

# FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

The Streamline Seam Stitches held their regular meeting last Saturday, February 26, at the home of their leader, Mrs. W. E. Kennedy. First and second year work was discussed and Maxine Thomson was taken in as a new member.

A new club song was learned by the members, games were enjoyed and refreshments served. The club will hold regular meetings every other Saturday at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. The next meeting will be held March 12.

## Irish Joke Requested.

Westland Grange members are requested to have an Irish joke or short story ready as a response to roll call at the regular meeting Thursday, March 10.

## Plan All Day Meeting.

The Home Ec club of the Westland Grange is planning an all day meeting Wednesday, March 9, at the home of Mrs. Jesse Prindle in Westland district. A pot luck dinner will be held at noon and all members are invited to be present.

## Westland Grange Dance.

The Westland Grange is sponsoring a dance Saturday, March 5, and announce that a new orchestra will furnish the music. The dance will be held in Westland school house and the public is invited to attend. Admission price will be 10 cents and 40 cents.

## U. P. F. B. Executive Meet.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Umatilla Project Farm Bureau will be held Friday, March 4, in the office of Jay T. Pierson, assistant county agent, at 8:00 p. m. A program of meetings, tours and field days will be planned for the year.

## THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

Condensed from Monthly Report of Bureau of Economics U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. February, 1938

By Jay T. Pierson  
Assistant County Agent

### DEMAND: Little Change

Consumer demand for farm and industrial products in general has not declined so sharply as industrial production. Little, if any, increase in consumer demand for farm products is expected during this period. Severity of the industrial recession has been largely the result of conditions in the production of textiles and automobiles. The sharp contraction in these industries has affected to some extent practically all other lines, but retail trade and general business activity have held up relatively well.

### FARM INCOME: Down

From November to December, 1937, the decline in cash income from marketings was 38 million dollars; compared with December a year earlier, the cash income was 50 million less.

The November to December decline in income was slightly more than seasonal. Income from livestock and livestock products declined more than seasonally. The relatively better showing by crops was due largely to increased sales of fruits and vegetables and less than the usual seasonal decline in cotton marketings. In the livestock and products group, there was a sharp decline in income from poultry and eggs and a moderate decline in income from meat animals.

### PRICES: Lower

The index of prices of farm products on January 15 was the lowest since June, 1935. The January 15 figure was 102 compared with 104 on December 15 and with 131 on January 15, 1937.

The 2-point decline during the last month of record was due chiefly to lower prices of dairy and poultry products.

### Wheat: Prices Up

Domestic wheat prices advanced sharply in early January, the result of a good export trade and active milling inquiry.

### CATTLE: Increased Feeding

A 15 percent increase in the number of cattle on feed in the corn belt states, January 1, this year compared with last, suggests a marked increase in the supply of well-finished, grain-fed cattle in spring and summer.

For the full year, total slaughter of cattle and calves is expected to be smaller than in 1937, but much of this reduction will be offset by heavier average weight of cattle slaughtered.

Among the factors responsible for the sharp decline in prices of the better grades of cattle from October through December were a slight increase in the supply of such cattle, a decrease in consumer demand for meats, a seasonal increase in poultry supplies, a more-than-seasonal increase in slaughter supplies of hogs, and a sharp decline in hide prices.

## HOG SUPPLY: Down

Hog prices dropped 46 percent from midsummer through December— from about \$13 to a December average of less than \$8. Much of the decline in late December and early January, however, was in prices of heavy weight hogs. Ordinarily at this season of the year there is little difference between prices of light and heavy hogs.

The December pig crop report indicating a five percent increase in the number of sows to farrow in the spring of 1938, as compared with the spring of 1937.

## LAMBS: More on Feed

The number of sheep and lambs on feed January 1, estimated at 11 percent more than on that date last year, was the second largest on record. This means heavy marketings of fed lambs, but the increase will be offset in part by reduced marketings of Texas grass-fat yearlings in March and April.

Lamb prices usually show little change, or advance slightly, from October through December; but in the last quarter of 1937 there was a sharp break. Apparently the decline was due largely to decreased consumer demand for meats and to lower prices of pelts and wool, since slaughter supplies of lambs during the period were less than in the last quarter of 1936.

