

# FARM CO-OPERATIVE DIVISION

A MESSAGE TO EVERY MEMBER.

## R.E.A. HIGHLIGHTS

### MANY FARMERS ENJOY ELECTRIC SERVICE BY R.E.A.

Approximately 1,700,000 farms, or 25 per cent of the farms in the United States, enjoy the advantages of high line electric service as the New Year dawns, Harry Slattery, Administrator of Rural Electrification, estimated this week in a year-end summary of progress. This is well over twice the number of farms, 743,954 or 10.9 per cent, having such service shortly before the Rural Electrification administration was established in 1935.

The building and energizing of REA-financed systems, increasing gradually through the early years, mounted to a high peak in 1939, with service extended during the year to approximately 225,000 farm families and other users. This means approximately 1,000,000 persons, or one for every 30 seconds the clock ticked off from the beginning to the end of 1939.

"A year's work upon which REA looks with pride and satisfaction," Mr. Slattery commented, adding:

"The task into which REA swings with the New Year is to make electric service of the utmost use and profit to these new users, and to extend service to many thousands of additional farms."

The 225,000 rural users connected in 1939 brings the total of users receiving service from REA systems to approximately 400,000, Mr. Slattery pointed out. Of the 688 such systems, approximately 500 are in operation, with 180,000 miles of line energized, in 44 states.

Meanwhile, under the stimulus of the REA program, the utilities have greatly expended their rural service since 1925. Construction by the utilities was especially active in 1936 and 1937. Since then the accelerating REA program has sustained the rate of increase in rural electrification against a slackening of utility construction.

"The number of connections to REA lines at the year end—400,000—compares with 176,000 one year ago and 44,000 two years ago. Of the present number 86 per cent are on farms; 6 per cent are non-farm residences, and 8 per cent are commercial and industrial enterprises and public buildings."

### Westland Grange Group To Meet

The Westland Grange Home Economics club will meet at the home of Mrs. Mary Power for an afternoon meeting Wednesday, January 10. All members are requested to be present. The Westland Grange lecturer urges that all members bring their bundles of cast away clothes for the auction at the Grange meeting on January 12.

## BOARDMAN NEWS

By Ruth Fisher

Maye Fisher and Leo Stills were united in matrimony at a simple home service at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, in the presence of the immediate family and close friends, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher. The bride wore a cream wool voile dress of floor length, which her mother and her sister Margaret had worn. She carried an arm bouquet of white chrysanthemums. She was attended by her sister Ruth who wore royal blue taffeta of floor length. The bride's going away outfit was a suit and hat of grapevine color with contrasting accessories. Rev. M. H. Greenlie of La Grande was the officiating clergyman. Out of town guests were Rev. and Mrs. M. H. Greenlie and children John and Verna, Mrs. Etta Alexander and daughters Rosemary Josephine, and Miss Erma Hamlin, all of La Grande; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bond and children Johnny and Anne, and Roy Fisher of Haines, Ruth Fisher of Adams and Mrs. Turner Bond and daughter Nancy of Oregon City.

School started Tuesday after about ten days vacation. The holidays were marred by much sickness here this year. Mrs. Willard Baker, who was improving, is reported as suffering a relapse of an attack of flu. Mrs. Geo. Corwin has been seriously ill at her home. The young night party in the basement of the church New Year's eve.

G. A. McCutcheon of Walla Walla brought his son Bob back to school. Mrs. Turner Bond and daughter Nancy returned to Oregon City Friday after visiting for a week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher.

Miss LaVerne Baker was home for the holidays from E. O. C. E.

### CANNING SCHEDULE

We will can again on Friday, January 12, for meat in No. 2 1/2 cans only.

Alton Sisson, Manager.

### F. B. AUXILIARY ENJOYS PROGRAM

At the last meeting of the Farm Bureau Auxiliary on Friday, December 15, a Christmas party was enjoyed, including a tree laden with gifts. The program committee of Mrs. Geneva Blinston and Mrs. Grace Foster presented a very interesting program. Lovely refreshments of candlestick holders made from cup cakes with a stick of bright candy for the candles. Cakes were of different colors. Scroll sandwiches tied with green ribbon and coffee were also served.

The committee in charge of refreshments included Mrs. Catherine Sommerer, Mrs. Edith Cable and Mrs. Mabel Weeks. A large crowd was present.

The next meeting will be Friday, January 5, with Mrs. Lilly Fix in charge of the program. Refreshments will be in charge of Mrs. May Getchell, Mrs. Effie Turnblad and Mrs. Lois Blum.

### Grange Council To Meet

Umatilla County Grange Council will meet Saturday, January 13, at 10 o'clock at Cold Spring Grange hall with a pot luck dinner at noon. Masters, secretaries, lecturers, Home Economics club chairmen and agriculture chairmen are urged to be present.

