FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

◆ NO MEN CAN ACT WITH EFFECT WHO DO NOT ACT IN CONCERT; NO MEN CAN ACT IN CONCERT WHO DO NOT ACT WITH CONFIDENCE; NO MEN CAN ACT WITH CONFIDENCE WHO ARE NOT BOUND TOGETHER WITH COMMON OPINIONS, COMMON AFFECTIONS, AND COMMON INTERESTS.—BURKE. (English Author)

BABSON TESTIFIES SWEDEN PROSPERS BY COOPERATION

U. S. Can Follow Suit But Needs Education First.

Robert Babson, the noted statistician who makes a business of forecasting the ups and downs of business and advising old ladies what to do with their compound interest, has discovered the consumers' co-operative movement. In a widely syndicated article entitled "One Answer to Communism" he describes the co-ops of Scandinavia and gives credit to co-operation for the high state of economic health in those countries.

"While the United States and most other nations came down with a crash," he said, "Sweden barely quivered. Her stable domestic economy acted as a shock absorber. Furthermore her recovery has been much more pronounced. Latest figures show that Swedish industries are operating at a higher level than in 1929 . . . The Swedish people have had a larger measure of recovery than those of any other nation excepting only the So. Africans." Babson lays this condition to two things: co-operation and public ownership.

Of cooperation he says: "I doubt if readers have any idea of the economic force behind these consumer organizations or the tremendous part which the co-operatives play in European business."

The co-operative union of Sweden, he says, embraces nearly 800 local co-operatives and a membership of over a million families. The union and its affiliates control about 10 per cent of all the industrial activities in Sweden; control one-third to one-half of the wholesale and retail trade in food, shoes, and clothing; and operate about 3,700 efficient attractive shops. Prices are slightly lower than those in private stores, and a yearly dividend on all purchases is rebated to the members.

Trust-Busting Is Outstanding Achievement.

"In the past," says Babson, "Scandinavian trusts monopolized certain industries and kept prices at unfair levels in relation to producing costs. Breaking up these trusts and driving down retail prices to a reasonable basis has been the outstanding achievement of the co-operatives. One notable example was the combination of all the Scandinavian unions for the purpose of manufacturing electric lamps. The price immediately fell from 37 cents to 20 cents per bulb and Luma (the co-op lamp factory) still showed a profit at the latter figures.

"After losing one or two decisive battles such as this, Swedish industrialists caught the spirit of the movement. They have since limited their high-profit-making activities to the foreign market which the co-operatives have not invaded."

Successful Public Ownership.

Admitting the success of public ownership in Sweden, the economic savant says: "The government owns and operates the street railways, telegraph, and the greater part of the electricity and telephone systems. It controls the sale of both liquor and tobacco and the making of munitions. It has extended this control to large portions of the forest areas, the mines and to waterpower.

"Sweden's total investment in business in 1929 amounted to over 7600,000,000, on which it earned a net return of 6 per cent. This is an outstanding example of the success of government in business, but only because the government first learned to be business-like."

Stresses Education.

Stressing that the success of the Scandinavians in co-operation and public ownership is due to their high state of education, they being probably the most highly educated people in the world, Babson says, "Sweden has learned a great truth of which we in the United States seem to be still ignorant, namely: For any movement to succeed, education must come first and legislation second . . .

"The type of individual who holds public office in Scandinavia and Finland is far superior to many of our government officials. The graft, crime and inefficiency which have been charged against certain phases of the management of our public affairs would be unthinkable in Sweden. Predatory politicians are not tolerated there."

He concludes: "The great mass of our people must be educated to the level where they can appreciate the difference between intelligent, efficient, inefficient, honest and dishonest direction of public affairs. Only then can we consider following Sweden's example and embarking upon the co-operative program."

That the co-operative movement in itself is a practical school for raising the intelligence of the mass of the people, is a fact which appears to have escaped Mr. Babson's notice.

As might be expected from Sweden's record of democracy and the average intelligence of its people, fascism has failed to gain a foothold there. At the most recent elections, held a year ago for provincial councils, the fascists polled only 8,600 votes out of a total of 1,267,000 votes cast. Sweden has long had a socialist government.

Swedish Premier Accounts for Nation's Prosperity.

Explaining why Sweden is prosperous in comparison with other nations, Per Albin Hansson, prime minister, said: "Many factors have contributed to our success—a socially minded citizenship, an intelligent liquor control plan, a managed currency, state ownership or control of things that vitally affect the standard of living of the masses, the co-operative movement, and a homogeneous population."

The Swedish premier made this statement in an interview with L. M. Birkhead, of Kansas City, according to "The Co-operative Consumer."

Mr. Birkhead also interviewed Albin Johansson, general manager of the Co-operative Union of Sweden, who said: "Through the co-operatives there is a saving to the Swedish people of about 50 million dollars annually. This added buying power is a tremendous impetus to the economic structure of the country; it stimulates business and industrial activity and thus all the people of Sweden are benefitted."

