GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS

At the special meeting of the Co-op members held Wed., March 3, crop and agricultural problems were discussed at length. Roland Snodgrass, pointed out the fact that there would be many additional acres planted this season and urged, that as far as possible we should increase our orders in peas and vetch seed. In view of the fact that it would be possible to secure local seed, less outside seed had been ordered this year.

It was also pointed out that the greatest problem in the valley, was the need of more produce to sell, also, closer grading of all produce placed on the market, as the exhibit on display clearly proved to those present. Thin unfattened chickens, fertile eggs, sunburned potatoes, stale cream, ungraded vegetables, and inferior quality must be completely abolished from produced placed on the market. This may result in refusing to buy produce from some farmers. The Co-op marketing association cannot afford to ruin the sale and reputation of "Matanuska Maid" by accepting any inferior quality from a few careless producers, thus, damaging those earnestly attempting to meet outside competition.

Those not informed may receive instruction upon request. There is no excuse for bringing poor produce to market, because it CAN BE RAISED here. Therefore, be prepared when you bring poor produce to market--don't say we didn't tell you.

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PREPARATION FOR CHICKS NECESSARY

From all authority and reliable information on the raising of poultry we discover this: that one sure way to insure healthy flocks of chickens is to take first class care of the baby chicks from the time of hatching until the time of production.

The time of preparing for chick brooding is at hand, and preparation must be made in advance for the arrival of the chicks. Cleaning, disinfecting, fresh litter on the floor, chick hoppers and waterers in place and ready to be placed around the hovers, and the brooder running at proper temperature when the chicks arrive, are all parts of the preparation for them.

The chief factors for success in brooding, in addition to having a comfortable house, are temperature and feed. Although the weather is colder when early brooding is being done, it is not necessary to keep the brooder at any higher temperature than it is kept in normal season brooding. As a matter of fact, the tendency in recent years has been to keep temperatures lower in the brooder room than formerly. Just so the temperature is satisfactory under the hover, the room temperature need not be any higher when brooding is done in March, April or May.

A temperature of about 95 degrees is recommended as sufficient for starting the chicks. This temperature may be lowered 5 degrees a week until 80 or 85 degrees are (continued on page 3)
The matter of more storage space for fall crops was brought up and it was suggested that a larger root cellar be constructed in the Civic center for the storage of root crops in the fall. Also, suggested, that logs and labor could be donated by the farmers to build this cellar, and the expense of other material would not be impossible to get some way. It was believed that the ARRC would grant permission to use the land for this purpose.

Two cellars were considered necessary for storage of various crops which demand different temperatures.

The idea of an agricultural library met with favor and it was suggested that the Board of directors buy anew good books from time to time and make them available to every one.

The most urgent question was: what shall we raise? This was answered by a decision to send out forms to every farmer, who in turn would fill in these blanks, stating the acreage and kinds of crops expected to plant. The field man would then make a careful study and calculate the shortage of various crops. In this way, there would not be any great waste and every one would be practically assured of a market for all produce raised.

It was also suggested that some parts of the valley were more adaptable to certain crops than others and if possible, soil tests should be taken, or a test of the vegetables from the farm cellars to determine which crops each section should raise.

One fact has already been determined, that every farm can raise two kinds of vegetables; good and those not so good. Potatoes may need to be raised only on certain soil to produce a saleable product, also, it is very important to stabilize our crops, and plant the kinds of vegetables that the market demands. For instance, it has been proven that four kinds of potatoes do well in the valley, while two of these kinds will compete with outside potatoes. This fact has been proven by testing approximately 110 or more kinds of potatoes at the Experimental farms as well as other places in the valley. If it has been proven which kind will compete on the market, why spend more time experimenting?

Every one raising vegetables for the cannery must raise the kind required for that purpose. For vegetables to place in storage, kinds must be selected for their keeping qualities.

Mr. Clair L. Stock, Manager for the Co-op spoke of the promising possibilities foreseen for the valley and said, "we have the best set-up of any Co-op in the world so far as I have observed during my association with eight different Co-ops." Mr. Stock spoke of Co-op policies and said he believed in giving work to those deserving according to their ability to handle the job. He believes in loyalty of personnel, working for the interest of the Co-op and all its members. After all, Co-op means cooperation of members.

