meeting. At the close of the meeting a social time was enjoyed and refreshments served.

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