

FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

SOCIAL EFFECTS OF COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

(From the Consumer's Co-op.)

(Continued from last week.)
Promotion of Democracy.

All this points to the powerful influence of cooperation in the promotion of democracy. The cooperative movement was essentially democratic in origin. It has proved that democracy can be successfully applied to business, a significant fact to those who believe that apart from industrial democracy, enduring political democracy is impossible.

Solution of the Trust Problem.

To insure industrial democracy it will be necessary for the cooperative institutions to hold their own against the large combinations of capital whose profits go to the few instead of to the many. That there is a menace to the public welfare in the concentration of wealth in the hands of a few is keenly realized by the people in the old countries. They are also aware of the potency of the cooperative movement for the doubtful if a joint stock corporation can conduct its affairs with an economy equalling that of the cooperative societies. As compared with the trusts, the leaders and high officials in the movement receive smaller salaries, though on the other hand, the ordinary laborers receive larger pay.

A cooperative enterprise, therefore, has a greater goodwill from the laborer than does the business of the joint stock corporation. His interest in the business increases his efficiency and the superior service rendered by him constitutes an offset to the larger amount paid him in wages.

Where the movement has been long under way, cooperators will be under no disadvantage in the matter of control of capital. The British cooperative societies have capital in abundance. Where the movement is so well established, it is difficult to see how trusts can successfully compete with it. When it comes to a test between combinations which distribute their profits among the people, and those whose profits are not controlled by the people, there is little question as to which will enjoy the popular favor, a most important factor in determining the outcome of a competitive struggle.

Promotion of Political Efficiency.

The educational effect of the cooperative system is such as to give the wage earners a keen interest in public affairs and to cause them to realize their own power and responsibility in them. It is confidently asserted that seventy per cent of the cooperators are on the side of political progress. Cooperation is becoming one of the strongest aids to efficiency in political democracy.

The members of a great international business organization will understand the folly of going to war with one another. Among cooperators there is a minimum of mutual suspicion. With them the recognition of brotherhood and community of interest is a habit of mind. Add to this their increased intelligence, larger information, broader outlook, and increased political efficiency, and we must recognize that the bonds which hold the people of the earth together in peace will be strengthened as the cooperative movement advances throughout the world.

Promotion of Brotherhood and Religion.

The experience of the cooperative movement indicates that the application of right ethics to business results well, not only to business itself, but to the character of those engaged in it and to all parts of the social fabric.

It is natural that sound principles of economic justice and the spirit of brotherhood should create enthusiasm in those who are engaged in the movement. In the cooperative enterprises therefore laborers are more contented, enjoy their work better and labor and live with more zest.

Large numbers of capable executives are engaged in the movement at great personal sacrifice to themselves of time and money. There are men, who, although managing a business of \$20,000,000 to \$50,000,000 a year, have never received a salary of more than \$1,500 to \$2,000.

The Part Played by the Church.

In many of the cooperative enterprises it was found that the clergymen have played an important part. This was particularly true in the beginning or early stages of the move-

ment when help was most needed.

The sympathetic participation in and promotion of the cooperative movement on the part of the church is a logical and almost necessary result of the existence of a movement of such a character, since many of the ends for which the church is striving are effectually accomplished by these institutions, while these institutions in their purpose and endeavors, necessarily command the sympathy and allegiance of every sincere and disinterested churchman.

Westland Grange Dance.

The Westland Grange will sponsor a dance Saturday, March 7th, in the grange hall at Westland. Everybody is welcome and a good time is assured.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Hermiston Mercantile Co-operative.

The annual meeting of the Hermiston Mercantile Co-operative will be held in the basement room of the library, Friday evening, March 13, at 8:00 o'clock.

There were not sufficient members present at the previous meeting for a quorum. All members are requested to be present as several matters of importance will be discussed, including a change in the by-laws, and the election of two directors.

