

FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

UMATILLA COUNTY ORGANIZED IN RODENT CONTROL CAMPAIGN

Again this year Umatilla county is experiencing a large scale, highly organized campaign for the control of rodents. The program this year is located over the entire area of some 35,000 acres included in the Wild Horse Erosion project. Last year, the granges in the vicinity of Uliah and Pilot Rock cooperated with the county agent's office in similar campaigns against ground squirrels. More than 50,000 acres were included in the 1935 campaigns.

The work on the Wild Horse project is being handled under the direct supervision of the Biological Survey of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the most approved methods are being used. Contrary to popular belief, the best use of squirrel poison is made when scattered on the surface of the ground. In this manner less bait is required to effect control, and the percentage of kill of squirrels is higher. When the bait is scattered somewhat after the broadcast seeding fashion, there is little or no danger from the standpoint of destruction of birds. A limited quantity of the poisoned oats is scattered around the burrows and runways of the squirrels. The method not recommended by the Biological Survey are those of placing the bait below the surface of the ground in the burrows, or putting it in piles on top of the ground. Both these methods are very wasteful of the bait, and the latter offers the possibility for the destruction of birds.

Where the bait is placed down the burrows, it is very evident that the movement of the squirrel into and out of its nest will result in covering by means of the bait, and otherwise making it unpalatable. In the next place, squirrels are not accustomed to finding their food in such places and their habit is to come out of the ground with their heads up, with the first thought being for any danger which may be near. When once on top of the ground, they begin looking for food.

For those farm lands outside the Wild Horse project, the government formula squirrel bait is available under a program of distribution by the county agent's office, the poison being located at various points in all of the towns in the county. The bait is sold at cost, and has proven highly satisfactory in the hands of users who follow the recommended practices.

Grange Dance Saturday.

There will be the usual Grange dance at Stanfield Grange hall Saturday evening, April 27th. Music will be furnished by Mel's Merry-makers.

CAREFUL FILLING OUT OF FORMS SPEEDS EMERGENCY LOANS.

Emergency loans to farmers who have no other means of financing the production of cash or feed crops this season are being closed with all possible speed out of the \$50,000,000 fund appropriated for this purpose, declares J. L. Thayer, acting manager of the northwest regional disbursing office at Spokane. But needless delay can be avoided if applicants make sure that all forms are properly filled out when the application is left with their local loan committee, he points out.

"The machinery for getting this money into hands of farmers before planting time is in 'high gear,' but occasionally we have to send applications back because of faulty handling," Mr. Thayer says. "We want to avoid all such lost motion if possible. So we are urging applicants to 'check and double check' their applications. The voluntary help being given in the field and the splendid spirit of cooperation manifested is most gratifying. It helps tremendously in the performance of this big emergency task."

To be eligible for an emergency loan, farmers must show inability to obtain supplies or credit elsewhere. The maximum loan is \$500 to an individual borrower, secured by a first lien on the crop being financed or the live stock to be fed.

Music Promoting Cooperation.

CORVALLIS — Perhaps harmony promotes cooperation. At any rate, musical organization seem to be promoting more and more cooperative effort between students at University of Oregon and Oregon State college. At the final symphony orchestra concert here 15 students from the University joined the local organization, as has been done in the last few years. In a forthcoming production of the oratorio, "Elijah," the state college chorus will join with the university orchestra for a concert on both campuses. Now the aesthetic dancers have joined in unifying the system, coeds from both campuses joined in a recital here.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

A revision of the membership list has been completed this week in order to start the new subscription year for the Hermiston Herald, and any person who is not in good standing in some farm organization will not receive the paper this week. As soon as the delinquency has been adjusted the name will again be placed upon the subscription list.

If the name of a subscriber who is eligible to receive the paper has been left off the list, the error will be cheerfully corrected. Your organization should be notified immediately of any necessary change and the adjustment will be made.

CANNING SCHEDULE.

Beginning Monday, April 29th. We will be canning asparagus on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M.

Get your canning done early and avoid the rush.

HERMISTON CO-OPERATIVE CANNERY.

CREDIT UNIONS FOR FARM COOPERATIVES.

This article is condensed from an address to the Cooperative League Congress, by C. H. LaSelle, manager of the insurance department of the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative association.

"The promotion and organization of Credit Unions in the United States in the past ten years has been devoted chiefly to industrial, mercantile, religious and racial groups, and there has been little development of the Credit Union plan in agricultural communities, and none whatever within organized farm groups.

Taking the Credit Union to Farm. In 1931 Mr. I. H. Hull, Manager of the Indiana Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, Inc., visioned the possibilities of this plan among the farmers of Indiana and decided that it was just as feasible for the farmers as it had been for the laborers and employees of industrial corporations. He decided that the plan should be tried out within these farm groups; and, with the cooperation of the Credit Union National Extension Bureau, four counties were selected to try out this plan. Meetings were called in these counties, the plan presented to the members, applications for charters obtained, and they were organized with just a few dollars paid in on shares.—In no case in excess of \$100 at the start. Three of the four counties became active; and their growth, while slow, has been gradual and successful—other counties became interested in the movement, and today we have 33 County Farm Bureau Cooperative Credit Unions organized in as many counties. Most of them are progressing very nicely, with a steady growth in membership and savings. They are rendering a real service to cooperative farm Bureau members in extending credit of these savings so accumulated.

