

# FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

## HERMISTON TURKEY GROWERS VISIT WILLAMETTE VALLEY

The following report was turned in by Donald DeMoss, who, with Mr. and Mrs. J. Jendrzewski, were delegates to the Oregon Turkey Growers' Co-operative annual meeting held in Redmond last week. They tell of visiting various growers in the Pacific northwest in order to better observe methods used in different sections.

"Mr. and Mrs. John Jendrzewski and Donald DeMoss visited various turkey growing sections in Oregon recently, before and after attending the annual convention of the Oregon Turkey Growers' association at Redmond, Ore. They left Hermiston Friday, July 19, and motored to Redmond where they inspected flocks in that section.

"Saturday afternoon a banquet was given by the association followed by the business meeting at which O. C. Brown of Dixonville, Ore., was elected president; John Jendrzewski of Hermiston, vice president; J. C. Leedy, Portland, secretary and field man. In the evening the people of Redmond entertained the delegations from different sections at a supper on the high school lawn. Later in the evening talks were given by O. C. Brown; J. C. Leedy, field man for the O.T.G.A.; H. E. Cosh, poultry extension specialist from O.S.C.; and by Herbert Beyers, manager of the Oregon Turkey Growers' association.

"The Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' theme song, presented at the turkey tour picnic held last summer, by Donald DeMoss, and his mother, Mrs. J. H. DeMoss, was sung by a male quartet at the evening meeting.

"Turkeys in the Redmond section are cared for much as they are here except that they are usually confined on smaller areas where permanent range shelters are provided. Wet mash is usually fed twice a day.

"On Sunday, the Hermiston delegation motored over the McKenzie pass to Eugene, then to Goshen, where they visited the flocks owned by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kupetz, who have birds which have won many prizes. Some of these birds weigh 43 pounds at 10 months of age. A drawback this summer has been the lack of green feed due to dry weather conditions.

"After leaving the Kupetz farm, the party motored to Harrisburg where Mrs. Herman's flock was inspected. This flock of about 3000 birds was ranging in a large alfalfa field with range houses widely scattered. Mrs. Herman expects to keep 2400 hens this coming season.

"From Harrisburg the party motored to Salem, spending Sunday night at the home of Mrs. Jendrzewski's brother.

"Crops are good in this section, but farther south they are very poor due to the drought.

"On the return trip Monday morning over the Mt. Hood loop road, a visit was made at the Price farm where 5000 turkeys are being raised. Considerable loss is being experienced here by a new turkey disease called "microsis."

"The group arrived in Hermiston Monday evening confident that, in their opinion, this section is more favorably located for turkey raising than any other section that they visited. The birds raised here compare favorably with those raised in other sections."

### Westland Grange Dance.

Another dance will be given Saturday, August 3, at the Westland Grange school house. Good music will be given by the Lendale band.

### CAN'T FOOL BIDDY ABOUT SPRING, CHICK MEN TOLD

The deepest kind of inherent instinct controls the time a pullet reaches the peak of production rather than such environment as light and temperature. A. G. Lunn, head of the poultry department at OSC told members of the Oregon Baby Chick association in annual convention at the college.

Professor Lunn described elaborate tests made at a large private experimental poultry farm in the east where he spent a Sabbatical year. Chicks hatched every month in the year and kept under highly artificial conditions showed an unfailing tendency to reach their peak of production in the spring after they reached productive age, he said.

Hatcherymen reported increased interest in "sexing" of baby chicks by which pullets are separated from cockerels before being sold to customers. Some still consider it a passing fad though the majority believe it is here to stay. The association went on record favoring licensing of those claiming to be experts at sexing in order to give the state department of agriculture some control in the matter.

Lloyd A. Lee of Salem was made president for the coming year; Fred Cockell, Milwaukie, vice president and L. E. Cabe, McMinnville, secretary-treasurer. Cockell and H. E. Cosh, extension specialist, were named delegates to the national Baby Chick association convention in Chicago late in July. The next state meeting will be held in November.

## Canning Schedule

AUGUST 5 to 11.

