

Amalgamated Sugar Holds Annual Meeting

The Amalgamated Sugar Company held its annual stockholder's meeting today, January 23, 1975, at the Ramada Inn in Ogden, Utah.

President A. E. Benning reported that net income for the thirteen week period ending December 30, 1974, is estimated at \$8,927,961, which compares with income of \$2,417,035 for the fourteen week first quarter period of last fiscal year.

"The increased earnings of the current fiscal year are principally attributable to the high sugar prices which occurred in the October 1974 quarter. Such high prices have more than offset the adverse effect on earnings from the smaller total sugar output from the 1974 crop as a result of reduced contract acreage planted in 1974. Total sugar produced for the 1974 crop amounted to approximately 4,700,000 cwt, a reduction of 37% below that of the previous crop," Benning reported.

Benning highlighted two considerations of opposing nature which have definitely come to bear on current prices. First, sugar supply under normal conditions in the world as well as in the United States are still short and promise to continue to be so at least through the summer of 1975. This consideration exerts an upward pressure on prices. Consumption, on the other hand, appears to have begun to decline in the United States and is generally regarded as a manifestation of consumer

resistance to the high prices of recent months. This consideration, of course, exerts downward pressure on prices.

It was also cited that because of the demise of the Sugar Act which has been a stabilizing influence for so many years, the industry is facing many uncertainties in the months ahead.

In other matters of business, the ten members of the company's board of directors were all re-elected. Picked to again direct the activities of the company during the next twelve months were Stephen H. Anderson, A. E. Benning, Val A. Browning, R. H. Burton, George S. Eccles, Marriner S. Eccles, S. P. Harter, Horace Havemeyer, Jr., Edwin R. Niehaus, Jr., and R. J. O'Connor.

Immediately following the stockholder's meeting, the newly elected board of directors re-elected all incumbent officers; namely, Marriner S. Eccles, Chairman of the Board; A. E. Benning, President and Chief Executive Officer; Edwin R. Niehaus, Jr., Senior Vice President; John R. Corsberg, Vice President of Operations; L. James Christensen, Vice President of Industrial and Public Relations; Harvey D. Goff, Vice President of Finance; Quentin R. Smelser, Jr., Vice President of Marketing; Henry D. Zobell, Vice President of Agriculture; Allan M. Lipman, Jr., Vice President, Legal Counsel, and Secretary; and Robert C. Lane, Controller.

Taxpayers Should File Early For Fast Refund

Taxpayers expecting tax refunds will receive them much sooner if they file their returns now, Ralph B. Short, District Director of Internal Revenue for Oregon, said today.

"If you file now, there's a good chance you'll receive your refund in four to five weeks," he pointed out. "If you file later, you may have to wait as long as eight weeks," he added.

January is a relatively slow month at IRS service centers," he explained, "which means returns can be processed and refunds issued faster than later in the filing period."

"During late March and April, however," said Mr. Short, "returns come in at an accelerated rate and the processing cycle takes longer, which delays refunds."

"So if you want that refund fast, file early," Mr. Short advised. "After all, it's your money."

Taxpayers also can speed the processing of their return by using the pre-addressed label and the special envelope included in the tax package they received in the mail, the IRS spokesman said.

"Another tip I can offer taxpayers," Mr. Short said, "is to give some thought now to setting up a record-keeping system for next year. You'd be amazed at how much this helps in filing a tax return."



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Time to Contact Congressmen.

People in agriculture are divided about how to handle the increasing number of problems with consumer and with government. A case in point is the current attack on marketing orders by big city economists. They disregard the fact that marketing orders are tools enabling growers to accomplish worthwhile marketing objectives which are in the long-run interest of grower and consumer alike.

Another case is registration of pesticides for use in insect and disease control. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is stepping up its efforts to limit registration of pesticides to the point that one wonders if EPA has any idea at all about grower need for efficient and low-cost pesticides. Still another area of concern is agriculture's use of labor where the grower's point of view carries very little weight in the big city press.

These issues should be brought to the attention of your congressmen and immediate action requested. If this is not done, the farmer will soon find that costs will eat up all profits, as has already happened in several commodities.

When we think of minerals that may be deficient in over livestock rations, all too often it is felt that feeding trace mineralized salt should solve all these deficiencies, usually this is not so in the case of calcium and phosphorus. If you'll read the analysis on the container, you'll find nearly always that there isn't much calcium or phosphorus in these minerals. They are good for supplementing those trace minerals that may be slightly lacking in their rations such as zinc, copper, cobalt, magnesium, etc., but to get enough calcium and phosphorus into our livestock we need to think in terms of making available a calcium phosphorus supplement such as steam bone meal.

When it comes to protein production for livestock feed, nothing beats alfalfa hay.

