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A FUTURE FARMER WONDERS

THE following excerpts are from a talk delivered to the Nyssa Lions club by Frank Johnson, president of the Nyssa Chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

The young farmer, we believe, brings out some points that not only the future farmers of this country are now thinking about, but the older ones as well. All boiled down to one sentence, it amounts to this: "American Markets for American Farmers". Read this, whether you believe in trade agreements or not—it will give you something to think of.

We quote from Frank Johnson's speech: "Briefly stated, the secretary believes that the people of the United States will be prosperous only if we are able to sell a larger quantity of goods broad than we are now selling. Foreign trade, Secretary Hull says, will make us prosperous. * * * His argument is that if we make these trade agreements with many nations, we shall be doing our part to break down the barriers and pave the way to peace.

"Opponents of Secretary Hull's policy admit that his intentions are good, but they say that in his eagerness to restore foreign trade, he has gone too far in reducing the import taxes on goods coming into the United States, and, in many cases, foreign products have been shipped into this country and have competed seriously with American goods.

"Although many pages of facts are submitted by each side in this controversy, it is hard for the impartial observer to decide exactly what the facts prove. For example, the friends of the Hull trade agreements are able to show that Americans are selling far more to foreigners than they sold before the trade pacts went into effect. But how much of this increase of foreign sales was due to the trade pacts. That we do not know; in part, the increase was due to the fact that there was rapid business recovery in most parts of the world after 1933.

"They say it is true that the Hull agreements have secured favors from foreign countries so as to allow American manufacturers to sell some of their products abroad more easily. THEY CONTEND, HOWEVER, THAT THE HULL PACTS HAVE NOT OPENED UP NEW MARKETS FOR AMERICAN FARMERS. They point to the fact that, while the total sales of American goods to foreigners increased greatly from 1934 to 1938, the sale of farm products to foreigners has shown no appreciable increase.

"But, say the friends of the Hull trade pacts, the situation would have been still worse if it had not been for the trade agreements. * * *

"Not only have the agreements failed to open new markets for the farmers, opponents say, but they have broken down our tariff walls so that foreigners sell an increased quantity of farm products in this country in competition with American farmers. Foreign sales of farm products in this country increased roughly from one billion dollars in 1934 to one and a half billion dollars in 1937. * * * In consideration of these factors, I believe that the reciprocal trade agreements have been injurious to the American farmer by (1) lowering his standard of living, (2) lowering farm prices, (3) and the loss of the domestic market.

"Have we not the right as young farmers to ask the following questions? Whose market is this? Who has first claim to the purchasing power of America? Who is it that must pay the taxes? Upon whose back rests the payrolls and the relief rolls of the Republic? Who is it that must defend the flag? It is the people of the United States. Let us be just to them before we seek to be generous to the rest of the world."

Memories Of An Old Timer

"When the Owyhee ditch was put through the work was done with teams and scrapers. Our teams were half-starved, and we hardly had enough to eat for ourselves. We had to haul our hay from Malheur and pay \$10 and \$12 a ton for it, and a good portion of the hay was fed up on the 3-day trip on the road. We had to go all the way to Boise valley for our oats, and haul our vegetables from the China gardens at Boise City. I tell you, we had plenty of tough times. John E. Johnson was our engineer and Hub Ward was our ditch boss for years and years. We worked at it about ten years. The dam made the worst trouble. The river would wash out around it and leave the settlers dry for that season. We got as far as the hog back, now Oregon Trail, where we struck a big gravel bar. We couldn't get through it in years, so we borrowed \$60,000 from Fred Kiesel of Ogden. We are still paying interest on a part of that debt.

"Kiesel started the old O. F. store (Oregon Forwarding) at Ontario, the firm of Kiesel, Schilling and Danielson. Before the railroads to the interior were built out of Ontario, the O. F. store used to send out \$1000 worth of merchandise a day, on the average.

"Our house was sort of an oasis in the early days on the river, when houses were scattered and few. We kept all the travelers that came our way—riders on horseback, travelers in covered wagons, even Indians, and we never charged anyone. Travelers would come and rest a day or so, and I would say, 'Boy, you dig yourself a sack of potatoes out of the garden, or pick apples off the ground—don't knock them off the trees—and take them with you.' And my wife would come with a pan of eggs or a bucket of milk for them. My Big-hearted wife always gave freely to those in need.

