

FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

TURKEY POOL MARKETING OF BREEDING STOCK MAY 20TH

The Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers' association will hold a marketing pool on May 20th for the disposal of breeding stock. This came as a result of a meeting of a number of the larger breeders, held on April 30th. Wednesday, May 20th, seemed to be the most satisfactory date, and it was felt that growers who had their egg contracts filled would be able to sell any surplus eggs up to that date.

It is rather important that all growers who did not attend the meeting on April 30th, report either to John Jendrzewski, president of the association, or to W. A. Sawyer, assistant county agent, if they expect to ship breeders in this pool. By so reporting more accurate arrangements may be made for the handling of the birds in the warehouse, which will help in cutting down costs of packing.

Growers killing birds for this pool are urged to observe the following instructions rather carefully: Take away all feed about 48 hours before birds are killed. Pick as late in the evening as possible, so that flies will not have a chance to get at the dressed birds before dark; and deliver to the warehouse promptly at the scheduled time, which will be announced by card a few days before the pool.

The withholding of feed for the longer period of time with this stock is going to help materially in having clean, attractive-looking birds, which should entirely offset the slight losses in weight which might come. Deliveries at the warehouse will probably start at 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning, so that everything may be packed in the car before it is warm enough for flies to start work.

The Association feels that the saving made by being able to pre-cool at the car instead of attempting to cool at the local cold storage plant, and the convenience to the grower in being able to dispose of all his birds at the warehouse, along with the prospective advantage of shipping a carload of birds to the San Francisco or Los Angeles markets, make this pool of decided benefit to the members. Apparently the demand for this class of stock on the Los Angeles and San Francisco markets is going to be stronger than on other Pacific Coast markets. Small shipments to these distant points are not practical at this time of year.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION WORK SHEETS AVAILABLE

A supply of work sheet forms for the new Agricultural Conservation program is now available at the office of Assistant County Agent Sawyer at Hermiston. These work sheets may be filled out at any time now, and for the convenience of farmers regular office days will be maintained as far as possible by Mr. Sawyer, Monday, Wednesday and Friday will be set aside to help those interested in filling out these work sheets. The only thing that would prevent keeping these days open for this work will be meetings that can not be scheduled on other days.

The Assistant County Agent reports that he will be in the office on other days in the week, but that his hours will be irregular for all except the above mentioned days.

WESTLAND GRANGE ENTERTAINS GUEST SPEAKERS

County Agent Holt and Miss Frances Clinton, Home Demonstration Agent, were guest speakers at the regular meeting of Westland Grange May 4th. Mr. Holt brought out strongly the idea that agricultural reports should be given a prominent part in the Grange meetings, since the majority of Grangers are farmers.

During the business meeting a committee, consisting of E. Dunning, Mrs. Frank Seeliger and Al Kennings gave a report on the work being done on the Hermiston Community park. The Grange then voted to contribute \$25 toward the park fund.

Miss Clinton entertained the group with a short outline of her work in the county, group singing, and several amusing games and stunts. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Calf Club Interest Increases.

A meeting of the Blue Ribbon Calf club was held May 2nd, and was in the form of a tour. W. A. Sawyer, assistant county agent, and the members of the club visited the home of each member and discussed problems in the raising of calves. The club members also practiced judging at the home of Marijane Hammer.

Westland Grange Dance.

There will be a dance at the Westland Grange hall Saturday, May 9th. The Night Hawks will furnish the music and the public is invited to attend.

CANNING SCHEDULE.

Canning schedule for the week of May 11 to 16.

We will be canning meat on Thursday from 8:00 to 10:00 A. M. The rest of the week will be devoted to asparagus canning.

HERMISTON CO-OP. CANNERY

Cooked Food Sale.

The Stanfield 4-H club members will hold a cooked food sale in Refvem's store Saturday, May 9th. Proceeds will apply on a scholarship to Corvallis in June to the 4-H club summer school.

Dance at Cecil Hall.

There will be a dance at Cecil Hall, near Ione, Saturday, May 9th. Music by the Six Troubadours. Everybody welcome.