NEW BUILDINGS RISE ON CO-OP SKYLINE, 1935.

(Co-op. League News Service)

The dawn of 1936 shows something new on America's skyline.

In 1935, two million American co-operators spent a million dollars for plants and buildings. From Buffalo to Seattle, the strong swing toward consumers' co-operation has cast the outlines of new plants and warehouses against the murky background of the depression. Six cooperative wholesales built or bought new plants during the year.

C. C. W. Leads Off

January, in Superior, Wis., saw the Central Co-operative Wholesale moving into its new \$100,000 building which it had bought after the privately owned wholesale concern which built it had fallen under the blows of the depression. Central Co-operative Wholesale, serving 130 co-operative stores in northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, has come through business slumps and the competition of the chains triumphantly.

February, 1935, saw the completion of the \$300,000 addition to the Eastern States Farmers Exchange co-operative feed mill in Buffalo. The Exchange bought the Buffalo mills in 1926. The \$300,000 addition is the proof of a business that grew steadily during the depression years to a \$12,000,000 volume in 1934.

In May the Grange Co-operative Wholesale of Seattle moved into its new \$20,000 home. During the years of the depression it had organized co-operatives in Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and this year celebrated its success with its new headquarters as well as the purchase of a \$76,000 flour mill at Davenport, near Spokane, that a private concern had been unable to keep going.

July in Omaha saw the completion of the new \$150,000 home for the growing wholesale and retail business of the Nebraska Farmers Union State Exchange. Almost at the same time the Farmers Union Central Exchange was completing its new \$80,000 warehouse and oil-blending plant in St. Paul. This co-operative went into the oil business in 1929. In the six years of the depression it grew from limited office space in downtown St. Paul to this plant built by the 110,000 farmer-owners. Business jumped from \$2,000,000 in 1934 to \$4,000,000 in 1935.

In August the Consumers' Co-operative Association, North Kansas City, moved into a plant built by a private concern in 1929 at a cost of \$250,000. This was the same concern that turned down co-operative business in 1929 as too small to bother with. But the co-op grew during the depression. In the first six months of 1935 it did a business of \$1,100,000 compared with \$900,000 in the same period in 1934.

Volume Increases Great

A total business of \$365,000,000 was transacted by consumers' co-operatives in 1935. Partial statistics reveal tremendous increases in 1935. The co-operative buildings are beginning to change the shape and appearance of the national skyline.

Membership Fees Due.

To the members of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau:

The yearly fee for the members of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau is due March 1, and if unpaid will become delinquent 30 days thereafter. The amount is \$1.00 and is payable at the Farm Bureau Co-operative. This fee entitles the member to the benefits of trading at our various cooperative organizations and the money collected is used to promote and help various community enterprises.

Yours truly,
C. M. JACKSON, Sec.

CROPS DISCUSSION HEARD BY BLUE RIBBON CALF CLUB.

The Blue Ribbon Calf club held a meeting at Lois Hutchison's home February 29. There was a short business meeting at which several contests were discussed. W. A. Sawyer, assistant county agent, was able to be present at this meeting, and after the business meeting, he led in a very interesting discussion on "Crops to be planted for feeding dairy cattle." Several members were unable to be present because of illness.

Calf Club Chooses Slogan.

The Columbia Winners Calf club met at the home of Bernard Jendrzewski last Saturday afternoon at which time a short business session was held. The slogan, "Do and Succeed," was chosen by members present. Following business session refreshments were served.

VARIETY OF POTATOES TESTED FOR FLAVORS.

(Re-printed from a recent article in "Country Home.")

"In testing new varieties of potatoes for flavor, the government conducts eating tests. A recent one, for instance, required the sending to Washington of samples of one variety from seventeen different states and Canada, in each of which places it had been tried out in test plots. This is to gauge the effect of different soils and climate on the flavor of this new variety. When all the potatoes were on hand, they were cooked, and five judges sat down at the table and pronounced judgment on how they stacked up in taste appeal with two standard varieties. They were not told which was which, either. The taste experts gave the new variety a high rating. It was Katahdin, one of the most important varieties introduced in recent years and highly resistant to mild mosaic.