### HOME EXTENSION UNIT TO MEET

The Hermiston Home Extension Unit will meet on Tuesday, January 9, at 1:30 p. m., at the home of Mrs. Henry Sommerer in the Columbia district. The subject of the demonstration will be "Buying Ready-Mades and Testing Materials." This continues the project on "Better Dress" started at the last meeting.

Mrs. W. H. Benschel is secretary for the group.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD AT WESTLAND

Members of the Westland Grange and their families enjoyed a Christmas party Thursday, December 28. Christmas carols, readings, music and games were enjoyed. Later oranges, candies and pop corn balls were distributed and gifts were exchanged.

Members who wish further information concerning the pro-basis-propelled tractor should see the worthy master of the grange. The lecturer requests that members bring discarded garments, securely wrapped, to the next meeting on January 11.

### FIRE DISTRICT UNDER DISCUSSION

A committee report on a proposition to form a fire district in the Hermiston area was made at a meeting of the executive committee of the Project Farm Bureau recently. A report was given from the Oregon state fire chief by H. M. Sommerer and H. K. Dean.

The first step in forming such a district would be the selection of the area to be served and the purchase of fire-fighting apparatus. With the cooperation of the Hermiston fire department, it was suggested that the equipment be stored in Hermiston as a central location. No definite action was taken at the meeting.

### COLUMBIA SCHOOL RESUMES WORK

Columbia school re-convened on Tuesday morning, January 3, after having had an interruption in regular school activities since December 20. Because the Christmas program could not be presented due to prevalence of flu and scarlet fever in and about Hermiston, it is the plan now to present a mid-winter public program about the middle of February.

A hot lunch dish will be provided Columbia boys and girls regularly each Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the cold months, without cost to the pupils other than an occasional small food donation.

Mrs. Fern Zivney attended the Thursday sessions of the O. S. T. A. last week while a Portland visitor for a week. Miss Lucile Lukens, Umatilla west end school nurse, visited the school on Tuesday.

### TURKEY PRODUCTION IS MAJOR INDUSTRY

Fifty-six Per Cent Increase Shown in Past 10 Years.

Nearly \$70,000,000 worth of turkeys (at farm prices) were produced last year, reports the bureau of agricultural economics. This figure was somewhat less than for 1937, but was larger than in any other year in the current decade, and probably the second largest in the history of the industry.

Since 1929 the production of turkeys has increased more than 56 per cent—from less than 17,000,000 birds in that year to more than 26,000,000 in 1938. Peak of production during the decade was nearly 28,000,000 turkeys in 1936. Highest prices during the 10-year period were in 1929, lowest in 1933. The 1938 average—\$2.66 per bird—was about 16 per cent lower than in 1929.

Principal turkey-producing states in 1938 were Texas (3,285,000 birds), California (2,625,000), Minnesota (2,145,000), Oklahoma (1,418,000), Iowa (1,386,000), North Dakota (1,255,000), and Oregon (1,205,000). About 40 per cent of the 1938 crop was raised in the 12 North Central states as contrasted with only 30 per cent in 1929.

Expansion of the turkey industry during the last 10 years is attributed chiefly to improvements in production and management methods which have lessened the mortality of poults and lowered production costs in competition with chickens and other meats. Production of turkeys in small farm flocks has decreased in most areas, but this has been more than offset by increased numbers of large flocks which are kept separate from other poultry and handled under improved methods of sanitation, feeding, and marketing.

### Flexible Farm Lease

Aids Tenant, Landlord

The Farm Security administration has distributed within the past year 1,000,000 copies of its written lease form designed to improve rental arrangements between farm tenants and landlords. Both have applied in large numbers for this "Flexible Farm lease" which is intended to take the place of oral agreements that still prevail in many sections of the country.

The "rental rates" clause carries a suggested form for stating exactly the share of each crop or the cash payment the tenant is to give the landlord.

Another matter of concern to the landlord and tenant is the annual renewal of their contract. Leasing from year to year is a prevalent tenure practice. In many cases this procedure works to the disadvantage of both parties. Tenants hesitate to initiate crop rotations; landlords hesitate to make changes or repairs in buildings which may not be exchanged by succeeding tenants.

To provide for such cases the "Flexible Farm lease" contains an "automatic renewal" clause. This clause in effect causes the lease to remain in full force until either party wishes to terminate his contract. Termination of the lease is in accordance with a period of notice fixed in the contract.

### Save the Manure

Approximately 10 tons of manure are produced annually for each 1,000 pounds of live weight of stock kept on the farm. This manure contains plant food elements to make it worth around \$2.50 a ton at commercial fertilizer prices. Besides it provides organic matter for the soil, something essential to crop production. Of course, this value is dependent upon the manner in which the manure is conserved and applied. More than a third of the nitrogen and two-thirds of the potassium are in the liquid portion of the manure. This drains away unless sufficient bedding is used to absorb it. Also there is a loss where the manure is left piled up subject to the weather.

