

FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

BOARD MEMBERS VISIT OTHER PLANTS

Enlargement of the plant and mill of the Farm Bureau Cooperative of Hermiston was what took board members R. V. Jones, vice president, H. M. Sommerer, manager, and J. H. Reid to Yakima, Ellensburg, Tacoma and Portland on a four day trip of investigation. They gathered much information as to machinery equipment and methods of handling other cooperative institutions of the Pacific Northwest. In addition to machinery equipment and plant arrangement, they also looked into several cooperative egg and poultry plants and methods of handling and marketing eggs and poultry products, also their systems of supplying feeds.

The Washington Cooperative Egg and Poultry association did an \$80,000,000 gross business in feeds and all poultry products last year. The state association has nine plants, all of which handle feed and the packing of eggs for market. The Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers of Oregon, with headquarters in Portland, do the same kind of business in much the same way, but not so large in volume.

California has three similar associations, Southern, Central and Northern, and their methods of business are much the same as those of the sister states.

Each state organization does all local marketing within its territory but the states have a working arrangement whereby eggs are shipped from one state to another on request from one state for additional supply. All surplus eggs produced west of the Rocky mountains are marketed under joint arrangement between the states and a large marketing organization with headquarters in the east, known as the Pacific Egg Producers, or P.E.P.

The various coast plants receive the eggs from the producers at their packing houses and candle, sort, cool and pack in cases, and load in car lots for shipment to any market east of the Rockies as directed by the P.E.P.

The Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers at Portland, to which Hermiston eggs are shipped, is now erecting an additional building at the cost of \$100,000.

One thing was noticeable to the local men on their trip. That is the cooperative plants not only handle the washes and other feeds for producers but under the same roof have packing facilities. The business is done on a separate financial basis but under the same management mostly. The advantage of a local packing plant was in a saving in quality of the eggs in reaching the final market. The eggs are cooled, candled and packed, saved from heat of local shipment, and reach the market in car lots in much better condition, thus bringing a better price.

The board is giving some consideration to packing facilities. The quantity of eggs is about sufficient in this territory if all eggs were centralized at one point, but more eggs would be required otherwise to justify the installing of such equipment just now. A packing plant would tend to increase production. So the matter is in a balance, as to which will come first. On the trip, the committee found no place where eggs are being produced as cheaply or of better quality than here, but they did find a larger volume of egg production. Also any additions made here to home flocks could in no way affect the market.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Orval Morris of Nebraska has bought what is known as the Haugeberg ten acres one mile west of Main street and with his family of wife and five children has moved on the place and commenced improvements. He will put part in alfalfa, part in pasture, and will plant 1000 trees as a lane on the south and west. He expects to raise chickens.

Horace Hodges of Goldendale, Wn. has closed a deal for the old Fowler ten acres with house and 200 feet of poultry sheds, one and a half mile northwest of Hermiston, and will engage in the poultry business. Mrs. Bessie DeYoung of Stanfield has leased her 160 acres under the Westland canal in Umatilla Meadows to Thorne Brothers for three years. They will operate a dairy and raise hogs. The place has 50 acres of alfalfa and 80 of cultivated pasture.

These deals were made recently by E. P. Dodd, who has also leased his own 200 acres just west of Hermiston to J. Omohundro for the year.

CROP ROTATION MAJOR '37 PROGRAM

Farmers on the project are showing interest in a six and seven year crop rotation program in an effort to build the fertility of the soil in this area. Jay T. Pierson, new assistant county agent, has outlined this soil conserving program and is making it one of the major efforts for his office this coming year.

The 1936 crop report prepared and presented by the district showed that out of 5712 acres under cultivation there were 3040 acres in thin stands of alfalfa. The natural blue grass mixed brought returns of \$5.86 per acre against \$26.83 per acre for cash crops such as barley, oats and corn. The 2127 acres in alfalfa brought \$25.72 per acre.

In this systematic crop rotation program recommended by the assistant county agent a natural result will be an increase in livestock raised on the project. With the increase in available feed it will be possible to increase numbers in livestock.

Sweet clover planted to one field may be pastured alternately with permanent pasture and in this way furnish more actual feed value from a smaller acreage. This plan permits the pasture to grow for a short time while livestock is being pastured on the sweet clover pasture.