PROGRAM OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League.

Elks Lodge Room

Pendleton, Ore., December 6, 1935

9:15 A. M., Music, Pendleton high school band. Call to order, Mac Hoke, Pendleton, President Eastern Oregon Wheat League. Address of welcome, A. L. Powers, President Pendleton Chamber of Commerce. Response to address of welcome, Bert Johnson, Eastern Oregon Wheat League, Ione, Ore. President's address, Mac Hoke. Reports of secretary, including committee announcements, Charles W. Smith, Corvallis. Introduction of committee officials. Scope of committee work announced by committee chairmen. The Soil Conservation Problem, by W. A. Rockie, Regional Director, Soil Conservation Service. Pullman, Wn. Committee Meetings.

Noon.

1:15 P. M., Musical number. Financing Old-Age Pensions, Charles V. Galloway, Chairman State Tax Commission, Salem, Ore. The Report of Committee on AAA, Taxation, Legislation, and Finance. Adjusting Wheat Production, C. C. Conser, Assistant Chief, Wheat Section, Washington, D. C. Problems in Water Transportation, Lieutenant Colonel C. F. Williams, Member Army Engineer Corps, Portland, Ore. Report of Committee on Production Wheat Handling, and Marketing. Export Markets and Varieties of Wheat, Hugh Martin, Kerr Gifford & Co., Portland. Committee Meetings.

December 7.

9:00 A. M., Musical number. Report of Transportation Committee. Columbia River Development and the Wheat Farmer, Judge Calvin Sweek, President Inland Empire Waterways Association. Why a Production Adjustment Program, A. R. Shumway, Member National Wheat Advisory Board, Milton. Wheat Varieties, Superintendent, Sherman County Branch Experiment Station, Moro. Report Soil Conservation and Weed Committee. West Coast Defense, Dr. Raymond Staub, Portland.

Noon.

1:15 P. M., Reconsideration of Committee Reports. Feeding Wheat and Other Grains to Live Stock, D. E. Richards, Superintendent Union Experiment Station, Union. Interest on Farm Mortgages, Representative Walter M. Pierce, La Grande. What's Ahead in Agricultural Adjustment, E. L. Potter, Division of Agricultural Economics, Oregon State College. Election of Officers.

Notice to Customers.

Custom grinding will be done for customers at the Farm Bureau Co-operative on any day except Monday and Saturday, Henry Sommerer, manager, announced.

Credit Union Service.

The Hermiston Oregon Credit Union office will be open every Friday between 2:00 and 4:00 o'clock P. M. The office will be found in the Grange Co-operative building.

Stanfield Grange Dance.

Stanfield Grange dance will be given Saturday, December 7th. Admission 40 cents and 10 cents. Music by Mel's Merry Makers.

New Grange Dance Committee.

The Westland Grange dance committee which has been composed of Floyd Laird, Mrs. Chas. Seeliger and Mr. Smith, has been changed in personnel after three months' service, by Phillip Powers, Clarence Berry and Wayne Mulkins. Ed Pierre and his orchestra will continue to play for the dances. A drummer has been added to the orchestra.

ED PIERRE WINS HOOKED RUG STOOL COVER, THANKSGIVING.

At a Thanksgiving dinner and program given by the members of the Westland Grange last Thursday, Ed Pierre was the winner of the beautiful hooked rug stool cover which had been donated by Mrs. Arletta White of Hermiston. The lucky number was drawn out by the little Lockspich girl.

The dinner was a delightful success with about sixty people attending. Mrs. Della Laird, Mrs. Lena Lage and George Corliss served on the arrangement committee.

Following the dinner an amateur radio program was given before an imaginary microphone with many clever poems and skits given. Mrs. Frank Seeliger acted as the crack-announcer.

Dancing was enjoyed in the evening.

† PINE CITY NEWS †

By Lenna Neill

Play practices are soon being held at the auditorium in the evenings to practice on the plays that are to be given at the basket social, December 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helms and daughters Charlotte, Henrietta and Harriet were dinner guests at the Frank Ayers home in the Westland district Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Andrews and daughters Marian and Florence spent Sunday visiting at the Mrs. Ollie Neill home.

Guy Moore spent the Thanksgiving vacation visiting his sister, Mrs. Ralph Scott at Blackhorse.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Cox and family visited at the H. E. Young home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helms and family were business visitors in Echo and Hermiston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee and family were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith at Echo Thanksgiving day.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Van Orsdall and Mr. Van Orsdall's mother of Pendleton spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bull and daughter Beverley Jean of La Grande motored to the H. E. Young home Saturday, returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Morehead and family spent the week end visiting at the Roy Neill and A. E. Wattenburger home.

