

FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

DROUTH PLANT SEEDS TO BE TRIED IN THIS STATE

Farmers of eastern Oregon will be given an opportunity to produce seed of plants which are badly needed in the drouth areas of the rocky mountains, the middle western and south-western states, according to E. R. Jackman, extension agronomist of Oregon State college.

Last summer the soil erosion service gathered seed of all the promising native forage plants and grasses which occur in the drouth areas to determine their suitability for preventing soil erosion and for forage production. While in Washington, D. C., last fall, Jackman made arrangements whereby this state would receive from 5 to 50 pounds of seed of the best of these plants to test for seed production. Seeds of many of these plants do not set well in the middle west.

If seed production is found possible, this state could easily develop an additional seed industry worth several hundred thousand dollars, Jackman believes. The grasses to be tried include the wild native wheat grasses, blue stem grasses, wild rye, various types of alkali grass and many others.

Seed of these plants is desired to the extent of millions of pounds by the soil erosion service, national forest service, the division of the government purchasing marginal lands and the Taylor Grazing act administration. An abundant seed supply would be a boon to thousands of middle western farmers who would like to get part of their land back into grass, Jackman adds. Grass planting is encouraged to avert soil blowing and prevent the disastrous dust storms that have prevailed in the middle west this spring.

MISSOURI CO-OP ADOPTS

CO-OPERATIVE FIVE YEAR PLAN.

N. KANSAS CITY, Mo.—The Consumers' Co-operative Association (formerly Union Oil Co-operative) with headquarters in North Kansas City, has published a Five Year Plan of Progress for the co-operative movement of the central west. It calls for the addition of 227 co-operative organizations before January 1, 1940, to bring the total membership in the Consumers' Co-operative Association in that area to 170,000.

Educational Work Included.

The business plan is supplemented by a five year educational program to include membership, employee and public education in the history, principles and methods of the co-operative movement. The Consumers' Co-operative Association added sixty co-operatives to its membership in 1934—an average of more than one new co-operative organization each week. This number exceeds the proposed additions for any single year in the proposed plan.

FLOUR-AND-SUGAR CO-OPERATORS

By OSCAR COOLEY

Each Is Responsible.

When this type of co-operator we are talking about has bought his flour and sugar, or his gasoline and oil, at the co-op at rock-bottom price, he goes home and forgets that there is such a thing as a co-op. Why should he worry? "They" will take care of things. He seldom goes to meetings. All he wants out of the co-op are the goods and the price.

Time goes on. The rumor gets about that the co-op is not doing so well. The manager, left to his own devices by the indifferent members, has become over-generous with credit; over three times the total capital stock is tied up in accounts receivable. Prices are falling and the manager is caught with a large stock of goods on his shelves. Worst of all, it is hinted about that the manager, who is in love with the bookkeeper, has been using co-op funds to buy her pretty clothes, go to parties, etc. Horrors! All of these things make the flour-and-sugar co-operators more and more critical of the co-op's service. And what do they do? Instead of calling a meeting to thresh the thing out and make an investigation, they simply stop buying. "I never did trust them fellows," one says. "This is the last time they'll get any of my money to lose," says another.

"They" Who are "They." Don't you know, Mr. Flour-and-sugar Co-operator, that if this co-operative fails, you and each of your fellow-members will be to blame? Each of you has one vote. You have an equal voice and vote in control. The vote was given you to be used, to prevent these bad practices that are now leading to failure.

Member Interest Is Vital.

When you joined the co-op, you purchased a share of stock. That is, you bought an interest in the co-op. Now, to protect that interest, why have you not exercised your right to vote?

How many meetings have you attended in the last three years? None. How often have you voted for directors? Not at all. Have you ever served on the Educational Committee? "I didn't know they had an Educational Committee," you say.

This is no exaggeration. In some co-operatives, both consumer and producer, a large number, sometimes a majority, of members do not value their vote enough to come to meetings. This is one of the serious weaknesses in the Co-operative Movement.

There is much flour-and-sugar co-operation in America today. It can be combatted in one way: through Education in the aims and workings of co-operatives and in the responsibilities of co-operators.

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.

May 20th to 25th.

MON., WED., FRI., from 8:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M.—Asparagus, No. 2 1/2 cans.
SATURDAY A. M.—Only asparagus, No. 2 1/2 cans.
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Westland Dance Saturday.

Another dance will be given at the Westland school house Saturday, May 18, under the auspices of the Westland Grange. Music will be furnished by the Merrymakers orchestra.

FARM BORROWERS SHOW GOOD FAITH IN PAYING LOANS.

That Pacific northwest farmers are eager to meet their obligations to the very best of their ability is borne out by the unseasonal volume of mortgage loan payments which borrowers are making this spring, officials of the Federal Land bank of Spokane proudly declare.

Ordinarily, the peak of loan payments to the bank is reached in the fall out of harvest returns. Through the past year, however, payments have held up well straight through. During the past week they spurred up to more than \$500,000—getting borrowers this much closer to the time when they will own their farms free of indebtedness, which, incidentally, is the fundamental aim of this cooperative financing system.

As part of the explanation for last week's favorable gain, Treasurer O. H. Junod points out that on May 1 the bank granted all old borrowers the privilege of meeting the interest portion of their installments and deferring payments on the principal from May 1, 1935, until July 1, 1935. Formerly this privilege was granted, under terms of the emergency mortgage act of 1933, only to those borrowers whose mortgages were not otherwise in default.

MILK COOLING IS SUBJECT OF NEW COLLEGE BULLETIN.

With every city vitally concerned with the quality of its milk supply, producers have been constantly on the alert to improve their methods of preparing milk for market. One of the most vital steps in this process is recognized as prompt cooling of milk as soon as it is taken from the cows.