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CO-OPERATION TO MEET

JUNE 15 - 19.

The twelfth annual session of the American Institute of Cooperation will be held June 15 to 19 at the University of Illinois, Urbana, it has been announced by Charles W. Holman, secretary.

The Institute, which has been long recognized as the authoritative educational institution in its field, is becoming more and more the clearing house for the exchange of up-to-date information on the solution of the shifting and changing problems confronting agricultural business organizations. During the 1936 meeting more than 50 recognized authorities will tell how they translated cooperative ideals and principles into practical and successful operations.

Important this year among the many subjects to be studied at this "traveling university" of farmer business organizations, according to Holman, will be the effect upon cooperative organizations of the adjustments in farming practices resulting from the new federal soil conservation program.

"In addition to considering the changing status under which farm organizations find themselves operating," he said, "there will be the usual searching analysis of all phases of cooperative association activities. Principal sessions will be devoted to the branches of livestock, dairying, grain, fruits and vegetables, cooperative purchasing and eggs and poultry.

"Because of the policy which has been established of getting down to brass tacks, an increasing number of farm groups are finding it a profitable business investment to send their staff and field men to this one-week summer seminar," declared Charles W. Holman, secretary.

"Here they are able not only to check notes with workers in their own fields of activity, but they are privileged to study with other leading cooperative executives, federal and state public officials, leaders of general farm organizations, and employees of the farmers' marketing organizations.

KNOWLEDGE COMES TO THE FARM.

Good farm cooperative organizations perform many valuable services for their members aside from their basic business of buying and selling commodities.

Not the least of these services might be classed as education. Cooperative executives must keep in constant touch with a wide variety of national and international problems which, though they are seemingly divorced from agriculture's most direct problems, influence the welfare of every farmer. Tariffs, embargoes, currency standards, changes in the money system, taxation—these may appear to be far away from the plow and scythe, but their relation to farming is comparable to that of the moon to the tides.

As a result, cooperatives have made steady and successful efforts to interest their members in these diverse issues. They are discussed in cooperative publications. They are often the topics of speeches made by cooperative leaders. The consequence of that is to bring the farm fireside a far more thorough, sound and conclusive knowledge of the great world problems than the farmer ever possessed in the past. That is the kind of progress that really means something—and that is worthwhile and permanent.—"Industrial News Review."

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POULTRY FACTS

WATCH STANDARDS OF COD LIVER OIL

Potency for Rats Does Not Apply to Chickens.

Supplied by the United States Department of Agriculture.—WNU Service.

Any source of vitamin D that is to be included in mixed feeds intended for poultry should be purchased on the basis of its guaranteed potency for chickens instead of rats. The potency of commercial sources of vitamin D is customarily measured by tests made with rats which do not react to the different sources of this vitamin as do chickens.

The poultryman may obtain vitamin D from cod-liver oil, sardine oil, other fish-liver and fish oils, and irradiated products. In the case of cod-liver oil, new standards have been adopted, and if it is to be sold as such it must now contain at least 85 international vitamin D units and at least 600 international vitamin A units per gram. Any cod-liver oil that does not meet these requirements must be labeled "cod-liver oil, not U. S. P." The designation "Poultry U. S. P." has been used recently, but it is misleading and its use is not official.

Until some satisfactory chicken unit of vitamin D potency has been established, cod-liver oil may be purchased on the basis of the number of international vitamin D units it contains per gram. All other sources of vitamin D should be purchased on the basis of the minimum quantity, expressed as per cent of the feed, required to protect young growing chicks against rickets.

"Although the official method of stating vitamin D potency is to give the number of international units per gram, some carriers of cod-liver oil are still marked with the number of units per ounce, and often the unit meant is not the international unit. The purchaser should remember that all units of vitamin D potency are not equal and that an ounce is more than 28 times as heavy as a gram."

Sour Skim Milk Good Beverage for Chicks

Sour skim milk is an excellent beverage for baby chicks, according to Dr. W. C. Thompson, professor of poultry husbandry at the New Jersey College of Agriculture, Rutgers university. It increases their appetites and is a readily digestible and highly nutritious food in itself, he says.