Research by Purdue University has shown that alfalfa can produce more protein per acre than any of the other 25 crops commonly grown in the U.S. for forage and grain. It also is a source for eight essential amino acids, the building blocks for protein, which must be supplied to man and animals by green plants. Five tons per acre of alfalfa harvested by the early flower stage produces 2.5 to 3 times the amount of these amino acids as 30 bushels of soybeans and more than 4 times that produced by a 100 bushel corn crop.

Malheur county livestock producers are fortunate to have production available from 60,000 acres of the crop grown here.

Are you having problems irrigating your crops the way they should be? A workshop geared to helping you solve this problem is scheduled for January 20, 1975 at W-10, TVCC. Jim Vomocil, OSU Soil Specialist, Monty McVay Bureau of Reclamation Irrigation Specialist, Jim Burr and Leeds Bailey from the Malheur County Extension office are going to be available to provide some new twists in irrigation practices.

We would also encourage you to share some of your experience that may help another grower, so be sure to attend this training session on irrigation, who knows, maybe you will go home with a real money making idea!

As we approach calving time, we wish for an injectible material that would solve our scour problems. There are none except in very special occasions when a special kind of scour is a problem. Nothing for general scours. So we take another look at management to help prevent scours. Calve those cows on new land—scatter them out. Do not overfeed those cows, especially with silage, just before calving. Get a vet to diagnose your kind of scour. Perhaps there is a vaccine that will help. If scours strikes, separate the sick ones from the healthy and prevent further spread.

Farm Implement Dealers Meeting In Boise Feb. 9-11

Hardware and Farm implement dealers of Idaho, Utah and Nevada, will gather in Boise, Idaho, February 9, 1975, for the annual convention of the Intermountain Association Hardware & Implement Dealers, according to Robert M. Henderlinder, Executive Secretary.

The convention is scheduled for February 9-10-11, and will bring approximately 400 dealers and their wives to Boise. Kent Gage of West Gemco, Inc., Caldwell, is Convention Chairman.

A buffet dinner honoring Robert Everton and Mrs. Everton, Logan, Utah, is the

only scheduled event Sunday other than registration. The registration desk will be open all day.

Idaho Attorney General, Wayne Kidwell, will welcome the conventioners to Idaho the opening session Monday morning, February 10, with Don Shuler of Shuler Brothers, Soda Springs, responding. A management school conducted by MNO Programs International, Inc., will occupy the remainder of the Monday sessions with a dinner dance scheduled in the evening.

Speakers at the concluding sessions on Tuesday will be Gene Page, Manager, Pacific Coast Division, American Hardware Mutual Insurance Company; Jerry E. Jensen, Boise, Wage and Hour Compliance Officer of the U. S. Department of Labor; William Hope, Stockton, Calif., Western Regional Manager, Massey-Ferguson Company; Donald R. Grandberg, Oak Brook, Ill., General Sales Manager of the White Farm Equipment Company, and David Johnson, Vancouver, Washington, a Ridgway Company executive.

Mr. Everton and Mr. Henderlinder will present their reports and separate business meetings of the Hardware and Implement Dealers will occupy the afternoon. The annual banquet will conclude the convention on Tuesday, February 11.

Speaking To The Consumer

Oregon Led the Way. One amendment to the federal Truth-in-Lending Act passed last October permits a consumer to sue "the holder in due course" if the contract in any way violates the act. (A "holder in due course" might be a bank or loan company that purchases an installment contract from the business that sells you goods such as an appliance, furniture, or a car.)

Oregon law abolished the holder in due course in 1971, giving you, the consumer, the right to redress against both the seller of goods and the lender when any purchase is made with credit.

The Cost of Car Travel. Not only have new car prices increased, but costs of operating and maintaining a car have risen. The Department of Transportation estimates it costs 15.5 cents per mile to run a standard-sized 1974 model car for three years—up from 12.6 cents for the first three years of operation of a similar car bought in 1970. This means that as you make your spending plan for 1975, money planned for transportation may need to be increased.

Consider Your Car Insurance. Insurance costs may increase in 1975. That means automobile insurance too, so this may be the time to re-evaluate your coverage.

If you own a car more than six years old, consider whether you really can afford collision insurance. If you feel you need it, could you choose a higher deductible provision? Either of these can trim the cost of auto coverage.

If you pay your premium monthly, maybe you could save by paying it semi-annually or annually.

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PRESIDENT EMERY SKINNER (right) and Dean Edwen Haynes present a copy of the spectacular new book, *Idaho*, to Librarian Sandra Blackaby. The book was published by Caxton Printers, Caldwell, Idaho, under the direction of the Idaho First National Bank. This copy is a special gift to the College by Robert E. Kniefel, Manager of the First National Bank in Payette.

County CowBelles Search For Princess

The county CowBelles are again searching for a Beef Princess who will represent the cattle industry in the public relations field.

Mrs. Ray Novotny, chairwoman of the contest, said today applications have been distributed to the various high schools in the county or prospective contestants may ask any CowBelles member or Mrs. Novotny for information. The entries are also available in the Malheur County Extension office.