8:00 to 11:00 A. M.	1:00 to 3:30 P. M.
MONDAY—No. 2 1/2 can Tomatoes	No. 2 1/2 can Corn
TUESDAY—No. 2 can Corn	No. 2 can Corn
WEDNESDAY—No. 2 1/2 can Tomatoes	No. 2 1/2 can Beans
THURSDAY—No. 2 1/2 can Beans	No. 2 1/2 can Corn
FRIDAY—No Canning	No. 2 can Corn
SATURDAY—No. 2 1/2 can Tomatoes	No Canning

Please watch this schedule and be on time with your produce. Those who have canned goods at the cannery which has been here more than two weeks, lease remove same because we are short of space.

### RODENT CONTROL WORK WILL SOON BE COMPLETED

The jack rabbit control work is about completed. In sections where farmers cooperated in putting out poison, rabbits are well under control and there should be very little damage to crops.

The assistant county agent's office was able to secure the assistance of the U. S. Biological Survey to help with this program. E. H. Bush of Portland has been working as a representative of the Biological Survey department in this territory.

In order to give every farmer another opportunity to put out poison a meeting will be held the afternoon of August 7, at the office of Assistant County Agent Sawyer in Hermiston. Farmers who wish to secure poison bait should bring a sack of freshly cut, tender, green alfalfa. A hay chopper will be set up on the lawn at the reclamation building to chop alfalfa and Mr. Bush will mix the poison bait and give instructions for putting it out. Farmers may come with their alfalfa at any time between 2:00 and 5:00 P. M.

"Remember that the control of rabbits is not alone your problem, but the problem of the community. Your cooperation is needed whether rabbits are doing you economic damage or not. If the rodents are numerous around your place, help to protect your neighbor by putting out poison."

W. A. SAWYER, Assistant County Agent.

### Allowance on Sacks.

On and after August first the Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston will allow three cents for second hand sacks. Sacks must be clean and in serviceable condition. Branded sacks will remain at ten cents.

H. M. SOMMERER, Manager

### RISE IN COW PRICES TO BOOST HEIFER GROWING

With the price of dairy cows rapidly returning to a more profitable basis, interest in raising heifers is increasing throughout the state. It is estimated that because of the tuberculosis eradication campaign in California, as many as 150,000 head of dairy cows and heifers will be needed there for replacements in the next couple years.

Practically all Oregon dairymen raise some heifers, but their costs for raising them and the returns from them vary widely, a study made by the Oregon Experiment station shows. The average dairymen, as a matter of fact, shows a higher cost of production of heifers than the market price of cows, the detailed survey reveals, although only about half of such total costs are in cash outlay.

"The largest item of expense in raising heifers is, of course, feed costs, but a very heavy expense beyond that comes from death and culling losses," says H. E. Selby, farm management specialist at O.S.C., who was in charge of the detailed study. "On 216 farms that had no death or culling loss, the average cost of raising heifers to freshening was nearly 50 per cent less than on 98 farms which had a death and culling loss of 25 per cent or more."

"A certain amount of culling is necessary, but it is being greatly reduced by many dairymen who do careful culling of the calves before starting to raise them and then who use careful methods so as to reduce death loss to a minimum.

"It costs very little more to raise a good heifer than a poor one," Mr. Selby continued. "The slight extra cost of raising good heifers comes chiefly from a higher birth value, while the returns from raising good heifers are far ahead of ordinary ones."

In this connection Selby points out that a good bull is a good investment from the standpoint of the value of the calves alone. The birth value of calves from bulls worth \$200 or more was just four times the value where bulls worth \$100 or less were used.

A supply of skimmed milk is of importance in reducing the cost of raising heifers, the survey showed, as whole milk is the most costly part of the feed. Good pasture is also an important factor in reducing the raising heifers, the survey showed, as cost of production. Station Bulletin 324, giving full details of the study, with many other suggestions for reducing costs, may be had free.

### COOPERATIVE FILM IS COMING TO HERMISTON

The cooperative organizations of Hermiston are fortunate in being able to obtain the one hour film known as "A Trip to Cooperative Europe," for showing at the local theatre Tuesday evening, September 3.

The scenes will include the great Rockdale Cooperative of England, Danish producers and consumer cooperatives, Swedish cooperative movement, and cooperative work of other European nations.