## FEED GRAINS: Prices Up

Prices of feed grains—corn, barley and oats—strengthened in early January, and are expected to hold at a comparatively stable level during the next few months. Stocks of corn on January 1 were 1,704 million bushels, or 215 million more than the 1928-32 average.

## WOOL: Prices Holding

The domestic wool trade finds encouragement in the slight advance in prices in most Southern Hemisphere wool markets in December. Trading picked up in domestic markets, but prices were irregular. In view of the sharp decline of about 25 percent in prices of domestic wools at Boston since August and the improvement in foreign markets in December, domestic prices may hold near present levels in the next few months.

## DAIRY PRODUCTS: Prices Break

Butter prices have broken sharply since early December due to a marked increase in milk production and the continued decline in industrial payrolls. Prices during the first half of this year are expected to average lower than in the corresponding term of 1937. But despite the recent decline the price of butterfat is high in relation to feed prices.

Milk production on January 1 was the largest for that date since 1934. Production is expected to continue higher than in 1937 during the remainder of the winter feeding season. The break in butter prices has checked imports of foreign butter.

## POULTRY MARKETS: Weak

Markets for live poultry and eggs were weak in January due to heavy supplies and lessened consumer demand. Features of the supply situation have been the continued high rate of egg production per hen, the earlier-than-usual peak in cold storage stocks of frozen poultry, and the record low numbers of laying birds on farms. A large out-of-storage movement of shell eggs was an important development during December. Broiler prices broke sharply in mid-January, the birds selling for 10 cents less than in mid-summer. Spring prices may be somewhat higher than in the spring of 1937.

## FARM FLOCKS: Small

Farm flocks of poultry on January 1 continued the smallest number of hens and pullets of laying age in 14 years of government record for that date—77.4 layers as an average for the entire country— compared with 84.2 on January 1, 1937.

## SEVEN CO-OP WHOLESALERS

### REPORT TOTAL SALES OF

\$27,550,000 IN 1937.

(Co-op League News Service)

New York—Continuing their advance in spite of a small drop in volume in November and December due to the general business recession, seven consumers' cooperative wholesale associations affiliated with the Cooperative League of the U.S.A. which have reported to date, show an increase of 5 1/4 million dollars in 1937, bringing the year's total to \$27,551,759—23.6% above their volume for the previous year.

The seven cooperative wholesalers serve more than a thousand retail cooperatives from Massachusetts to Colorado and handle petroleum products, groceries and general farm supplies. The associations reported that in the current recession there have been no failures of local retail co-ops served by them and that the number of employees was greater at the end of 1937 than at the close of 1936.

The Cooperative Wholesale, Inc., Chicago, established in 1936 to serve city co-ops in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Southern Michigan, reported business of more than \$100,000 as against \$35,000 in its first year. The Farmers Union Central Exchange, St. Paul, handled \$4,233,-

000 worth of commodities in the first 11 months of 1937. This was equal to its volume for the entire year of 1936.

## CO-OP APARTMENT MEMBERS

### SERVE THEMSELVES

### AND SAVE \$19,000.

(Co-op League News Service)  
New York—Eight hundred and sixty owner-residents of the two outstanding cooperative housing developments in New York City paid themselves \$19,000 cash savings on the operation of their own cooperative services in 1937 and voted to put an additional \$19,000 savings into reserves for further expansion of the services.

The tenant-landlords are members of the Amalgamated Housing Corporation with four large cooperative apartment-house units in the Van Cortlandt Park section and Amalgamated Dwellings which occupies an entire block on Manhattan's lower east side. The services on which the co-op members made these savings during the year were a grocery and dairy store, milk and laundry service and a Diesel power plant.

In addition to these services the co-op maintains its own libraries and playgrounds, drama and adult education classes, bus service and children's summer camp.

A study of comparative costs of administration of apartment houses recently released by the Real Estate Record showed costs in these cooperative apartments considerably under those in comparable private and government housing projects. Annual overhead for office, legal accounting, advertising and salary expenses were \$4.98 per room in the Amalgamated apartments as against \$15.67 in Knickerbocker Village, a limited dividend private housing venture, and \$14.23 per room in Hillside Houses, a PWA housing project.

## SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

### TERMED, "THE WOLF".

Editors of the Alexandria, La., Town Talk this month made a pertinent remark when they said that the term "socialized medicine" "is confusing" and that "there may be as many definitions as there are groups fearing or favoring the idea". The cry of those who fear the so-called "socialization" of medicine is a scare-cry that is being used to mis-name many sincere efforts on the part of progressives to bring needed improvements to the medical profession. Present day efforts to reorganize the economic aspects of medical care, to make the system of paying for services better adapted to the requirements of the American public, need by no means lead to "socialized" state control of doctors or to "socialized" state direction of professional techniques, as those who cry "wolf" would make one believe.

The type of progressive method advocated by the Bureau of Cooperative Medicine, would bring about a more adequate distribution of medical services along lines by no means "socialized" or "state controlled". By the Bureau's method, which many groups are already using successfully, numbers of consumers join together to make periodic, fixed, pre-payments for the medical services of a group of physicians whom they have employed to keep them well and to give them regular medical attention when they need it. Those familiar with the cooperative movement know that this medical program is the "middle way" with no implications of "state regimentation" in it.

Actually, "socialized medicine" is practiced only in a socialized state. The cooperative method is "socialized" only so far as progress toward greater human welfare may be called "socialized". If "socialized medicine" in the Russian sense is one of the many methods suggested to reorganize the profession it is to be clearly differentiated from other suggestions that would bring improvements through entirely different channels. The scare-cry "socialized" should be choked by an intelligent definition of terms, before it paralyzes all steps toward needed changes in the nation's distribution of health.

## 18 STUDENTS FROM U. S.

### CANADA AND AUSTRIA

### ENROLL IN CO-OP COLLEGE.

(Co-op League News Service)  
New York—The Cooperative College for the training of prospective cooperative educators and executives

opened its second term here February 15 with an enrollment of 18 students, including two students from Canada, one from Austria and others from as far west as Minneapolis and Des Moines.

Dr. James P. Warbasse, president of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A., and Murray D. Lincoln, manager of the Ohio Farm Bureau Cooperative association, took part in the opening ceremonies. The faculty for the coming term will include 30 instructors and special lecturers from educational institutions in New York and cooperatives in New York and vicinity.

## GIRLS' LEAGUE HAS POT LUCK DINNER

A pre-tournament dinner was given by the Girls' League, Thursday evening, February 24, in the home economics room. The honored guests were Mrs. W. G. Kersbergen, Miss Lynch, Miss Peterson, Miss Griffin, and Miss Sibert, the adviser.

Horse racing, bean relay, three deep, picking ads, and handkerchief relays, were played from four to five-thirty under the direction of Nina Rae McCulley and Marion Pierce.

Covers were placed for fifty-two guests and the tables were attractively decorated in red, white, and blue streamers twined together. Candles of the same colors graced the center of the tables. Some of the members presented skits and songs during dinner and Frances Follett and Esther McMullen received the prize for the most amusing one.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR UMATILLA COUNTY.

In the matter of the Estate of Gottlieb Kurrie, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator with will annexed of the above entitled estate, by the judge thereof, and has qualified as the law directs.

All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby notified to present the same to me with proper vouchers at the office of my attorney, A. C. McIntyre, in the Umatilla County court house, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, which date is the third day of March, 1938.

## Buyer of "Vigorbilt" Chicks for Many Years

Pilot Rock, Oregon  
February 23, 1938

"Vigorbilt" Poultry Farm and Hatchery  
N. J. Vanskilke  
Hermiston, Oregon

Dear Sir:

I want to order 200 White Leghorn "Vigorbilt" baby pullets again this year for delivery around the 5th to 15th of April. I had wonderful success with the pullets last year. Let us know what the price is and when they can be delivered.

C. C. HORN

NOTE: Mr. and Mrs. Horn have purchased "VIGORBLT" Leghorn chicks for the past eight years, and have been entirely satisfied every year. 'nuf sed.