"When we came to the Owyhee river, among our neighbors I recall Charles O. Wilson, Dr. Rigby, Alex Mathison, Bud Dryden, Bill Smith, Charley Patton and Tim Collins. My brother Gus had come in 1882. Fairman Bradley and family came a little later, also Tom Fletcher's and Joe Robertson's. Arthur Morey later bought the Patton place, and Jim Pinkston bought part of the Mathison place. John Bigelow was an early settler, and so was Mr. Meeker. He died at Fletcher's. The Tremblay family later had a store and the Owyhee post office at the Stone House. Among our early teachers were Miss Wessela, W. J. Patterson and Charley Lemon."

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Co-op Livestock Marketing Reviewed

By the "Happy Farmer"
The Co-operative Livestock Marketing Association of Parma, Idaho, shipped 6559 head or 1,339,275 pounds of hogs to market in 1939. They brought a total of \$275,700.28. They shipped 3,133 head or 260,885 pounds of sheep, which brought \$35,679.26. And cattle to the value of \$7,295.73. We haven't the number and weight on the cattle.

These facts and figures are compiled from a letter from Mr. C. J. Kniefel secretary of the Co-operative Livestock Marketing association and also secretary of the Co-op wool pool of Parma, Idaho.

The Co-operative Livestock Marketing association was organized in 1931 by a group of farmers who wished to get a market price for their stock without paying a high selling commission. Mr. Ben Weber is in charge of the hog and cattle shipping. They ship hogs every Friday and cattle when there is enough to make a carload. Their largest shipment of hogs for 1939 was October 10th. They shipped 286 head on that day.

To quote from Mr. Kniefel: "Mr. C. G. Allen is our sheep shipper. He makes several sheep shipments during the late spring and summer. He goes to the farmer's place and grades the lambs (telling you when they are ready to ship). Anyone interested in shipping lambs may do so by letting us know. Anyone may ship through this association, however, we prefer to have them join as a member. A ten-year membership is two dollars."

There is of course a small handling charge on this stock. We over-looked getting that from Mr. Kniefel. Gooding county, Idaho, organized a hog pool about the same time this was organized. Twin Falls county farmers just across the Snake river always received a half cent more per pound for their hogs than the farmers in Gooding county. The Gooding county buyers said the difference was in the freight rates. After the pool was organized the Gooding county farmers always received a half cent per pound more after handling charges were taken out than the Twin Falls county farmers. The handling charges there were a half cent per pound.

Mr. Kniefel when asked about the Taylor Grazing Act, says: "I do not believe the Taylor Grazing Act effects the small farmer sheep (or stock) man except that the act is forcing the large stockman to decrease his number of stock (on the range), thus making a surplus of feed which the farmer must consume on his own farm by owning and feeding more livestock." And adds: "We will have to continue to increase the number of livestock on our farms if we are to prosper."

ALBERTA VALLEY
C. M. Tensen took out his lead ewes Friday and plans to take the rest up Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Groot were Sunday afternoon visitors at the Jake Groot home in Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Campbell and family of Oregon Trail were Sunday afternoon visitors at the W. H. Fox home.

Lila Fife has been on the sick list but is well again.

Mr. and Mrs. Rock Shelton were business visitors in Ontario Saturday.

Mrs. Oles Bingham of Nyssa visited Mrs. Leo Fife Saturday.

Messrs. and Mesdames Luther Fife, Dean Fife, Floyd Thompson, Elmer Taylor, L. T. Chambers, Geo. Jensen, and Francis Gardner attended the anniversary banquet of the Relief society at the L. D. S. church Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Weeks of Nyssa spent Saturday evening at the Henry Gannon home.

Pete Tensen and Gerrit Groot attended the sale at the Cornell farm in Nyssa Heights Friday.

Mrs. Gerrit Stam visited Mrs. C. W. Barrett in Arcadia Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Joe Stam of Oregon Trail spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Gerrit Groot.

Mrs. Henry Gannon and Mrs. Jack Gannon were in Ontario Sunday evening.

Mrs. Annie Egan of Logan, Utah, is spending a couple of weeks at the L. T. Chambers home.

Joyce Chambers, Afton and Grace Draper and Ivan and Melvin Thompson attended a bee hive on Thursday evening at the L. D. S. church.

C. M. Tensen was a business visitor in Ontario Monday.

Mrs. Gerrit Groot visited Grandma Stam in Oregon Trail Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cooper and family were Sunday dinner guests at the Elmer Taylor home.