PROPER CROP LAND PREPARATION TOLD

A large number of farm sales have been made since last fall in the Hermiston, Stanfield, Westland and West Extension districts, and a similar number of new leases have been made with a result that many new people have made their homes in this territory. Along with this new movement is shown a greater interest in farming here among the former land holders. Among the signers of the work sheets of the soil conservation program were many who declared an interest in a larger acreage of alfalfa and cultivated pastures, and rotation methods of farming. With one or two exceptions every farm with a habitable house on it is occupied, and much abandoned or new land, is being brought under cultivation. With the opening of spring operations better methods of farming are shown in all the districts.

Recently the Herald printed a short editorial on the value of preparing the land and distributing the water, and this week secured an interview from E. D. Martin, manager of the Hermiston Irrigation district on the subject.

Mr. Martin urges all new farmers as well as the old who are making improvements to level their land well and to build larger ditches with wider turnouts in the interest of better crops, saving of water and also saving of time in the work of irrigating.

He says that there is not a piece of land in this region that cannot be irrigated efficiently with a four inch application of water, while the average has been from eight to nine inches, and often with poor results. It costs very little more to put land in proper shape to flood quickly. With the use of an instrument, or good study of the land, or water used before seeding, a float or a few days with a Fresno will often do the job. Above all, he says, don't just slap in your crops.

The ditches for spreading the water should be large and should be kept well cleaned. The turnouts should be large enough to carry the full head of the ditch. Have a large head, follow the water and the job is soon over. More water and time is wasted with small turnouts and less satisfaction secured than the average farmer figures. Some spots get too little or no water and some get too much. The lack of production tells the tale in the fall and often the farmer blames the ditch rider and the land, for his own lack of proper system.

Night irrigation is an unpopular subject, but the head of water in the main canals must be maintained 24 hours a day, so night irrigation is necessary. Often pastures can be planned for the night water without losses of water or time in irrigating the remainder of the land. But night irrigation is a matter that must be considered and more preparation made for it.

With new lands coming in and more cropping of the older lands, the man who has his land and ditches in first class shape to use the water will get his place covered, while the man with guess work and haphazard ways will have to be cut off before his crops are all irrigated.

There is plenty of water in the system and has been for 30 years, but, according to Mr. Martin, better methods in its use must be adopted. A high degree of rotation of crops can be carried on and with the planting of windbreaks, soil erosion can be prevented, so that any kind of vegetables and similar crops can be produced to good advantage. Not only should the farmer adopt better methods in his own direct interest but should assist by improved farming the growth and development of the opportunities in these various districts.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UMATILLA PROJECT FARM BUREAU.

The annual payment of \$1.00 per member was due March 1st, and if it remains unpaid will become delinquent after 60 days. To be entitled to deal with the Farm Bureau Co-operative, Grange Co-operative and Co-operative Service Station, you must be in good standing in the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau, or some other farm organization. The funds thus collected are used for various things of community benefit.

C. M. JACKSON, Sec.

Stanfield Grange Dance.

There will be a St. Patrick's party at the Stanfield Grange hall Tuesday, March 23, after the regular grange meeting. All members are urged to attend and have a good time.

Westland Grange Meeting.

The Westland Grange will meet Thursday, March 25th, at the grange hall in Minnehaha district. A pot luck dinner will be served at 7:30 p. m. and everyone is asked to be present. Members are asked to bring dishes and silver.

Notice of Annual Meeting of Hermiston Mercantile Co-op.

The annual meeting of the Hermiston Mercantile Co-operative will be held at the reclamation building Saturday, March 20th, at 8:00 P.M. Every member is urgently requested to be present as several matters of importance will come up for discussion.

E. H. Dunning, Mgr.

CITY OFFICIALS ASKED TO ATTEND

Municipal legislation enacted at the recent session of the state legislature, traffic regulation affecting cities, municipal accounting and finance, fire fighting, sewage disposal, bicycle traffic, building codes, and many other subjects of vital importance to city officials will be discussed under the leadership of experts at the twelfth annual convention of the League of Oregon Cities, to be held at the University of Oregon March 18, 19 and 20, according to word received here this week by local city officials.

Officials of this city who have been invited to attend include: Mayor F. C. McKenzie, Recorder Chas. Taylor, Councilmen B. S. Kingsley, W. W. Felthouse, B. Haneline, N. R. Muelier, F. F. Knerr, M. E. Watson; City Attorney W. J. Warner, City Treasurer O. C. Pierce, Fire Chief Art Beasley, City Health Officer Dr. F. E. Belt, and Police Chief H. A. Pankow.

