

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)

GRANGE CO-OPS REPORT GROWTH, ADD OIL UNITS.

SEATTLE, Wash.—From one local unit established in August 1931, the distribution of petroleum products cooperatively by the Grange Co-operative Wholesale, Inc., has spread until now there are 60 units—locally owned and controlled—operating in Washington, Oregon and western Idaho.

Entry into the oil and gasoline business was a step in the gradual growth of the association, which was established in 1919 to buy merchandise in wholesale lots for the Grange co-operative stores throughout the State of Washington. The association also handles farm supplies, chiefly feed, seed, fertilizer, grain bags, twine, hardware, repair parts, and implements. In addition to wholesale purchasing, a co-operative accounting service was instituted for the benefit of retail co-operative stores.

Both co-operative stores and co-operative supply units handle products and commodities purchased through the wholesale organization. Shipments are generally made direct from the sources of supply to the unit, a method that keeps down the expense of handling.

The supply units limit their activities to Grange members and operate strictly on a cash basis. Patronage dividends are returned to members in proportion to their individual purchases. The stores, all of which were organized during the period of 1914-1920, operate co-operatively. They do not restrict sales to the membership. For the most part they sell both on a cash and on a credit basis.

New Headquarters, Mill.

Two outstanding developments in 1935 have been:

1. Construction of a modern headquarters office building at Seattle, made possible by the united efforts of the Washington State Grange, the Grange Co-operative Wholesale, Washington Fire Relief Association (co-operative insurance for members of the Grange), Grange Powder Company (manufacturers and distributors of stumping powder), and the Grange News, Inc., (publisher of the official organ of the Grange).

2. Purchase of a large, modern milling and storage plant at Davenport by the Grange Milling Company. Here grain produced by members will be stored, processed, and distributed cooperatively both as flour and feeds. The daily flour capacity of the mill is approximately 200 barrels. The mill also has facilities for manufacturing a large quantity of feed.

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.

FERTILIZER MAKES LEGUMES BETTER NITROGEN FACTORIES.

Legumes are natural nitrogen factories—but their production may be increased with the use of phosphorus and potash.

Many farmers grow legumes as green manure crops because they collect nitrogen from the air and put it into the soil. Applications of phosphorus and potash to legumes stimulate their growth enabling them to produce more nitrogen than if they did not receive these fertilizer materials. These are not wasted as they are available for the next crop when the legumes are plowed under and decay.

By this method the farmer gains the use of three fertilizer materials for other crops although he applied only two.

Phosphorus and potash applied to legumes when grown as a green manure crop help to produce heavier yields of corn and other crops than if the same fertilizer is applied directly to the crops, tests of the United States Department of Agriculture show.

Stanfield Grange Dance.
The Stanfield Grange will give a dance Saturday, January 4th, and everyone is invited to come and have a good time.

LARGE CATHOLIC GROUPS VOTE TO ENDORSE CO-OPS.

Two important Catholic gatherings have recently endorsed co-operation. They are the Catholic Rural Life Conference, meeting at Rochester, N. Y., October 27-30, and the Catholic Central Verein, which held its annual conference at La-Crosse, Wis., in August.

The resolutions of the Catholic Rural Life Conference conclude:

"Man in general, and rural society in particular, can be saved from self-destruction and chaos brought about by hatred and greed only by co-operation, a practice in harmony with the essential spirit of Christianity. . . Both producer and consumer of the soil's products should be united in a common effort to harmonize their conflicting interests for the sake of the common good.

"It is not the office of the civil power . . . to impose co-operation from above but rather to aid co-operative institutions which should arise from the voluntary effort of the people themselves.

"Cooperative institutions . . . whether they be for production, marketing or commerce, are frustrated of their genuine purpose unless those who take part in them enjoy the control of credit, as the sinews of effective enterprise.

Laud Credit Unions, Study Clubs.

"Rural welfare demands the control of credit by the people, within the limits of such regulation as is necessary for the welfare of the state and the nation. The credit union organized upon parish or community lines, is an approved agency at hand for the accomplishment of such control, and may well become the basis of a solution of the farmers' credit needs.

"We urge Church leaders in the country to strive to prepare their people for co-operative organization by the formation of adult study clubs after the pattern of those established by St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia and the folk schools of Denmark."

The Catholic Central Verein, a society of 80 years standing, passed even more specific resolutions. These declared in part:

"We strongly recommend the wide-spread practice of the principles of the Co-operative Movement, in the development of co-operative banking, the wholesale and retail distribution of merchandise, the processing and marketing of farm products, the establishment of laborer co-partnership factories and in any other way in which they can be applied to the welfare of the people. It is regrettable . . . that there should exist so much misunderstanding regarding a system which accords so well with the dictates of justice and charity, and which is essentially Christian, essentially democratic, and, moreover, economically sound, and the underlying principles of which are in agreement with the purpose of any program of Catholic social reform."

Endorses Rochdale Plan.

The resolution declares that "each and every cooperative undertaking . . . must be founded on the tried and tested principles and methods of co-operation inseparable from the Rochdale System."

The importance of an instructed membership as well as honest and intelligent leaders is stressed.

NEW REX WHEAT SOWN ON 15,000 ACRES LAST FALL.

Close to 15,000 acres have been sown to the new Rex wheat in Eastern Oregon and Washington this past fall, according to information gathered by the Sherman County branch experiment station where the variety was bred. It is similar to federation, but is winter hardy and considerably smut resistant. It is being recommended to replace Hybrid 128, Albit and Federation for fall sowing.

Federation wheat, introduced into the United States by the Moro station where it was grown first as a single row in 1915, has become one of the most important varieties of the western states. Fourteen years after it was first tested at Moro it was being grown on more than 750,000 acres in seven western states, or more than three times the acreage devoted to any wheat introduced in the past 20 years.

