

School Notes

(By Harriet Sarazin)

A treat was in store for high school boys who labored Friday on improvements on the grounds. They were served lunch at noon in the gymnasium by the girls. Much time was spent in work on the tennis court under the direction of Supt. Hollenberg and John Young. The netting donated by the civic club was moved from town onto the court at school.

On Wednesday Supt. Hollenberg presented certificates of music awards won in Ontario to Claudena Crawford, Ingrid Aho, Howard Larson for voice; Warren Larson, saxophone, Howard Larson, violin. Howard Larson received the Legion Auxiliary award for winning the most points.

The M. B. club met Wednesday. To raise funds a candy sale will be held at the school Friday noon. Nominations for next year's officers were made as follows: president, Tlena Tensen, Vera Garrison, vice president, Mabel Boor, Harriet Sarazin, Betty Cook; secretary, Neille Jean Schweizer, Evelyn Haworth, Isabelle Sarazin.

Girls athletics awards will not be given until next fall. Seniors have completed their I.Q. tests.

APPLE VALLEY

Mrs. Maude Proffit of Nampa visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Nichols last week.

Jack Reed was enrolled in the CCC camp at Boise.

The Snyder family which came here recently from Nebraska is living on the orchard tract known as the Crossman place.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Nichols attended the wedding of Cecil Evans at Pleasant Ridge Sunday.

DITCH COMPANY MEETS

O. R. Hite, Pieter and Dick Tensen, John Molenaar and Major Moore attended the board meeting of Owyhee Ditch company in the office of Secretary Tom Jones in Ontario Saturday. The water charge for the season was set at \$1 per acre.

The cautious business man will not accept a deed, mortgage or contract on real estate, unless accompanied by an abstract showing clear title. Should you be any less careful? adv.

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Sunshine Butter Brings Million, Audit Discloses

The annual audit of the Farmers Co-operative Creamery has been completed down to February 28 last, and formal report filed with the Board.

The audit was made by the accounting firm of Byron Defenbach and sons, Lewiston and Boise, under the personal supervision of the senior member who furnishes the following information compiled from his report.

The Creamery, which has its principal office in Payette, is one of the largest organizations of its kind in the northwest, and has associated plants and buying stations at Emmett, Weiser, Cambridge, Midvale and New Meadows, Idaho, and at Baker, Ontario and Union, Oregon. Its principal product is butter, of which in excess of five million pounds are made annually; it also manufactures cheese, cascin, dried buttermilk and other by-products of the dairy industry.

The combined plants employ over 70 people and are supported by more than 5000 producing patrons.

The Farmers Co-operative Creamery was organized and began business on January 1, 1916, with thirty-three members and a small plant in Payette. While it grew from the start the business saw its hardest times in the period of depression immediately after the war. It was reorganized in 1921 and from that time to the present has enjoyed a constant growth. In 1924 it was found necessary to enlarge the Payette plant and two years later the Weiser unit was established. Branches in Ontario and Emmett were started in 1927; the Baker unit began operations in 1930, and the one at Union the following year.

Some idea of the volume of this business may be drawn from the following figures: The net sales of butter alone during the year just closed amounted to over \$1,000,000. It has been a year of low prices and the average net received by the Creamery for butter was 19.7c per pound. More than four-fifths of the entire product was sold in California.

In the price paid for butterfat, the Payette Creamery stands close to the top of the list in this section, the average price to the producer during the past year having been 20c or more than one-fourth of a cent above the average price received for butter.

During the fiscal year 1933, 166 cars of butter were shipped to California, an average of 13 per month, nearly a car every other day. The net amount of cash distributed in the community through this means was in excess of \$850,000.00. The organization pays more than \$5,000 annually in state and county taxes.

The Creamery is purely co-operative, belonging in every sense of the word to the dairy farmers in the communities in which it operates. No one person or group has any controlling influence in the management of its affairs. Mr. Defenbach furnishes the following comments on Creamery business generally:

"No other industry in the world is more thoroughly co-operative than that of the handling of dairy products. In Great Britain, even more than in the United States, the greater bulk of the creamery business is handled by co-operative methods. Our creamery here, like all others, has the advantages of co-operative ownership. The patron is receiving the highest prices for his product that are possible under the present market conditions. In checking its affairs I have felt responsible to the farmers of these communities, and have given my best efforts in trying to discover leaks, waste or extravagance."

I certify that in my opinion the business is being intelligently and efficiently managed.

"The co-operative businesses have many advantages over their independent competitors, and this institution is making the best possible use of those advantages."

"We would not be doing our duty if we did not call attention to the fact that many co-operative organizations finally hit the downward trail and pass out of existence. Among the reasons is often a tendency to false economy. Private business recognizes skill and efficiency, and endeavors to secure, not the cheapest help, but the best that can be obtained. There is a tendency, too, among co-operative businesses, to withdraw too much of the earnings and to expect too much."

"The Creamery appears to us to be in sound financial condition. In spite of depressed conditions and the low price of its products, our report indicates that it has had a fairly successful year. It has been and is now operating profitably, and its owners and patrons are justified in looking forward to a successful future."

By Byron Defenbach,
Certified Public Accountant.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A daily vacation bible school will be held for two weeks starting May 28. This will be sponsored by the Episcopal and Methodist churches with Mrs. Stanley Moore of Ontario as superintendent.

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