The rate of growth is stimulated by feeding sour skim milk to chicks during the first six weeks, and the beverage also acts as a regulator of the birds' digestive systems, Doctor Thompson points out. Commercial poultrymen are using this food in increasing quantity lately because it helps to produce good broilers quickly and aids in getting young pullets properly started.

Fresh milk may easily be made sour by using a small amount of sour milk as a starter and adding fresh milk to it each morning. If this is set in a warm room, the souring process will take place rapidly.

Feed the sour milk in a thickened condition, but first break the clabber by stirring so that the whey as well as the solids will be consumed. Baby chicks may be started on sour milk during their first day in the brooder and need be fed no water during the entire six weeks, provided there is plenty of the milk on hand. This forces all the chicks to get the sour milk consuming habit.

When feeding sour milk to chicks, it is advisable to use earthenware or enamelware containers instead of metal receptacles, as the lactic acid in the sour milk may have a chemical reaction on the metal.

Poultry Cullings

If the turkey is to be dry picked, the work should be begun immediately while the feathers are loosened.

It costs approximately 80 eggs a year to feed a hen, whether it is a good layer or a poor one.

Farm flock records show that those who brood early chicks make more profit from their flocks than those who brood late chicks.

Lighting will help to hasten the moult of old birds, and get them back into laying condition quickly.

Shatterings of alfalfa (largely leaves and the finest stems) that accumulate under hay drops and in front of the mangers, are excellent feed.

See that the birds get plenty of sunshine, and do not keep breeders in service too long. The older the birds, after the first year or two, the lower is the quality and fertility of their eggs.

Walter M. Pierce

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, has addressed a letter to those of his constituents who will vote in the Democratic primary. At this time, with the primary election close, it is natural that his appeal should be to those who will cast their ballots in this primary.

But, as his nomination now seems assured by an immense vote, and as the letter refers specifically to his record and to the policies he advocates, and as he always has received loyal support from a great many who register in other parties, the letter at this time is worthy the perusal of every voter in the district.

He says:

"I greatly appreciate the position of Congressman. I have tried to show my appreciation by hard work and devotion to the duties of the office. It has been a wonderful experience and I trust I can be re-nominated in May by a big majority which will materially aid me in November.

"I have been an Administration man. My opponent has been its bitter critic. My nomination in May will be an expression of confidence in the Administration. Roosevelt will need, in the next Congress, the support of a strong Democrat from the second Oregon District, and the District will need a Democrat here. I am sure I am by far the stronger candidate for November. My nomination will insure one Democrat in Congress from Oregon.

"I can be more useful here than a newcomer. It was unusually fortunate for the District that I secured a very strong committee position on the important Committee on Agriculture and Forestry. My election will be the only chance Oregon will have to be heard in this Committee when permanent farm legislation is framed.

"I AM TODAY THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE FROM THE TWELVE WESTERN STATES.

"Please read my statement in the Voters' Pamphlet and get your neighbor to read it, as I have there set forth my position on the important public matters. I am especially prepared to be helpful in the matter of Bonneville power for the benefit of the people, and in legislation on money and on farm finances.

"Congress probably will not adjourn until June. I cannot leave here to campaign. I must rely upon my fellow Democrats. After the National Convention in Philadelphia on June 23, I will return home and make an energetic campaign for re-election as Congressman. I have never been physically better. I am active, vigorous, and fully able to meet the requirements of this important office.

"You must have read in the papers that Dr. Townsend and his Board have announced that they urgently desire the return to Congress of those, like myself, who have supported the revised McGroarty bill, and they have appealed to their clubs to strengthen the cause by electing such supporters.

"I need to keep in touch with the political situation in my district. It will help me if you will write me a letter telling me how it appears in your locality. I certainly appreciate your political support in the years past. I hope you will get the loyal Democrats to the polls on May 15."

(This ad paid for by Pierce for Congress Club)

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FOR SALE—RECEIVE BIDS UNTIL May 10th on 1925 Ford coupe, \$65 extra fixtures; E. P. Illsley, Hermiston. 35-3tp

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