### Farm Facts

Last year, according to the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics, approximately 1,000,000 persons moved off farms, while 800,000 moved from towns and cities to farms.

Land now either permanently ruined or seriously damaged by erosion represents an area larger than all farm land in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Iowa and Oregon.

In the United States, breeds of swine are classed as lard-type or bacon-type. Lard-type breeds are the Duroc Jersey, Poland China and Chester White, and bacon-type breeds are the Yorkshire and Tamworth.

Present information indicates that the 1939 pig crop, which includes both fall and spring litters, will total 83,000,000 head. This will exceed the 1938 figure by nearly 12,000,000 and will lack only 1,000,000 of equalling the record production in 1933.

## FARM TOPICS

### U. S. FARMERS JOIN FEW ORGANIZATIONS

### Church Ranks First Among Rural Groups.

By PROF. W. A. ANDERSON  
The belief that most farmers belong to a large number of organizations is discounted by studies of the department of rural social organization at Cornell university.

In a study of nearly 3,000 farmers in a typical United States rural neighborhood, it was found that they belong to only one or two organizations, on the average, but are loyal to them. Twenty per cent of the farmers belong to no organizations, and 30 per cent belong to only one. Membership in three organizations appears to be the upper limit for most farm operators.

Organizations in which memberships are held in order of their numerical importance, he says, are: the church, grange, dairymen's league, farm bureau, lodge, other co-operatives, and a social-civic group. Membership in the church leads among farmers who belong to only one or two organizations.

The "joiners," those who belong to several organizations, appear to have these characteristics: they own rather than rent their farm; they operate a large farm rather than a small one; their farms have a higher assessment value than others; they are more stable as to residence and do not shift frequently; and they have had, in general, better schooling.

Another point is that "organization-mindedness" is more noted in men past 30 years of age than in those younger. Fewer of the younger group belonged to organizations. Two causes explain this. First, the younger men are just getting established and need time to enter organizations; and second, they are somewhat overlooked by the older men in organizations. More might join if they were invited.

### U. S. Farm Women Use

Healthful Family Diets

Better living for the family through better health continued to be a principal aim of thousands of homemakers on American farms last year, according to reports from extension workers in home economics in all parts of the country.

Better health through more adequate diets was an important part of the home demonstration program in more than 37,000 communities. Demonstrations conducted by extension agents representing the United States department of agriculture and the state agricultural college helped homemakers learn what constitutes a generously adequate diet. How to provide that diet the year around with available home-produced and purchased foods was the subject of other meetings.

As a part of this program farm women and 4-H club girls reported that they canned 70,000,000 quarts of fruits, vegetables, and meats. A total of 407,000 families served better-balanced meals as a result of recommendations of home demonstration agents, while 169,000 families followed food-buying recommendations discussed in extension meetings.

Boys and girls in 16,133 schools had better lunches because home demonstration groups and similar organizations provided hot dishes to supplement the noon lunch brought from home.

Home demonstration agents in some states, assisted by public health agencies and local physicians, held child-health clinics in hundreds of communities.

### Telephone Service

There is only one service given to farmers by the smaller telephone companies in the United States which farmers in other countries probably do not receive. This is the handling of fire alarms reported over the telephone. Most telephone companies in this country spread fire alarms to fire departments and to neighboring farmers free of charge without, of course, assuming any liability. This service has contributed much to rural fire protection and reduction in losses. Telephone companies include in their directories instructions to both employees and subscribers for the handling of fire alarms. Telephone operators have an enviable reputation for the service they render in such emergencies, and all of it is done without any added income to the telephone companies. Such service makes the telephone a real aid in the protection of life and property on the farm.

### Animal Hair Valuable

Everything that comes from the farm, it seems, has a definite use in adding to the well being of humanity—even the hair from farm animals. Although the value of the hair from one animal may amount to only a fraction of a cent, the total worth of the hair processed and sold in the United States last year was more than \$2,000,000, according to the men who curl it and make it ready for use. Main use is for cushioning furniture seats.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles C. Leatherwood, Deceased.  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles C. Leatherwood, deceased, and has qualified as the law directs. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to me at the First National Bank, Hermiston, Oregon, or at the office of W. J. Warner, my attorney, at Hermiston, Oregon, verified as the law directs, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1939.  
F. B. Swayze, Administrator.  
W. J. Warner, Attorney for Administrator.  
(Dec. 7-Jan. 4)

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

In the Matter of the Estate of William Haggman, Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the undersigned, by Order of the above entitled Court, duly made and entered on the 4th day of December, 1939, was duly appointed Executrix of the Estate of William Haggman, Deceased, and that she has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified as required by law to her at Stanfield, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated December 5, 1939.  
Julia H. Penney, Executrix of the Estate of William Haggman, Deceased.  
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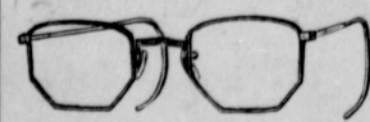
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