In no case has there been any campaign of education by the State Cooperative association to organize Credit Unions in these counties. Those that have been organized have been requested by the Farm Bureau Cooperative members in these respective counties. There is no doubt that a large number of counties could have been organized if the promotion had been pushed, but our state department deemed it best for the farmers in the counties to ask for the establishment of Credit Unions rather than to use "high pressure salesmanship" method in their promotion.

The average age of our active County Credit Unions is one and one-half years; the total members or shareholders 2,018; the total accumulations and savings during this period of financial stress were \$55,971.98, an average saving per member of \$27.74. They have made loans of \$98,537.06, serving 1,424 members in the extension of credit, and not one penny has been lost on these loans. As you will observe, in this plan of cooperative savings, during this short period there was more than \$55,000 that did not find its way into Wall Street to be gambled away, but was retained in the counties where it was produced and rendered a service to its members who were in need of financial aid. This credit has been extended to members for numerous purposes; payment of medical bills, taxes, purchases of feed, and supplies from their cooperative stores. It has enabled numerous farmers to obtain credit and

cash when it could not be obtained any place except from finance companies, demanding an exorbitant rate of interest.

We find, in our experience so far, that agricultural Credit Unions are somewhat different in their personnel and workings than industrial Credit Unions. Our agricultural Credit Unions are all established within cooperative organizations that market and purchase their own commodities cooperatively, and this form of cooperative finance "dovetails" in their present set-up.

The Industrial Credit Union member may use his Credit Union as a savings bank for his surplus, or entire pay check, withdrawing a part thereof as he is in need of cash, his funds being available as he is in daily contact. The farmer living out in the country away from his local Credit Union, is in need of a plan in connection therewith whereby his funds would be more available for the payment of small bills or the purchase of items. Union Law could be broadened to provide checking privileges in these Credit Unions or through a central credit union bank for the members of each group. It would, no doubt, materially assist in the growth of this Credit Union movement in the agricultural communities. We sincerely believe that a law should be passed by the state or the national government, allowing Credit Union group members to do a commercial business, and also authorizing the Federal Reserve Banks to clear credit union checks through the Federal Clearing House, the same as for other banking institutions and trust companies.

When this is accomplished, the farmer will not need the assistance of government or corporate credit. He produces new wealth each and every year, and all he needs to do is to pool that wealth to take care of all the financial credit needs of his group. We have planned to do this job in Indiana, and we think we can."

CO-OP GLEANINGS.

By Ed Dunning
The NRA Research and Planning Division reports on America's first industry, automobile manufacturing, that there is great labor unrest, some foremen are indistinguishable from Simon Legree, workers are cast off at 40, employment is increasingly irregular, espionage is practiced, work is speeded up beyond human capacity to produce, men are driven at an inhuman pace by the spectre of fear, foremen saying, "Look out the window and see the men waiting in line for your job." The automobile speed-up has swelled unemployment; for example, in some instances 19 do the work of 250, and 30c does the work of \$3 by contract with 1929.

A super statement from a letter from J. H. Lindenberger of Louisville, Kentucky: "I believe that unless this consumers' movement expands very rapidly and effectively we are in serious danger of being overwhelmed by fascism. It is only through the vigorous development of the spirit of cooperation that we can hope for future happiness in the world. In fact, I believe it is true that the extent to which the people of any age are able to cooperate within groups and to cooperate in inter-group relationships is a just measure of the civilization of an age."

Edward A. Filene's name will go down into history as a rare business man. He was and still is one of the few of his kind in America. He built a great business and applied social attitudes towards his employees as did Robert Owen. But unlike Robert Owen he did not then discontinue active business and follow will-o'-the-wisps in forming paternalistic colonies where a few were to live together as brothers and let the rest of the world go by. Edward A. Filene saw the nation as a whole. He saw the need of cooperative credit first. He poured hundreds of thousands of dollars of his wealth into teaching and organizing credit unions which are cooperative baby banks. Then he set the organization on its own feet and cut it off from philanthropic support and started it off to help absorb the financial structure of America for and by the people.

Now he still sees visions and dreams dreams. Having gotten cooperative credit unions under way he announces plans for a chain of cooperative department stores. It's an inspiration to meet such a great man who has and still is helping to lead America out of the wilderness and who apparently never proposes to rest until America is a Cooperative Economic Democracy.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE OF HEARING UPON FINAL REPORT.

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR UMATILLA COUNTY.

In the matter of the Estate of John W. McDermed, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned administrator of the estate of John W. McDermed, deceased, has filed his final report with the Clerk of the above entitled Court, and that the Judge of said Court has designated Saturday, the 18th day of May, 1935 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and the rooms of the above entitled Court in the County Court House in Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place when and where hearing is to be had thereon. All persons interested are hereby notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why said report should not be approved, the administrator discharged, his bondsman exonerated and the estate closed.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1935.

A. W. PRANN, Administrator. (April 18—May 18)

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR UMATILLA COUNTY.

In the matter of the Estate of Frank L. Jewett, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned executrix of the last will and testament of Frank L. Jewett, deceased, has filed her final report with the Clerk of the above entitled Court, and that the Judge of said Court has designated Saturday, the 18th day of May, 1935, at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon as the time, and the rooms of the above entitled Court in the County Court House in Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place when and where hearing is to be had thereon. All persons interested are hereby notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any they have, why said report should not be approved, the executrix discharged and the estate closed.

Dated this 18th day of April, 1935.

IDA L. JEWETT, Executrix. (April 18—May 18)

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