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### "AU REVOIR"

These farewell remarks are not intended to be a eulogy on Hermiston and its people, nor is it written merely because it is the customary thing being done by a publisher when leaving the field, but because we wish to express our sincere feeling of appreciation to our many friends.

The more than eight years we have spent in Hermiston have brought developments in several fields. The best and progressive enterprises suited to this locality have survived and will be a factor in making Hermiston a more prosperous community in which to live. A happy and contented people are usually found where thrift and industry are practiced.

Our association with the people in Hermiston and this territory has been pleasant and we have grown as the Herald has grown. We feel that we have had a small part in making the Herald a better paper to serve the needs of its readers. If we have been biased at any time it has come in the process of learning, and our readers have been patient and understanding. The Herald is a part of nearly every farm home in its territory, and, as it were, our readers are a part of one large family. We feel that in a small way we have contacted every member once a week for more than eight years and have come to know some better than others, but all in one way or another.

We are not saying we are leaving Hermiston with regret, but we will say that we are leaving with the hope for better days ahead for its people and its industries.

Hermiston will always occupy a snug, warm spot in our heart and a pleasant place in our memory. And now, as Edward said when he abdicated, "Here's to our new publisher, may he serve you well."

### COMMISSION FOR COLUMBIA FISHING

University of Oregon, Eugene—A "Columbia River Fish Commission," its members to be appointed by governors of Oregon and Washington, is suggested as a possible solution for the problems of the salmon industry on the Columbia, in a leading article in the current Oregon Law Review, University of Oregon journal, written by Elmer Woltenberg of Portland.

Such a commission might be given authority to issue regulations prescribing manner and times in which fish may be taken, and have the sole power of issuing licenses for fishing on the Columbia. The plan would also make feasible a single governmental fish patrol in place of the present duplication of police efforts, it is pointed out.

# FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE UMATILLA PROJECT FARM BUREAU.

The annual payment of \$1.00 to the organization was due March 1st, and we would like to have all old members, and as many new ones as possible, in good standing before April 1st. Membership in the Farm Bureau also entitles the holder to a year's subscription to the Hermiston Herald, starting April 1st. Regular subscription price is \$2.00 per year. C. M. JACKSON, Secretary.

### BANGS DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE

Under the provisions of a bill passed by the last legislature and signed by the governor, testing of dairy herds in Oregon will continue with federal indemnity payments being matched by state, and possibly county funds. The present federal program is effective only for cattle slaughtered by May 1, 1939. After that date the state will participate in indemnity payments at a rate not to exceed \$4 per head for grade cattle, six months of age or over, and \$6 per head for registered purebred cattle, six months of age or over.

Ward Meyer, federal veterinarian in charge of testing in Umatilla county, states that he will not test any cattle under the old program after April 15, in order that slaughtering may be completed by May 1. Testing will be resumed after April 15, as soon as new compliance forms have been received and money for matching is available.

### CANADIAN CO-OP REFINERY SAVING MONEY FOR ALL SASKATCHEWAN CONSUMERS

(Co-op League News Service) Regina, Sask. — Cooperatives in this western Canadian province, faced with rising prices of petroleum products after the large oil companies had bought up the independent refineries, were forced to build their own refinery in 1934 to protect themselves against price exploitation. With an original investment of \$33,000, ten retail cooperatives erected their own refinery. Other co-ops came along. And today net earnings have grossed \$196,000; most of the savings on processing were plowed back into additional equipment and the Consumers Cooperative Refinery, Ltd., stands as a debt-free property, cooperatively owned, worth \$180,000.

Last year the co-op refinery supplied members 3,528,000 gallons of refined fuels. Nineteen retail cooperatives joined the organization during the year, bringing its membership to 78 active cooperatives. The refinery was kept running 229 days in 1938 compared to 136 days in 1937. While there has been a considerable increase in the base price of crude oil at the well head since 1931, Saskatchewan has seen a very substantial reduction in the retail price of gasoline and other fuels. At first price cuts were put into effect by the major companies in restricted areas, chiefly where cooperative distribution was making the greatest inroads into the total gallonage. Price cuts followed in areas where small independent refineries were attempting to operate. In 1937 price reductions were made generally throughout the province, varying from 2½¢ in northern Saskatchewan to 4½¢ and 5¢ in the southern section. The result has been that all consumers in the province have benefited by the action of the cooperatives.