Miss Cecelia Brennan spent the Thanksgiving vacation in Hermiston with Miss Marian Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Myers and son Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Marian Finch and daughters, and Roy Neill and daughter Alma were dinner guests at the C. H. Bartholomew home Thursday.

Tom O'Brien returned home from Portland last Tuesday where he has been in the St. Vincent hospital for some time.

Miss Oleta Neill, who is attending the Eastern Oregon Normal at La Grande, spent the Thanksgiving vacation at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wigglesworth and family of Echo and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wattenburger were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger Thursday.

† BOARDMAN NEWS †

By RACHEL J. BARLOW

Danny Ransier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ransier, was taken to the Hermiston hospital Sunday where he is ill with measles and pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Dillabough and family motored to La Grande for Thanksgiving day. The Browns visited with their daughter, Mrs. Wilson, and Dillaboughs at the Chas. Wicklander home.

Mrs. Victor Myers and Mrs. Chas. Hango returned home Saturday from Portland where they have been for some time. Mrs. Hango's son, who is under the doctor's care, remained there with his sister May.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Sturm and children spent Thursday and Friday in Wasco with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Spagle and children were guests during the holidays at the Packard home. Mr. and Mrs. William Strobel and children were also guests of the Packards for Thanksgiving dinner.

WANT ADS

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Thanksgiving dinner.

A lovely Thanksgiving dinner was enjoyed at the J. F. Gorham home. Covers were laid for Mr. and Mrs. George Blayden, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ackerman, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Blayden, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Blayden and son, Mr. and Mrs. Gorham and Janet and Mardel.

Guy Barlow and R. Mitchel motored to Pendleton Saturday where Mr. Mitchel purchased a model A Ford pick-up.

The Ladies Aid annual Christmas bazaar will be held in the church basement Friday evening, December 6.

F. L. Brown returned to Boardman Thursday from Vale where he moved his household goods and farm machinery. He expects to take his family there the last of this week where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bush are the parents of a son born to them at their home on Thanksgiving day.

Miss Katherine Brown of Woodland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Brown, was united in marriage to Percy Rake of Woodland. Tuesday, November 26th. The young couple will make their home in Woodland. sale

OUTDOOR FILM BY ZANE GREY STARS O'BRIEN

Zane Grey's newest and greatest story of rip-roaring outdoor adventure, "Thunder Mountain," coming Sunday and Monday to the Oasis theatre, brings George O'Brien back to the screen as a two-fisted, virile, fighting hero of the lawless west.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of W. A. Sloan, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. All persons having claims against said estate hereby are notified to present the same, properly verified, to the undersigned at the office of her attorney, George D. Brodie, Dufur, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published November 28th, 1935.

H. C. SOUTHARD,
Administratrix.

(Nov. 28—Dec. 26)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project: High School Building P. W. A. Docket No. 1041.

Sealed proposal will be received at office of Superintendent of Schools, Hermiston, Oregon, until 10:00 A. M., December 11, 1935, for the construction of a High School Building, P. W. A. Project No. 1041, according to plans and specifications prepared by J. E. Tourtellotte and Truman Phillips, Associate Architects, 311-12 Postal Building, Portland, Oregon.

Bids will be opened and publicly read at the hour stated above.

Plans and Documents are on file for reference at office of School Superintendent and may be obtained at the office of the architects upon deposit of $20.00, which sum will be refunded if the plans and documents are returned, in good condition, on or before the date of opening.

The project is to be paid for in whole or in part out of funds furnished by the United States Government and all work and material must be performed and/or furnished in accordance with rules prescribed by the President and the Rules and Regulations relating to Applicants and Projects under the Emergency Relief Act of 1935.

The National Employment Agency designated to furnish employment lists for this project is located at Pendleton, Oregon.

Attention is called to the fact that employees on this work must be paid not less than the minimum hourly rates of wages set out in the Federal Construction Regulations. These minimum rates for skilled labor will be $.85; for semi-skilled or intermediate classes of labor $.55; and for common labor $.45.

Proposals must be submitted according to the form furnished by the Architects. Attention is called to the pre-qualification requirements of Chap. 225. Laws of Oregon, 1931.

The successful bidder must furnish a Performance Bond in full amount of the contract price, and public liability insurance as specified. Bidder's proposal must be accompanied by a certified check or a bidder's bond in an amount equal to 5 per cent. of the total amount of the proposal as a guarantee of the execution of the contract and the furnishing of the required bonds in case the contract is awarded to the bidder.

Acceptance of the proposal and the awarding of the contract is conditioned upon satisfactory assurance that the Union High School District No. 9, Hermiston, Oregon, will be able to secure money from the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works the money necessary to finance the project. The Union High School District No. 9, Hermiston, Oregon, reserves the right to hold the bids from the date of opening thereof, for sixty days.

The Union High School District No. 9, Hermiston, Oregon, reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informalities and to accept such proposal as may be to its best interest.

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