## PRICES IN 1938

### WHITE LEGHORNS

WHITE LEGHORN SEXED PULLETS ..... \$ 22.00 PER 100  
WHITE LEGHORN SEXED PULLETS ..... 107.50 PER 500  
WHITE LEGHORN SEXED PULLETS ..... 215.00 PER 1000

STRAIGHT RUN LEGHORN CHICKS ..... \$ 12.00 PER 100  
STRAIGHT RUN LEGHORN CHICKS ..... 50.00 PER 500  
STRAIGHT RUN LEGHORN CHICKS ..... 100.00 PER 1000

LEGHORN COCKERELS ..... \$ 3.00 PER 100  
LEGHORN COCKERELS ..... 12.50 PER 500  
LEGHORN COCKERELS ..... 25.00 PER 1000

### NEW HAMPSHIRE REDS

STRAIGHT RUN NEW HAMPSHIRE ..... \$12.50 PER 100  
SEXED PULLETS DAY OLD ..... 17.00 PER 100  
DAY OLD COCKERELS ..... 9.00 PER 100

### RHODE ISLAND REDS

SAME PRICE AS NEW HAMPSHIRE REDS.  
BROODED LEGHORN PULLETS

10 DAY OLD LEGHORN PULLETS ..... \$25.00 PER 100  
FOUR WEEK LEGHORN PULLETS ..... 40.00 PER 100  
SIX WEEK LEGHORN PULLETS ..... 55.00 PER 100  
EIGHT WEEK LEGHORN PULLETS ..... 70.00 PER 100

### TURKEY POULTS—CUSTOM HATCHING

HEN and TURKEY EGGS  
A 10 per cent Deposit Must Accompany All Orders on Chicks.  
A 20 per cent Deposit Must Accompany All Orders on Turkey Poults

## SEND FOR LITERATURE

"Vigorbilt" Poultry Farm and Hatchery  
HERMISTON, OREGON  
PHONE 661

GILBERT G. SMITH, Administrator with Will Annexed.  
A. C. McIntyre, Attorney for Administrator, Pendleton, Oregon.  
(March 3-31)

## WANT ADS

R. I. RED CHICKS — FEW HUNDRED Red Chix hatching March 7, 12 cents each. Leghorn baby cockerels and pullets each week. Started pullets ready now. "Vigorbilt" Hatchery, Phone 661, Hermiston, Oregon. 28-31c

FOR SALE—TWO GOOD WAGONS; 1 wheat rack; 2 header boxes; 2 3-bottom 14 in. plows; 150 white Leghorn hens, 1 year old. Geo. R. White, Lexington, Ore. 27-31p

I. N. HARTSOOK, CARPENTER & builder; Will help you plan and estimate free. Hermiston, Oregon. 28-31p

FOR SALE—NEW FRIGIDAIRE; overstuffed set, oil stove, bedroom furniture, etc. Inquire Herald office. 27-21p

FOR RENT—COMPLETELY Modern electric home. Inquire Herald office. 27-11c

FOR SALE — THIS WEEK ONLY. 40 acre lease with 10 acres wheat, 15 acres alfalfa, cull potatoes and seed potatoes. One large mule and a few good milk cows. Henry Smith, Stanfield, Ore. 27-11p

WANTED — 1200 NARRAGANSET turkey eggs March 15 to 20. Leghorn and New Hampshire Red, day old pullets for sale. Hatching now. "Vigorbilt" Hatchery, Hermiston, Ore. 27-11c

FOR SALE OR TRADE — 40 acres cheap for cash; 1 fresh cow and heifer calf for \$60. J. B. Perry, Westland district. 27-31p

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FOR SALE — SEVERAL GOOD fresh cows; also several springers, and several brood sows, some with pigs now. E. E. Rainwater, Hermiston. 27-31c

FOR SALE—THOR MANGLE, good condition, reasonable; Mabel Walker, Hermiston. 26-31c

CONCRETE PIPE FOR SALE — Any size, at attractive prices. Ask Oron O. Felthouse, Hermiston. 22-11c

FOR SALE—WELL IMPROVED 14 acre ranch; close to highway; four room house. Fair out buildings; four acres in artemesia. See or write M. E. Gordon, Hermiston. 26-31p

FOR SALE—TWO, SINGLE UNITS. Surge milking machine motor, pump, pipe and fittings, for 26 head cows. Cash or Terms. G. G. Smith, Stanfield, Ore. 26-31c

## NOTICE OF HEARING FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that A. S. Cooley, as administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Francis Martin Gast, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County, and said court has fixed Monday, the 21st day of March, 1938, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. of said day, as the time for hearing of objections to said final account and