The Saskatchewan Cooperative Consumer points out that the existence of 332 cooperatives handling bulk products and petroleum products has been a major factor in this reduction, but that the cooperatives have a next step to take, to raise funds for a petroleum cracking plant to further reduce the cost of petroleum products.

Tracing the reasons for the first step in setting up the refinery, the Cooperative Consumer declares that, "In the fall of 1933 and the spring of 1934 the independent refineries (which were supplying the cooperatives at that time) were purchased by the major oil companies. Almost co-incidentally with the purchase of these plants the wholesale or tank car prices of gasoline and tractor fuels were increased. In some cases this increase was as much as 3¢ per gallon although it could not be demonstrated that such increases were caused by increased cost of crude or increases in manufacturing costs."

**Columbia Stitches Club.**  
The Columbia Stitches Sewing club held its regular meeting March 18, at the home of the leader. A demonstration on the care of the sewing machine was given by Mary Sommerer and Dorothy Knox. Refreshments of punch and cookies were served by Norma Getchell and Ruth McCulley.

**Westland Home Ec Club.**  
The Westland Grange Home Ec club will meet Wednesday, April 12, at the home of Mrs. P. A. Power in Westland district. All members are urged to be present.

**Sheep Club Organized.**  
A 4-H sheep club was organized March 24 with J. H. Hunt as local leader. Eugene Rugg was elected president, Lois Hunt, vice president, Frances Madison, secretary. Other members are Irene Hunt, Wilbur Hunt, Vern Hunt and Dorothy Madison.

### COLUMBIA GRANGE PARTY SUCCESS

The "Sock Party" held in Columbia school house last Friday evening, sponsored by the grange, was a jolly affair. Mesdames T. Panages, P. H. Corman and B. H. Fix were in charge.

Program numbers included community singing, school kitchen kettle orchestra stunt, a shadow play presented by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fix, and Mr. Buzzard; violin and piano numbers, David Rogers and son Cecil Rogers; harmonica numbers by Peggy Sommerer and Ruth McCulley; a reading by Miss Myrthena Martin; solo numbers by Childs Barham, accompanied by Miss Martin, Mr. W. G. Bailey of Hermiston was presented with the quilt which was given away, and Emery Cox won the fat pig.

Hot coffee and a wide variety of interesting-looking cakes were offered as refreshments. Appreciation was expressed for the fine attendance.

The next regular grange meeting will be held Tuesday, April 4, in the Columbia school. The wish is expressed for perfect attendance. A new quarter begins with this meeting and the secretary and lecturer would like to record even better attendance than for the last period. The agricultural committee and the lecturer's department is arranging interesting meetings.

### 23 OREGON CLUB MEMBERS TO TAKE BEEVES TO SHOW

Twenty-three 4-H club members in Oregon will spend the first week in April at the Golden Gate International Exposition on Treasure Island as the result of having had their baby beeves selected for showing at the twelfth annual Interstate Junior livestock show. The list includes 22 boys and one girl from Klamath, Jackson, Umatilla, Baker, Sherman and Malheur counties.

Their 27 head of baby beeves were selected from 60 raised by the club members during the past year and were judged by state 4-H club officials as being the best finished and ready for showing this spring. The remainder will, in most cases, be kept on feed and be shown at county fairs and in the Pacific International next fall, says L. G. Allen, assistant state club leader.

The club stock from Oregon will compete with livestock from many parts of the United States, as it is estimated that some 4000 head of baby beeves, hogs and lambs will be shown. Oregon club members will have sleeping quarters in one of the large buildings on Treasure Island and will have passes to the exposition.

The Oregon group will be in charge of Fred Hill, assistant county agent, Baker; L. E. Francis and C. C. Jenkins, county club agents in Jackson and Klamath counties. Following are the Oregon exhibitors: Klamath county — Bob Blikenstaff, Rosie Stutz, Virgil Ratliff, Norman Powers, Virgil Powers, Alvin Cheyne, Charles Cheyne, Walter Ritter, Joe Keller, Taylor High and Stanley Masten.

Jackson county—Clayton Charley, Lawrence Ousterhout and Don Pruet. Sherman county—Robert King and Frank von Borstel. Umatilla county — Kenneth Bense, Charles Kik and Harry Lewis. Baker county—George Poulos, David Densley and Marvin Wellman. Malheur county—Dewey Thomason.