In Yakima the Farm Bureau, the Grange Co-operatives, and the City Consumer's Cooperative are putting on the film the first week it arrives in the northwest. They plan to make it a cooperative rally with a speaker or two before showing the film.

The Farm Bureau Units of Walla Walla county will show the film after it leaves Yakima and then it will come to Hermiston. More information will be given later.

### FEDERAL CREDIT UNION TO BE ORGANIZED AT HERMISTON

About two months ago at a meeting of all the managers and directors of Hermiston's various cooperative organizations, a resolution was unanimously passed endorsing the organization of a Federal Credit Union at Hermiston, after the required number of signatures for a charter was forwarded to the Credit Union Section of the Farm Credit Administration at Washington, D. C.

Word has just been received that the application has been approved and as soon as the chapter and operating permit arrive, organizing work will go rapidly forward. All the bookkeeping and office supplies are now in my hands.

Notice of the organization meeting will be given soon.

E. H. DUNNING, Temporary Clerk-Treas.

### Locker Meat Must Be Tagged.

State inspectors recently called at the Cold Storage Locker plant and instructed the management to see that all meat going into the lockers is properly tagged with the bonafide producer's shipping tag supplied by the Sheriff of each county. Heretofore it has been the belief that this tagging is necessary only when the animal is shipped but the law applies to all meat transported from one place to another. In this case, the meat is moved from the farm to the locker plant. BE SURE YOUR MEAT IS TAGGED. Any meat left in the chill room without tags is illegal and the creamery will be liable to pay a penalty.

Tags may be secured at the creamery.

### CERTIFICATION GOES ON DESPITE EMERGENCY WORK

Seed and grain certification, while not carried on in the volume of the previous year, reached 20 Oregon counties in 1934, according to the annual report of E. R. Jackman, extension specialist in farm and on Sundays.

The demand of agricultural adjustment work and other emergency programs served to curtail grain certification activity, making it necessary to carry on the work before or after AAA meetings in many instances, including getting the specialists out before breakfast, after supper crops.

Certification last year involved inspection of 1893 acres of wheat, oats and barley, 5583 acres of alfalfa, ladino clover, red clover, bent grass and English rye grass, and 1250 acres of potatoes. These were the areas passing certification, totaling 8636 acres, compared with 9016 the year previous.

### SPUDS WITH FANCY NAMES SHOW PROMISE IN OREGON

Warba, Chippewa, Katahdin, Golden and Nittany!

These may sound like Pullman car names, but instead they are new potato varieties that are showing promise in trials conducted by the Oregon State college experiment station and by cooperating growers.

Katahdin is a late variety already pretty well known in parts of Oregon since its introduction through the experiment station from the U.S. department of agriculture. It is a

round, white-skinned type which has proved its ability to withstand the long, dry Oregon summers and mature a good crop after the fall rains. It is better in this respect than Burbank or Nettle Gem which mature much earlier.

A more recent introduction is Chippewa, a variety similar to Katahdin but considerably earlier. In the east it has outyielded Katahdin. Both varieties are highly resistant to mild mosaic, one of the virus diseases transmitted by insects.

A new yellow-fleshed potato named Golden is another new variety said to be an exceptional yielder in Maine. It may have only a limited adaptation in this country, believes D. C. Smith, assistant agronomist at the Oregon station. Yellow fleshed potatoes are popular in Germany, being higher in vitamin content, but

so far Americans strongly prefer the white-fleshed sorts.

An extremely early sort from the Minnesota experiment station is the Warba which matures 10 to 14 days ahead of Irish Cobbler and a week to 10 days in advance of Early Ohio and Bliss Triumph. Tubers are round, blocky, white with rather deep pink eyes, uniform in size with few culls. It is resistant to heat damage and mild mosaic, giving it real promise as a new early type.

Two varieties being grown this year at the Corvallis station for the first time are Nittany Cobbler and Columbia Russett. The former is a disease resistant Cobbler type from Pennsylvania. The Columbia Russett originated in British Columbia where it is said to give high yields of attractive, good quality potatoes. All new varieties are thoroughly

tested before being recommended by the OSC station.

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