

# FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

## CO-OPERATIVES FLOURISHING DURING DEPRESSION.

The farm cooperative movement continues to go forward, as recent statistics from Pennsylvania demonstrate.

In that state, farmers who buy and sell through co-ops did a total business of almost \$35,000,000 in 1934, as compared with \$27,000,000 in 1933. Both volume and sales were substantially larger.

Milk marketing associations handled 5 per cent more milk, and the value was 40 per cent higher. Egg marketing groups sold 50 per cent more eggs, and livestock associations increased their volume by 60 per cent.

Finally, the total membership of Pennsylvania farmers in cooperative associations in 1934 amounted to 67,953—an advance of 16 per cent over the previous year.

Similar records have been made in other states, on greater or smaller scales. Each year shows advances in the size of cooperative groups—as well as improvement in the work done by the associations on behalf of their members. Cooperation is one thing that has actually flourished during depression.

Stanfield Grange Dance Aug. 10.

The Stanfield Grange will hold an old time dance at the Grange hall Saturday, August 10. Everybody is welcome.

### MINISTERS HOLD STATE WIDE CONFERENCE ON CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATION.

One hundred ministers representing Catholic, Jewish and Protestant organizations in Wisconsin gathered in Madison, June 24, for the first state-wide Church, School and Cooperation Conference. The following day seventy ministers met in Minneapolis for a similar conference for Minnesota. At both meetings plans were laid for intensive education programs throughout these states on "the cooperative way of life".

The conferences, headed by the "Minnesota Leader" as the beginning of Cooperative Crusade, discussed at length the possibility of applying the "principles of brotherhood" to economic life by promotion of consumers' cooperation.

The conferences were an outgrowth of a preliminary conference held in Chicago this spring which was inspired by the work of Miss Helen Topping, secretary to Toyohiko Kagawa of Japan. Miss Topping has been touring the Central West this spring telling of the work of Dr. Kagawa in building the cooperative movement in Japan.

At Madison, Rev. Rupert Holloway, addressing the conference, declared, "There is no focus for religion in economic life outside the cooperative movement". He pointed to the growth of the cooperatives as an indication that people are beginning to realize that business can be conducted on the basis of mutual aid rather than profit taking.

Rabbi Louis T. Cashdon, Mgr. Joseph Reisterer, Helen Topping, and Max Leopold conducted panel discussions at the Madison Conference. E. R. Bowen, General Secretary of the Cooperative League, told the conference that the cooperative movement is not only an economic system but a way of life. Rev. Frank J. Kennedy was general chairman of the Minneapolis meeting and with Miss Topping and Mr. Bowen addressed a public meeting in the evening which closed the conference.

Both conferences elected committees to continue the work of the state organizations in drawing up detailed plans for an aggressive educational program.

### LIBERAL JOURNAL TO FEATURE ARTICLES ON CO-OPERATION.

The FORUM, one of America's most influential monthly journals, will publish a series of articles on Consumers' Cooperation beginning in the August issue. The series is written by Bertram B. Fowler, formerly of the editorial staff of THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, and contributor to many prominent magazines. The first article, "After the NRA What?" will challenge America to follow the leadership of England and the Scandinavian countries in developing a strong consumers' cooperative movement as a method of recovery. The article in the September issue, "The Democratic Way to Prosperity" describes the development of cooperatives in the U. S. A later article will describe the work of Kagawa and the cooperatives in Japan.

## Canning Schedule

AUGUST 12 to 18.

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 Tomatoes	No. 2 can Corn
WEDNESDAY—No. 2 1/2 can Tomatoes	No. 2 1/2 can Beans
THURSDAY—2 1/2 - Chicken or Beef	No. 2 1/2 can Corn
FRIDAY—Left Open	No. 2 can Corn
SATURDAY—No. 2 1/2 can Tomatoes	No Canning

Products not listed will be canned by making special arrangement.

## LOCAL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION TO HOLD ELECTION FRIDAY.

Election of officers of the Hermiston, Oregon, Federal Credit Union, will be held Friday evening, August 9, at the library at 8:00 P. M.

The by-laws of the organization will be read, followed by a general discussion of credit union work, and what credit unions are for.

A credit union is really a cooperative savings and loan association, with the emphasis on the "loan".

Anyone residing in Morrow or Umatilla county is eligible to membership, and all persons interested are invited to attend and take part in the meeting.

## DARLING, WILARDSON AND COSBY TO SPEAK.

Turkey growers throughout Umatilla and nearby counties in Oregon and Washington are making plans to participate in the annual tour and picnic of the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers association. This event will occur in the vicinity of Hermiston on Saturday, August 17.

The tour will start at the Experiment Station near Hermiston at 9:30 A. M., and from there the group will proceed to three commercial turkey farms for observations of most approved turkey management methods. At noon, there will occur the picnic lunch at Columbia Park.

During the afternoon there will be a program featuring prominent people identified with turkey production and marketing. The group will include Mr. Ray O. Darling, Mr. Bert Willardson, sales agent for the Northwest Turkey Growers at Los Angeles; and Mr. H. E. Cosby, Extension Poultryman of Oregon Agricultural college. Musical numbers will also be a part of the program.