Tests over a four year period, taking Green Mountains as a standard as 100%, gave Katahdin 99.2% and cobbles 93.0%.

The Farm Bureau Co-operative of Hermiston is bringing in a car of certified Katahdins, which will be distributed soon.

Grange Social Success.

A very successful basket social was given at the Westland Grange last week and those contributing numbers on the program which was given during the evening are listed as follows:

A clever skit entitled, "On the Road to Westland," was given by Walter and Ralph Isaacson, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Berry, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Smith, Gerald Root and Mrs. Frank Ayers. Musical numbers by Walter and Ralph Isaacson; Cake walk, negro dance by Mrs. Mary Power and Mrs. Margaret Seeliger; Musical numbers by George and Raymond Knapp and Harold and Floyd Laird; A play, "In Want of a Servant," by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mulkins, Loretta Mulkins, Esther and Sophia Keikkala and Mrs. Margaret Seeliger; Gilbert Smith auctioned the baskets and Ed Dunning, Al Kennings and Ralph Richards were judges of the 25 beautiful baskets.

Wool Growers' Auxiliary.

The next regular meeting of the Wool Growers' Auxiliary will be held Friday, March 6. At the last meeting plans were made for a dance to be held Saturday, March 7, in Echo, with music furnished by Branstetter's orchestra. The dance will be known as the "Sheep Herder's Ball."

↑ COLUMBIA NEWS ↑ By MARIJANE HAMMER

Mr. and Mrs. O. Fox and daughter Kathleen and sons Herbert and Harold of Milton were week end guests at the Pete Beamer and John Conrad homes. Mrs. Fox is a sister of John Conrad and Mr. Fox is a brother of Mrs. Beamer.

Rosemary and Frances Keller of Pendleton visited at their home in Columbia district this week end.

Mrs. Blum of La Grande is visiting at the home of Mrs. Laura Morris. Mrs. Blum and Mrs. Morris are sisters.

Arlida Foster and Lois Hutchison were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Nellie Hooker.

Mrs. Alice Wells is visiting in Pendleton with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hughes visited at the Loren Hughes home Sunday in Stanfield.

Charley Wells is employed at the A. Christley home this week.

George Pearson and Mrs. J. H. Pearson were business visitors in Umapine this week end.

Carl Hammer, L. Hammer and Mr. Cook were Pendleton business visit-

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ors Saturday. Dell Christley is ill at his home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bugle of Stanfield and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Clark of Hermiston visited at the John Conrad home Sunday.

Henry Harper, who has been employed at Christley's ranch, left this week for San Diego, Calif., to join the Marines.

Herbert Stillings is employed at the Pearson ranch this week.

The Grey children are ill at their home with the measles.

L. W. Dixon, who has been ill for some time is greatly improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamson and family and Thelma Winchester of Pendleton. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hammer and family. Mrs. Tom Wilson and Miss Etna Wilson of Hermiston were visitors at the L. Hammer home Sunday.

The Misses Gloria and Louise Pelletier were Saturday visitors at the Christley home.

Mrs. Margaret Carter, mother of Mrs. Laura Morris, who has been ill for some time, was taken to the Hermiston General Hospital Saturday.

Mrs. J. H. Reid visited at the Alpha Christley home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Jack of San Francisco are visiting at the Lathrop home. Mrs. Smith is Mrs. Lathrop's cousin.

Mr. and Mrs. Addleman and family and Jack Allen were Sunday dinner guests at the John Conrad home.

Phyllis Ferris was an all night guest at the J. H. Pearson home Friday.

Mrs. Blum, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Laura Morris, returned to her home in La Grande.