Mrs. Floyd Thompson and Mrs. L. T. Chambers entertained the primary officers at the Thompson home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Selma Paulsen, Mrs. Mary Jensen, Mrs. Bessie Ellibe, Mrs. Oles Bingham, Mrs. Violet Riggs, Mrs. Barbara Zimmerman, Mrs. Emma Hendricks, Mrs. Stella Frost, Mrs. Audrey Reece, Mary Gardner, Ellen Browers, EuVada Carver attended. Refreshments were served at the close.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Groot, Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Stam, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Groot, Kees Blocker and Rickus Van Twisk of Valley View spent Tuesday evening at the Jake Van Twisk home in honor of Rickus Van Twisk's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Fife and Mrs. Ethel Lankford were business visitors in Emmett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Alfred of Nyssa spent Sunday at the John Lackey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stam of Oregon Trail were Thursday visitors at the Bill Findling home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jensen and family were in Emmett on business Sunday.

Mrs. Luther Fife and Lila were business visitors in Ontario Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVere Fife called at the T. T. Elliott home in Kingman Colony Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Groot spent Sunday evening at the Pete Tensen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Higgins of Nyssa moved into their new home in this district Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown of Burns spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Lackey.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Jensen and family were in Ontario Sunday afternoon.

Vivian Fife entertained ten of her friends on her 12th birthday Saturday afternoon. Cutie and games were played. High prize was won by Wanda Howell and low by Pauline Hendricks. Grace Draper and Marie Seburn of this community attended. Refreshments were served at the close.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Groot were business visitors in Ontario Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Parley Merrill of Weston, Idaho, were overnight guests at the Luther Fife home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Lankford of Ontario visited Mrs. Ethel Lankford Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gannon spent Sunday afternoon at the Earl Farr home in Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Whalen and Mr. and Mrs. Osa Storis of Payette visited at the John Lackey home Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Relk and family of Oregon Trail spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Findling.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Crane and Marjorie and Edna Hallock were Thursday evening dinner guests at the George Webster home in Nyssa Heights.

Esther Swaney of Richland, June Webster of Nyssa Heights and Edna Hallock spent Sunday at the Higby home in Apple Valley.

Henry Beryl from Montana is visiting at the Grant Hallock home.

BUENA VISTA

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Florea and family, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sorensen, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robbins were Sunday dinner guests at the H. L. Day home.

Mrs. Ella Louise Highland of Boise visited her son David at the S. B. Hoffman home last week.

Galen Evans of Kansas and Jean Buffington and Milton Townsend of Iowa spent a few days at the Leslie Topliff and Alva Goodell homes.

Mr. Evans is a cousin of Mrs. Topliff and Mr. Goodell.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Day and Ronnie and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hoffman were Sunday visitors at the S. B. Hoffman home.

Mrs. E. L. Jamison was an Ontario visitor Thursday.

Mrs. C. C. Weykoff, Mrs. E. L. Jamison, Mrs. Leslie Topliff and Mrs. Alva Goodell attended Chatterbox club at the C. H. Bennett home in Richland district.

Betty Osterkamp of Apple Valley was an overnight guest at the E. L. Jamison home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Topliff and Mr. and Mrs. Alva Goodell attended a pinchle party at the Ed Nielson home in Newell Heights Saturday evening.

Everyone in this district is very busy in the field. Henry Day and Leslie Topliff have finished drilling

wheat. Claude Day purchased four milk cows and a team of work horses last week.

NEWELL HEIGHTS

An old landmark on Newell Heights is being torn down. It is the house on the homestead of the Hub Walters place and was built about 40 years ago. Tommy Russell now owns the farm and is building a house for his renters.

Mr. Staples of Ontario has purchased the Broulett farm in Newell Heights and Lester Goulet is farming it this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Rogers were Sunday dinner guests at the Ross Healey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker and family had dinner with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wood Sunday.

Bill Kurtz was home from La Grande to spend the week-end with his parents.

Miss Idamay Prouty spent the week-end with her parents in La Grande.

Patricia Smith is confined to her bed threatened with pneumonia. She is under the care of Dr. Maulding.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Parker entertained at a birthday party for their son Leroy Friday evening. After playing games refreshments were served to 22 friends besides the family.

Miss Betty Nelson who was the first and second grade teacher for several years, is visiting in this vicinity the last few days.

Mrs. O. J. Ramsey and children of Virda, Nevada, spent Sunday and Monday at the Alvin McGinnis home. While here she visited at the R. R. Overstreet and Cecil Smith homes. Before her marriage Mrs. Ramsey was Miss Agnes Johnson and taught the primary grades here seven and eight years ago.

PROGRESSIVE SEWING CLUB
By Virginia Orr
A meeting of the "Progressive Sewing Club" was held Saturday, March 16, 1940.

The meeting began at 1 o'clock p. m. A report was given by Virginia Orr, entitled "Dress for a School Girl."

After the meeting had been adjourned, Mrs. Dimmick helped the girls with their work.

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