The tour committee is very anxious that this affair be made available to the largest possible number of interested persons, and every opportunity is taken to extend a general invitation. Picnic lunches should be brought by those attending.

## 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

## LIVE STOCK MEN PAYING OFF DEBT, REPORT SHOWS.

How rising live stock prices have helped turn the tide for northwest cattle and sheep men is indicated by a report from the Federal Intermediate Credit bank of Spokane that live stock paper to the extent of \$5,570,000 has been liquidated during the past four months' out of marketing receipts. Payments from the sale of stored wool have totalled more than \$4,000,000 and from cattle and lambs \$1,730,000 and \$840,000, respectively.

"It is highly cheering to see operators have an opportunity to reduce their borrowing and liquidate their debts under more favorable conditions," says Paul F. Matson, vice-president of the bank. "Without this source of credit many of them would have been forced to liquidate on a ruinously low market. Now they have a chance to share in the improvement of prices."

The intermediate credit bank does not lend directly to stock men or farmers, nor does it lend federal treasury money. It discounts soundly secured agricultural paper for live stock loan companies, cooperative production credit associations, rural banks, etc., obtaining its loan funds by marketing debentures to the investing public. Credit bank debentures are in such favorable demand that a record low discount rate of 2 per cent has been in effect for more than a year. Lending institutions which discount through the bank are restricted to a margin of 3 per cent, establishing a present rate of 5 per cent to farmers.

The credit bank has approximately \$27,000,000 of sheep, cattle and dairy loans outstanding.

## NOTICE OF FARM BUREAU MEETING.

A meeting of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau is called for Friday evening, August 16, at 8:00 P. M., at the Hermiston Union church.

The purpose of this meeting is mainly for entertainment. The Home Economics club, with Mrs. W. A. Hinesline as superintendent, will have a prominent part on the program. Some good music and other features will be added.

Visitors are always welcome. Come, and leave your troubles at home.

C. M. JACKSON, Secretary.

## NOTICE TO DELINQUENT FARM BUREAU MEMBERS.

The accounts of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau show a few members still in arrears for their 1935 dues of \$1.00. We would like very much to have this all cleaned up as soon as possible. The Farm Bureau needs this money for various community benefits. Dues are payable at the Farm Bureau Co-op. If you happen to be in arrears, please call and get in good standing as soon as convenient.

C. M. JACKSON, Secretary.

## Granges To Picnic.

An all day Grange picnic will be held Sunday, August 11, at the Columbia park. Three Granges, Echo, Stanfield and Westland, will be represented. Free ice cream and coffee will be served to those present. A short program will be rendered, and there will be contests of various kinds. If this picnic proves to be a success, a similar picnic will be held annually by the Granges.

## Auxiliary Will Meet.

The Farm Bureau Auxiliary will meet at Columbia park Friday, August 16th, at 2:00 o'clock, according to announcement of the following committee, Mrs. Mrs. Jackson Harr, Mrs. J. H. Reid and Mrs. G. H. Hughes.

## 4-H CLUB NEWS.

The 4-H We Can Canning club and the Kookie Kooking Klub entertained their mothers last Wednesday at their annual "Mothers' Day" picnic, held at the Turnblad home on the river. After an enjoyable dinner, the girls practiced their program for the coming Farm Bureau meeting which is to be held August 16. The date for the next meeting of the club is August 16.

At the Farm Bureau meeting to be held August 16, at eight o'clock, the 4-H clubs will give a program in which they will try to demonstrate some of the things which they were taught at summer school. These members go to Corvallis not only for a good time, but also to bring back something to benefit their clubs and community.

Ice cream and cake will be sold by the Kookie Kooking Klub and We Can Canning club after the meeting. The proceeds from this will be used to send the teams to the State Fair. The teams are as follows: Helen Jendrzewski and Margaret Clarke, who will demonstrate canning in the pressure cooker; Esther McMullin and Marie Skovbo, who will demonstrate baking rolls; and Mary Rodda and Nina Rae McCulley, who will judge. Mrs. Jessie Hinesline will accompany the girls for the trip.

### 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.

Locker Head 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.

## LAND BANK LOANS NOW PAID IN CASH.

On Monday of this week the Federal Land bank of Spokane returned

to its normal practice of closing new loans in cash, as a result of the ready demand for federal farm mortgage corporation bonds in the investment markets, according to a statement by President E. M. Ehrhardt.

For the last year and a half the land bank has been exchanging its own consolidated bonds for federal farm mortgage corporation bonds which are guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the federal government, and closing its loans with mortgage corporation bonds and partly with cash.

"One of the principal reasons for using bonds in lieu of cash in making land bank and land bank commissioner's loans," Mr. Ehrhardt explains, "was to get a far-flung distribution of them in rural districts. This has been well accomplished, the bonds being well received by the public in general and the farmers' creditors in particular."

## WANT ADS

LEAVE ORDERS FOR SIZE NO. 2 1/2 cans peaches, apricots, pears, 15c can. W. C. Isom, Meadow Camp service station, 2 mi. east of Irrigon, Oregon. 52-4tc

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