Adding to the information on cooling methods is some research work recently completed by the dairy department at Oregon State college on the comparative efficiency of farm milk coolers. Station bulletin No. 331, written by Dr. G. H. Wilster, Hans Hoffman and F. E. Price, has been issued containing the results of this research work.

The bulletin discusses the comparative efficiency of the common tubular type of milk cooler, the "Hydro-vac" cooler, which attaches to a milk can, a sprinkler cooler and a tub type cooler. It sets out in considerable detail the results to be expected from these various types under varying conditions. The temperature of cooling water available and the rate of flow obtainable are major factors in selecting a farm milk cooling system. It was found:

This is a companion bulletin to another issued recently entitled, "Methods of Cooling and Storing Cream for Oregon's Dairy Farms." Both may be had free from any extension office or direct from the college.

GRAIN WITH PASTURE BEST FOR HIGH PRODUCING COWS.

Cows that give a pound of butterfat a day or more will make profitable returns on supplemental grain fed when they are on spring pasture, according to feeding experiments made at Oregon State college. Most cows can make only from 15 to 20 pounds of milk a day from pasture alone, depending on the size of the cow and test of the milk.

The most economical plan is to keep up some grain feeding as soon as the cows start on pasture, says Dr. I. R. Jones of the dairy department. It is hard to bring back milk flow that has fallen off, he found. Present grain and butterfat prices are favorable to such supplemental feeding to high producing cows. Schedules on feeding grain to cows on pasture will be sent free by the dairy department at Corvallis.

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

VITAL SAYS GOV. MARTIN.

Rural electrification is the "problem of the hour" which is receiving his closest attention, Governor Chas. H. Martin assured 650 college and high school agricultural students, and farm leaders from all parts of the state at the annual agricultural leaders banquet held in connection with the state Future Farmers of America convention at Oregon State college.

"It is a program that can be successfully worked out only through closest co-operation with the federal government," Governor Martin declared. "I have recently urged President Roosevelt to make necessary studies and give authority . . . for construction of the main transmission lines from Bonneville dam as part of the original construction program.

"As at least three states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho will share in the consumption of power generated at Bonneville, it is obvious that the federal government alone is in a position to construct those main transmission lines. Our state is in no financial condition, nor is it proper for this state, to assume the building of \$50,000,000 worth of power transmission lines."

The governor points out that once the main lines are built, the farmers themselves will have a part to perform. They have an opportunity now to prepare under the Oregon power district laws to distribute locally the cheap power once it is delivered to their communities.

"Electrification means, in the long run, better living and working conditions on our farms and a greater return to our farmers," he added. "This program is of such vital importance that it must and shall be kept out of petty politics. I pledge to you my unwavering efforts to accomplish this great purpose."

Governor Martin voiced a plea for state unity in the great developments he sees ahead. Before we are farmers, lawyers, or merchants we are Oregonians, he said.

"When popular discontent and passion are stimulated by the art of designing partisans to a pitch perilously near class hatred, I would have our universities and colleges sound the alarm in the name of American brotherhood and fraternal dependence."

Strawberry Varieties Tested.

SALEM—A number of strawberry varieties are being tested out in two different sections of Marion county by farmers cooperating with County Agent H. L. Riches. One plot has been set out on the George Benson farm in the Silverton hills, and another on the Halvor Mickelson farm in the North Howell district. Mr. Riches reports. The varieties under test include Corvallis, Adkins, Red Heart, Marshall, Narcissa, and seven or eight numbered varieties which as yet have no names.

UMATILLA NEWS

By Louise Byrnes

Twenty-one Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts were present Monday night, under direction of assistant scout master, Lewis Dexter, at the largest meeting in the history of the Umatilla troop. The attraction was the keen competition for the inter-patrol contest trophy to be awarded this month. Standing to date are: Cobra 170 points; Lions 165; Panthers 133. With Cobra patrol still in the lead, the Lions are climbing fast and are making competition for the recent leaders. Lions' assistant patrol leader, Louis Root, won the fire-by-friction contest. The winning patrol will represent the troop at the council-wide camping contest, May 25 to 26, in Lewis and Clark park, five miles from Walsburg, Wn. The troop also plans to send Oliver McNabb, Viven Brown, Louis Root, and Ralph Davis to compete in the council bugling contest.

Mrs. Helen Walsh of Maeham spent Saturday and Sunday in Umatilla. Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Walsh and granddaughter Colleen spent a few days in The Dalles this week. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beebe and daughters Katherine and Clara, all of Stanfield, were visitors at the Carl Caldwell ranch Sunday.

Mrs. James Byrnes and daughter Louise motored to Walla Walla where they transacted business in both Walla Walla and Touchet. John Peterson of Yakima and Art Peterson of Willow Creek visited at the home of their sister, Mrs. Hugh Van Scholack Sunday.

Norman Allen of Page, Wn., spent Sunday in Umatilla. Mrs. Allen and daughter Marjorie Lee returned with him to Page after spending a week with Mrs. Mable Fromdahl.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Lane have moved to Pasco. Mr. Lane is driving truck from Seattle to Pasco. Mrs. Florence Tippie and daughter Hazel motored to Pendleton Saturday where they spent the day.

Many Umatilla people attended the funeral of C. W. Benefield in Irrigon Tuesday. Mrs. James Byrnes and daughter Louise and grandson Gordon Lee and V. D. Bramer spent Tuesday in Pendleton on business.

A farewell party was given Mrs. Irvin Pettie Tuesday afternoon at the W. A. Conlon ome. Many of her friends were present. The Umatilla Redmen defeated the Stanfield baseball team Sunday by a score of 13-5. Umatilla is still topping the baseball league with five wins and no losses.

The Umatilla high school will hold their class night May 14, in the gymnasium.

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