Mr. Don Irwin, manager of the Matanuska Experimental farm gave some very interesting facts about raising potatoes and other crops. He said potatoes should be kept in storage at a temperature of 34 to 36 degrees. Also, that by test, potatoes will lose 5% of their moisture content during storage. Potatoes should be kept in a dark place rather than a light place.

There shall be cooperation between the Extension Service and the Co-op Field man. This new added advantage of field man should promise solution of every problem.

Let's dig in.
reached. It may be necessary for an additional week or two, depending upon the severity of the weather outside, to hold this temperature. In normal brooding, the temperature may be continually reduced until it is finally done away with at about 6 weeks.

There is one thing to be remembered in early brooding, and that is the lack of summer sunshine. To remedy this, it is necessary to feed some cod liver oil, also, a glass substitute in the windows which will admit the ultra-violet rays of sunlight will greatly help.

The chick guard placed around the hover is necessary to protect from drafts when the doors are opened to enter, also, to prevent the chicks from straying too far from the brooder stove.

Feed is next in importance. Any chick that is healthy and alert is looking for something to eat and drink. There are several methods of feeding, all of which have brought good results. The all-mash system of feeding chicks is very popular; some feed grain and mash and some start on mash and later change to mash and grain after a few days.

Beware not to over crowd at the feed or drinking fountain. Have plenty of room to insure each chick a good square meal. Otherwise some will be crowded out and you will soon have a number of weak ones in your flock. By all means prepare for the chicks before you take them from the hatchery.

It is a good plan to light up the brooder stove several days before bring the chicks home. If there is any reason why it will not work right, it can then be remedied without disturbing the chicks.
ELECTRIC BALL

BE WISE AND
PATRONIZE

DANCE your way to Electric Lights

BUY A TICKET FOR YOURSELF
BUY A TICKET FOR YOUR FRIEND
BUY A TICKET FOR GRAND-PAPPY

BUT BUY A TICKET

PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR
SURVEY OF POWER SITE HAVE
ALL READY BEEN STARTED.
AS SOON AS THE ENGINEER'S
REPORT IS COMPLETED AND
SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON
FOR APPROVAL, APPROPRIATION
WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

WHEN THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED
ALL PREVIOUS EXPENSE WILL BE
REFUNDED, FROM THE APPROPRIATION.

DATE
MARCH 11
HOME ECONOMICS PROGRAM

The Sourdough Club will meet on March 14, with the subject under discussion -- Pernomials. Mabel Bingle -- leader.

The Glacier View Club will meet on March 15. Subject of discussion -- Emergency meals -- Mrs. C. Sjodin.

Mt. View -- also, Emergency Meals. Will meet on March 15, with Mrs. F. Henry, leader.

Butte Club -- Meat substitutes. Will meet on March 16, with Mrs. Joe Sieber and Mrs. Don McKechnie leaders.

Anchorage will meet on March 17. Subject -- St. Patrick's Day with Mrs. Heaven, leader.

Anchorage Garden demonstration on the same day, given by H. Estelle.

Anchorage 4-H Clothing demonstration will be given by J. Hazel Zimmerman on March 18.

The Hilltop Club will meet on March 21, Subject -- Meat Substitutes with Mrs. C. Swoboda leader.

Civic Center will discuss, Color for the Individual on March 24, with Mrs. Eling and Miss Zimmerman as leaders.

APRIL 1st.
WHO?
APRIL FOOLISHMENT
WHERE?
PALMER
WHAT? ---- MORE LATER

YOUR LAUNDRY WORK IS GUARANTEED
DAILY DELIVERY
SERVICE
RUSTY'S LAUNDRY

CREAMERY BUILDING PALMER

RATE OF DIVIDEND PAID

Several requests have been made regarding the rate of dividends paid on the various departments.

In answer to these requests the accounting office has given the following figures: the Trading Post paid 5.75%, the Warehouse 9.2%, and the Garage paid 8.21%.

FOR SALE

RHODE ISLAND RED HATCHING EGGS
INQUIRE OF
MRS. CARL MEIER

FOR SALE

TWO GOOD PURE-BRED GUERNSEY
BULL CALVES, ONE 4 WEEKS AND ONE 10 WEEKS OLD--
SEE CLAIR PATTER
ALMER J. PETERTSON
LAWER
TEMPORARY OFFICE WITH THOS. C. PRICE
RESIDENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

LOCALS

Mrs. Clair L. Stock and son are leaving Seattle on the next boat for Palmer, Alaska, where they will join Mr. Stock.