LOCKER NOTICE.

Locker renters must not bring in more meat than they have room for in their lockers. There is no extra space and the meat cannot be frozen.

Those who intend to rent a locker must have their names placed on a waiting list and must not bring in meat until a locker has been assigned to them.

Umatilla Co-op. Creamery Cold Storage.

ANNUAL CANNERY-LAUNDRY MEETING CALLED JANUARY 18

The annual meeting of the Hermiston Co-operative Cannery & Laundry will be held at the public library Saturday, January 18, 1936, 2:00 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing four directors.

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ONE-EIGHTH OF ALL FARM SUPPLIES NOW BOUGHT CO-OP.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Of the two billion dollars worth of farm supplies used by American farmers, fully \$250,000,000, or one eighth, is now purchased co-operatively, according to a bulletin just published by the Co-operative Division of the Farm Credit Administration.

There are twenty-five large co-operative associations, each of which does a farm supply business of more than \$1,000,000 a year. Their total supply business is well over \$100,000,000. In addition, more than 100 other associations have annual volumes of over \$100,000. Several thousand smaller cooperatives brought the total farm supply purchases up to approximately \$250,000,000 a year.

Several of these associations are expanding their fields of activities to include housing, groceries and general merchandise as well as general farm supplies.

The co-operative distribution of farm supplies was a \$125,000,000 non-profit business in 1929. The intensity of the depression has stimulated greater cooperative action and as a result the American farmer, the "most rugged of rugged individuals," has doubled the amount of his co-operative business and plunged into new fields of co-operative activity.

These statistics do not include co-operative marketing of farm products, which has already become a billion dollar business.

NATIONAL GRANGE BOOSTS CONSUMER, PRODUCER CO-OPS.

Cooperatives for consumers as well as producers were advocated by the National Grange in convention session at Sacramento, Calif., as a defense against monopoly and as a method of substituting the service motive for the private profit motive now dominating industry.

"Farmers can and must help themselves through self-help co-operatives if they are to fully enjoy the fruits of their toil," said E. E. King, master of the Washington State Grange, in presenting the resolution for the adoption of the convention representing 1,000,000 organized farmers in 35 states. The statement accompanying the recommendation of consumers' co-operative action, said:

"The growth of business and finance has placed unorganized agriculture at a great disadvantage, and this circumstance will increase as time goes on, unless corrected by the farmers themselves through cooperative action.

"Under our present monopolistic system one of the greatest difficulties is that industrial workers are unable to buy back goods which they themselves produced. We even get involved in disputes internationally because of some of our combines wanting selling advantages. Consumer co-operation is a solution to this evil and should be encouraged. The private profit motive should be replaced by the co-operative motive of service."

Spring Oat Tests Made.

ALBANY—In varietal tests of spring oats made by several Linn county farmers last season, Victory and Three-Grain proved the best by a wide margin under most circumstances, reports County Agent Floyd Mullen. Schoolma'm oats yielded slightly better but except on the coast where rust is a factor it is not as desirable. Kanota was the lowest yielder.

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PARASITE HELPS CONTROL MITE, BUT SPRAY NEEDED.

The now famous blackberry mite which caused such devastation in Oregon in 1930 and in seasons since when not checked by sprays, has a little enemy of its own, but growers are advised not to depend on it and neglect to spray. The enemy mite is called Seius pomi, and it is of considerable value in control of red-berry mite, Eriophyes essigi, but not powerful enough to hold it in check entirely.



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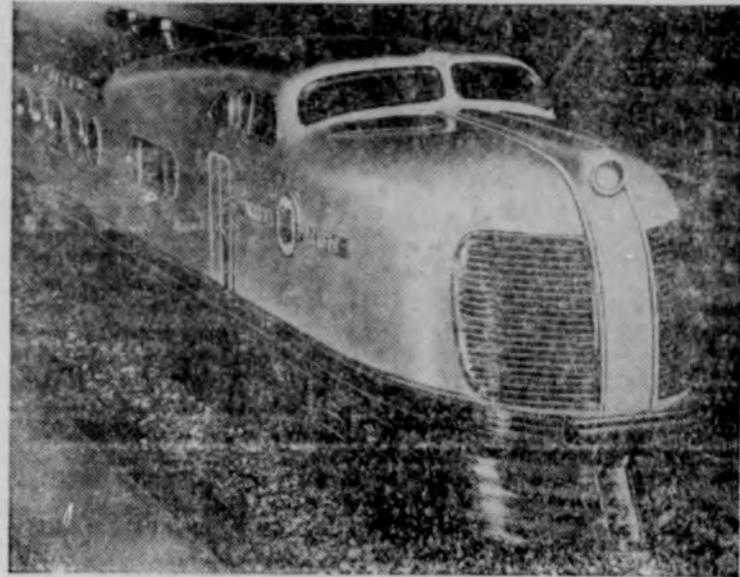
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This and much other information on "The Blackberry Mite in Oregon" is contained in a new bulletin by that name just issued by the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station. Joint authors are W. D. Edwards, K. W. Gray, J. Wilcox and Don C. Mote, present or former members of the entomology department.

The bulletin contains the results of investigations made of this pest over the past five years, progress reports of which have previously been issued. It contains five recommended spray programs for the control of the mite, each effective under certain specific conditions.

The red-berry mite appeared so suddenly in Oregon in the season of 1930 that it destroyed the crop in whole fields where infestation was worst. A hasty study of the pest in other sections of the country provided a starting point from which the experiment station later conducted extensive Oregon tests which have since served to protect growers against serious losses.

The bulletin, well illustrated and with a cover plate in color, may be had free from most county extension offices or direct from the college at Corvallis.

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