Girls who live on a cattle ranch or whose parents are associated with the cattle

industry are eligible, however, they must be from ninth to 12th graders.

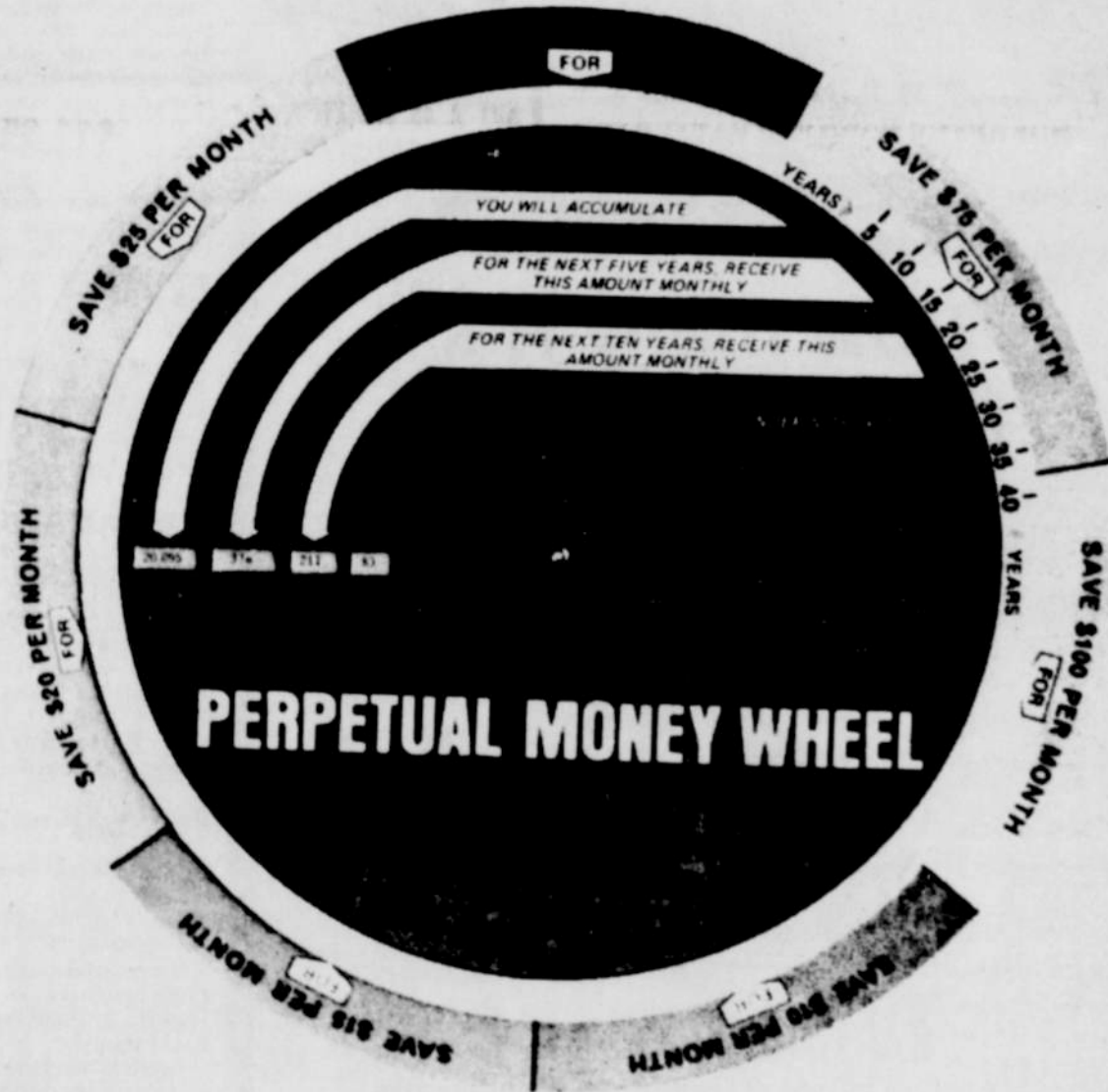
Deadline for applications to be returned to Mrs. Novotny is February 15.

Jeanne Pascoe of Jordan Valley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Pascoe was the organization's first Beef Princess. Mrs. Novotny said Miss Pascoe had a busy year as a goodwill emissary for the cattle industry. The Beef Princess attended the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, the Oregon Cattlemen's Association convention, the annual Malheur

County Livestock Association meeting, worked in the Consumers Corner and the Beef Council booths at state fair, participated in the Winter Wonderland parade, the Vale July 4 parade, 4-H Spring Fair, the Nyssa and Jordan Valley rodeos, the consumer education school at West Park Plaza, the Top Op Tour and has had several speaking engagements.

The 1975 Beef Princess will be selected during a contest held in conjunction with the annual spring meeting of the Malheur Livestock Association in Jordan Valley March 1.

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