The Senior Class play has been set for April 8. This is something to look forward to. They will expect and rightfully deserve loyal support from parents and friends.

Mrs. Margaret Cope is expected to arrive tomorrow at Palmer, where she will have charge of the Commercial course in the school.

Mr. Wyne Ware returned last week from the Outside and was accompanied by a charming bride. At the present time Mr. and Mrs. Wyne Ware are visiting his parents in Camp 7 Congratulations and best wishes.
THE CO-OP GARAGE IS CONSTANTLY
ENDEVORING TO GIVE YOU THE BEST SERVICE
POSSIBLE IN THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION
OF YOUR CAR. TO GIVE YOU THIS SERVICE WE
KEEP AN ADEQUATE STOCK OF WELL-KNOWN LINES
OF TIRES AND TUBES, KITS, ACCESSORIES, GASOLINES
AND LUBRICANTS.

GENERAL TIRES & TUBES
FIESTONE TIRES & TUBES
FIESTONE ACCESSORIES
STANDARD OIL PRODUCTS
AUTOLITE SPARK PLUGS
WEED BAR-REINFORCED
QUAKER STATE MOTOR OILS
PRESTONE ANTI-FREEZE
PYROIL
AMERICAN BRAKBLOC LINING
AMERICAN BRAKBLOC FOR BOLTS
MAZDA LAMPS
P & D IGNITION PARTS
MCCORD HEATERS
TRICO WINDSHIELD WIPERS

STOVE OIL, FOR BROODER STOVES IS IN.

CO-OP GARAGE
HEADQUARTERS FOR PARTS AND SERVICE
The Butte Homemakers' Club met
with Mrs. Ray McKechnie March 2.
The attendance was very good.
Mrs. Sieber and Mrs. Ray McKechnie
represented material on "Emergency
Meals". Each one was required
to plan an emergency meal that
could be prepared in half an
hour. This meal had to be pre-
pared from what each knew she
had in her cupboard. The variety
of meals was quite surprising.

The next meeting will be held
with Mrs. Loren McKechnie March 16.
Come and bring your neighbors.
Our meetings are anything but
dull, to say nothing about our
delicious Pot Luck Lunches.

Mrs. Lloyd Bell
Club reporter.

Don't forget to attend the dance
tomorrow night. If it is im-
possible to attend, buy a ticket.
Remember what it is for. The
proceeds will finance the survey
for electric power in the valley.

Don't forget to take a look at
the last page of this issue.
This is the blank form to be
torn off and used to inform
the field man of your crop in-
tentions. Carefully fill out
this blank to the best of your
knowledge and turn it in to
Roland Snogross or Mr. Stock.

After carefully checking these
forms and making calculations
on the market prospects, it will
be easier to advise on what crops
there is a possible shortage, if
any. This method will protect
every one from raising the same
thing, and thus not being able
to market it this fall.

Fill out this blank and return
it as soon as possible.

Orders received at the hatchery
to date, amount to 13,200.
The first orders have been hatched.
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The following information will be needed to outline an agricultural program for the Valley for this year. Please fill out this questionnaire and get it to the Co-op Office by Friday, March 17. Please write any explanation, comments, criticism, suggestions, etc., on the reverse side.

LIVESTOCK ON HAND (Fill in number of head behind class listed).

BULLS _____ MILK COWS _____ (Bred) _____ 2-Yr. Old Heifers _____
YEARLING HEIFERS _____ HEIFER CALVES _____ BULL CALVES _____
(Bull calves to be slaughtered.) ________________________________
HORSES ________ COLTS ________ No. MARES BRED ________
SHEEP ________ BOARS ________ SOWS ________ FIGS ________
CHICKENS (Leghorns) ________ (Reds) ________ (Rocks) ________ (Minoreas) ________
(Giants) ________ (Others) ________
GESE _____ DUCKS ________ TURKEYS ________
OTHER LIVESTOCK ____________________________

WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO PLANT ON LAND NOW CLEARED? (fill out below)

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ESTIMATED AVERAGE WHOLE MILK PRODUCTION _______ GALLONS DAILY.

WHAT HAVE YOU FOR SALE?

STOCK ______________
HAY ______________
VEGETABLES ______________

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BUY?

STOCK ______________
HAY ______________
FEED ______________

Roland Snodgrass