Turkeys Need New Range

Unless utmost precaution is used, turkeys cannot be raised successfully on ground where turkeys or chickens have ranged the year before. Even then, after disinfecting such ground, trouble often arises, says the Wisconsin Agriculturist and Farmer. The only safe plan is to provide new clean range and runs for the birds each season. Then, given healthy stock and good care, the flock has the best chance to grow and thrive.

CAPTAIN RIGGS' RIVER LOG STORY TOLD

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Wheel in bad condition. Water rising. Weather cloudy. Destination Celilo. Left Quinton 7:30 A. M., arrived at Celilo 10:45 A. M. Shipped the crew to Portland on the 1:05 A. M. train. Towed the wharfboat and coal barge to winter quarters at mouth of the Deschutes river. This was signed by Arthur Riggs, master; W. E. Baughman, pilot; Clarence Kellogg, engineer; Thomas Tackberry, 2nd engineer and Chas. Spinner, mate. Captain Riggs adds that he returned to Portland and resumed command of the steamer J. N. Teal.

Captain Riggs during the spring, summer and fall months of 1919 and 1910, operated on the Columbia to Pasco, and on the Snake to Lewiston. In his minutes he records many accidents and difficulties. He and his pilots learned the channel of the river and managed to take light loads through. He states that the rivers can thus be navigated, but not economically. The enterprise made no money and the costs of maintaining the boats in good shape was heavy.

Captain Riggs belongs to the class of old river pilots and is now operating boats from the mouth of the Columbia to Portland. In one place in his log he says that Captain Gray one of the oldest rivermen who died a few years ago in Pasco, told him that "Old timers seldom ran the same boat over two trips." The Almota and Annie Faxon had 62 water tight compartments in their hulls which made them almost unsinkable. The Almota once struck a rock and not only knocked a hole in her hull but stuck fast. The crew had to cut out a piece of the hull

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FOR TRADE—GARAGE ON JOHN Day highway, valued \$5000; interested in ranch property. See R. A. Bentley, Box 266, Prairie City, Oregon. 28-31p

MICKEY MOUSE TAKEN FROM my car Wednesday. Please return to Herald office and receive reward. Pauline Stoop, Hermiston. 29-11c

SHEPHERD DOG LOST FRIDAY night, 5 yrs. old, bobbed tail, answers to name Teddy, very timid. Mrs. Jay Hiatt, Hermiston. 29-11c

WANTED—BARRED ROCK EGGS to set incubator. Leave word at Herald office, Hermiston. 28-31p

PIANO SACRIFICE—LATE MODEL Studio Type piano, located near Hermiston. Will sell at a big saving and most any terms may be ar-

ranged for quick sale. If interested, write Mrs. F. Remington, Auditor, 1011 SW Washington, Portland, Oregon. 28-31c

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FOR SALE—MILK COWS; SEED potatoes. J. S. Burnham, Hermiston. 27-11c

Notice of Land Sale.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Mayor of the City of Hermiston, Umatilla County, Oregon, pursuant to Ordinance No. 170 passed by the Council of said City and approved by the Mayor thereof on the 19th day of February, 1937, will on the 8th day of March, 1937, at the hour of 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of said day, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand at the office of the Recorder of said City of Hermiston, Oregon, the following described lots of land heretofore acquired by said City from Umatilla County, Oregon, to-wit:

Lots 11, 12 and 13 in Block 4 in the City of Hermiston, Oregon, as platted in the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 11, Tp. 4 N. R. 28, E. W. M. F. C. MCKENZIE, Mayor of City of Hermiston, Umatilla County, Oregon. (Feb. 25-March 4, 1937)

Land Sale Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Sheriff of Umatilla County, Oregon, by virtue of an order duly made and entered herein by the County Court of Umatilla County, Oregon, on the 11th day of February, 1937, will, on the 13th day of March, 1937, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the front door of the Umatilla County Court House, Pendleton, Oregon, subject to a minimum price of \$30.00 therefor, to be paid in cash, at the time of sale, the following described parcel of land, heretofore by Umatilla County, Oregon, acquired for delinquent taxes, to-wit:

Lot One, out of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 9, Township 5, North, Range 28, E.W.M., Umatilla County, Oregon.

Dated at Pendleton, Oregon, this 11th day of February, 1937.

R. E. GOAD, Sheriff of Umatilla County. (Feb. 18—March 18)

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