Richard Rainwater was a dinner guest at the Tom Wilson home Tuesday evening.

IRRIGON NEWS

By Mrs. W. C. Isom

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Allen have moved to the Benefiel place and will farm it this season for Gus Hallett, who purchased it recently.

Mrs. Don Kenney and children, who have been in Portland for some time, returned last Tuesday.

Miss Vonna Jones visited Miss Billy Markham Tuesday.

The Irrigon high school basketball team motored to Arlington Friday where they played the Lexington team, winning the game but lost to the Condon high school team Saturday. Wayne Caldwell was chosen for Irrigon all star. The Irrigon grade team has done fine work all season and with Weston was chosen

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Crackers SALTED or GRAHAM	2 Lb. BOX	26c
6 Lb. Box		79c
Tomatoes, Corn or Peas	Large Cans	11c
COFFEE Hills Bros.	Lb.	21c
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BACON SQUARES	Lb.	23c
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FLOUR HARDWHEAT - 49 lb. Sack		\$1.43

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as favorites to play in the finals at Walla Walla Tuesday. Both the high school team and grades motored to Walla Walla Tuesday where the high school team will play the Pasco team.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Coe of Echo were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Oliver Sunday.

The revival meetings conducted by the Weller sisters will continue throughout the week.

Harry Smith had the misfortune of wrecking his car while working with some pipe last week.

Mrs. B. P. Rand and Mrs. Geo. Rand visited Mrs. James Warner Sunday.

ARE YOU MISERABLE?

Mrs. Frank Schatz of 3217 South 43rd St., Tacoma, Wash., said: "I was a young girl when I started to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. At that time I went thru agony at periods. I would be in bed two and three days each time. I had severe headaches and was not able to eat. After taking the 'Favorite Prescription' I had an appetite and soon felt so much better in every way." Buy now!

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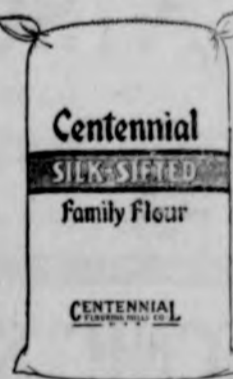
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Dear Mr. Moon:

I am writing you this letter because I feel so grateful to the Centennial Mills. Of all the years we have lived here I had never used any of your Silk-Sifted flour, and it is only because of one of my neighbors who is using it, that I am a booster.

We had been using other flour and apparently getting along alright, but after seeing my neighbor's bakings, I soon discovered that I was not getting all that I should out of my own bakings, so I had my husband bring home a sack of Silk-Sifted flour and you will be interested in what happened.

I made my bread as usual and noticed how the sponge seemed to have so much more life to it. The dough was so pure white, and it filled my pans so much fuller. After working the dough and placing it back in the pans to raise, it just seemed to pop up. But, when I took it out of the oven I received my real surprise. The loaves were so big and full, the crust such a beautiful brown, that my folks could not understand such an improvement.

After the bread had cooled sufficiently to slice, I noted the grain was so smooth, and the color so white. Another thing I noticed in particular how much finer Silk-Sifted flour is as compared to the flour I had been using, and for which I paid just as much money.

As I try to do all my baking on one day of the week, I made up cinnamon rolls, doughnuts and cake the same morning, and imagine my surprise when my husband complimented me by telling me that it was even better than his mother had made. Coming from him means more than you realize.

I had always used a soft pastry flour for my cakes and sweet things, but now I use Silk-Sifted for all my baking. Each time I bake it turns out just as satisfactorily as the first time.

Am happy to tell you that through my neighbor I discovered this fine flour, and you can count on me to tell all my friends, for I am very proud of my baking, and am beginning to build up an enviable reputation as a home baker. In closing, I wish to say again that I do not believe Centennial Silk-Sifted flour can be equalled.

Yours very sincerely,
Mrs. M. Lang,
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Mr. J. R. Moon,
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