### Club Outlines Program.

The Royal Room Improvement club met Thursday after school at the H. C. McCulley home. A program for the year was made as follows: April 13—Ottis, Discuss Rooms. April 27—Knoxes, Give Reports on work accomplished. May 11—McCulleys, Demonstration by Joyce McCulley. May 25—Ottis, Hike and Demonstration by Marian Ott. June 8—Knoxes, Treasure hunt and demonstration by Dorothy Knox. June 29—McCulleys, Go to river and demonstration by Ruth McCulley. July 13—Ottis, Mothers' tea. July 27—Knoxes, Hike to reservoir. August 10—McCulleys, Finish business, and trip to Hat Rock. Tea and cakes were served during the social hour all members were present.

### OHIO FARM BUREAU SPONSORS LAW TO FACILITATE ORGANIZATION OF URBAN CO-OPS

(Co-op League News Service)

Columbus, Ohio—From the offices of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation this week came two announcements of importance to the cooperative movement. The first was that the farm organization is throwing the weight of its membership behind a bill which will facilitate the organization of urban cooperatives in the state. The other was that the Cooperative Life Insurance Company of America has changed its name to the Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company in order to bring into line the names of the triumvirate of insurance cooperatives which have their headquarters in Columbus. The Farm Bureau Mutual Automobile Insurance Company and the Farm Bureau Mutual Fire Insurance Company are the other two organizations.

Up to the present time the urban cooperatives in the state of Ohio have had to incorporate under a confusing assortment of miscellaneous provisions in the body of the corporate law. The Farm Bureau of the state has endorsed and sponsored a bill introduced by Representative E. LeFever of Athens, Ohio, which will give consumers generally the right to incorporate under non-profit cooperative incorporation laws whether they be rural or urban consumers. In an editorial entitled, "Give Urban Consumers a Chance", the Ohio Farm Bureau News declares, "It is only fair to our city cousins that they have the same opportunity, as consumers, to cooperate in their purchases as have farm people."

### FARM SECURITY LOANS AVAILABLE

Loans for necessary operating goods and cooperative facilities are available through the Farm Security administration to farmers unable to secure credit from other sources, announces R. S. Thompson, F. S. A. supervisor, Federal building, Pendleton. All applications for financing of the present crop year should be submitted as soon as possible to facilitate purchase of needed livestock, feed, seed, farm equipment and other requirements.

A farmer eligible for a rehabilitation loan must have satisfactory tenure of a farm large enough to provide a livelihood for his family if necessary operating goods are provided. Each farmer works out with the supervisor a practical farm and home plan that will provide for a balanced livestock and cropping program as well as place the farm on a business-like basis.

Loans for cooperative facilities such as equipment, purebred sires, and purchasing pools can be made where several farmers band together to purchase facilities which are beyond reach of the individual but can be economically used on a cooperative basis. Cooperative loans are usually made for the life of the facility with interest at three per cent. Two types of loans known as the master-borrower loan where other cooperators sign participating agreements, or a cooperative loan where all share responsibility jointly, are available.

Where debt burdens are beyond capacity of the operator to pay, every effort is made to adjust the debts before a loan is made.

It is estimated that Georgia can produce enough pine trees to supply the United States with newsprint and white paper.

### OHIO FARM BUREAU CO-OP REPORTS \$6,856,000 BUSINESS IN 1938

(Co-op League News Service) Columbus, Ohio—The Farm Bureau Cooperative Association, central organization serving 82 county-wide cooperatives in the state of Ohio, reported a total business of \$6,856,932 for 1938 at its annual meeting here last week. The cooperatives affiliated with the central organization are operating 51 petroleum bulk plants in the state and handle in addition to petroleum products, paint, electrical appliances, tires, commercial fertilizer and farm machinery.

During the last year the Farm Bureau Cooperative Association and the Cooperative Grange League Federation Exchange serving 100,000 members in New York State purchased a 100 ton fertilizer factory at Baltimore to meet the needs of their member cooperatives.

The Ohio Farm Bureau has decided to throw the strength of its entire membership behind a move to repeal the existing price fixing laws in the state and to prevent the enactment of other such laws. Murray D. Lincoln, executive secretary of the organization, declared in announcing the stand of the Farm Bureau, "So-called fair trade laws allow manufacturers to dictate to retailers what they shall charge for branded merchandise. This is writing monopoly into law. If we do not stop this tendency to further regiment our activities in the exchange of goods, we will in time develop into the same condition as have the dictator countries."

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