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# AMACHE

## CO-OP

# News

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### GOOD NEWS, COOPERATORS!

We are glad to bring you good news of co-operation. Next to the famous discussion circle method of spreading the gospel of co-operation is the newspaper.

We hope you will enjoy this first issue of Amache Co-op News, and we hope the urge to discuss your co-op with your neighbors will be increased by the circulation of this little co-op newspaper.

### CO-OP "WILL ROGERS" PHIL- OSOPHER -- CO-OP ZEB sez .

YE KNOW? These days, the private profit business men hev' got big signs by their factories braggin' about how their factories are part o' the arsenal of Democracy. But now them same business men are organizin' t' fight against Consumer Co-ops - the only really democratic business organ'zat'ns in the world!

Looks like them business men are in favor o' carryin' Democracy to the limit -- so long ez it don't give the people the power t' run things.. Producer-Consumer.

### WHO IS THE "CO-OP MAN" IN YOUR BLOCK?

The "Co-op Man" in every block is the business committeeman whom you elected to represent you, to keep you informed, and to pass on your suggestions as an advisory committeeman to your Board of Directors.

Your "co-op man" will be glad to talk to you, to answer your questions, and to take your suggestions on ways to improve your co-op stores and shops. He is busy studying the possibilities of new enterprises, interpretations of financial statements, by-laws, publicity, and how all of the members in your block can gain more social, recreational, and economic advantages thru your own Co-op Enterprises.

Help your "Co-op Man" to help you to help yourself!

## PEOPLE'S BUSINESS PASSES

### FIRST BIRTHDAY APRIL 1ST.

On April first -- and no foolin' - the Co-op passed its first birthday. Just a year ago some 2400 members poured in nearly \$25,000 in capital and, thru their Board of Directors, took over the temporary Community Enterprises, lock and stock and barrel.

The first year of business in every cooperative presents many interesting problems as well as "headaches" for the board members, and particularly for the general manager. Mr. Ken Shintani, the manager, and the nine board members suffered many a "headache" but they produced many excellent results.

Beside building reserves for a sound business, the

Co-op refunded more than \$19,000 in cash patronage savings to its members, paid 6% on shares, donated \$1,000.00 to the Community Council for general welfare, and paid its share of the sales and income taxes like any normal business.

The Co-op has provided job experience and character building training for many a successful relocatee. Many members have enjoyed the opportunity to become social and service-minded rather than bitter and disillusioned while in this Center.

Notice the increase in ownership in the good news of progress shown by these comparative balance sheets

### LET'S MEASURE OUR PROGRESS ASSETS

| Current:                           | 3-31-43     | 3-31-44      |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Cash Funds . . . . .               | \$ 7,950.50 | \$ 20,581.64 |
| Receivables (Cub Co-ops) . . . . . | 278.84      | 148.06       |
| Inventories . . . . .              | 59,354.10   | 70,912.34    |
| Total Current Assets . . . . .     | \$67,583.44 | \$ 91,642.04 |
| Fixed: . . . . .                   | \$10,199.53 | \$ 10,166.58 |
| Other:                             |             |              |
| C. C. A. Shares . . . . .          |             | 1,949.35     |
| Prepaid Expenses . . . . .         | 706.33      | 2,366.47     |
| TOTAL ASSETS . . . . .             | \$78,489.30 | \$106,124.44 |

### BY STUDYING BALANCE SHEETS

### LIABILITIES

| Current:                           | 3-31-43     | 3-31-44      |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Accounts Payable . . . . .         | \$47,942.46 | \$ 14,308.43 |
| Accrued Expenses . . . . .         | 5,306.50    | 8,793.66     |
| Total Current . . . . .            | \$53,248.96 | \$ 23,102.09 |
| Fixed: . . . . .                   | 3,420.35    | 388.52       |
| Other: . . . . .                   |             | 833.32       |
| Members' Equities:                 |             |              |
| Shares . . . . .                   |             | \$ 29,385.00 |
| Part Paid Memberships . . . . .    |             | 10,540.00    |
| General Reserve . . . . .          |             | 4,236.75     |
| Unpaid Savings . . . . .           |             | 1,979.59     |
| Surplus . . . . .                  | \$21,819.99 | \$ 35,659.17 |
| Total Equities . . . . .           | \$21,819.99 | \$ 81,800.51 |
| TOTAL LIABIL. & EQUITIES . . . . . | \$78,489.30 | \$106,124.44 |

### BITS OF OUR BYLAWS

Article VIII, Section 3.  
Regular Membership Meeting  
The regular meetings of the membership shall be held quarterly on the sec-

ond Tuesdays of January, April, July, and October, at a time and place to be determined by the board of directors and specified in the call to the meeting. "

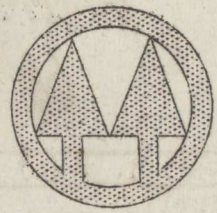
### COOPERATIVE CENTURY

Consumer cooperation is now in its hundredth year!

### COLLEGIATE CORRESPONDENCE

"No mon; no fun; your Son."  
"Too bad; so sad; your Dad."





# 山梨組合新聞

## 組合ニュース

### 發刊の辞

今回組合ニュース發行に際し從來繼續し來つた組合研究會に併行し此の報導機關をして小なりと雖も其の使命をして最も有益なるものと成さんため特に各部門の委員諸氏の熱心なる支持と組合員たる皆様の理解ある協力と同情深々後援に依り此の新報と同時に收容所唯一の法人團體たる我等の共同消費組合を大且つ最善の組合に完成させんため相互の協力援助を切望致すものであります。

## 共同組合の百周年

今年丁度共同消費組合出生して百ヶ年目となります。初め二十八名の貧しき織物職工中

心で咄々の聲を擧げ今や金毛界に一席之地を占有する一大勢力となつて居る。

## ウィラヂャー

### 組合折衝學

知る人ぞ知る……現在利益本意の事業家達は工場の玄關にでつかい看板を高く掲げそこデモクラシー專賣特許本部じやと誇つちやる。ぢやが彼等は片つ方では世界唯一の民主事業共同組合を根こそぎ打壊しに一生懸命なんだ。言ふことも振つてゐる。即ち民衆に全權やらなきやデモクラシーOKがマツ……

## 組合代表者か

會員皆様が選挙選定された區商事委員が各區の組合代表者であります。同委員は直接には會員の代表者であり問題は顧客と重役會との

の仲介者であります。然して何時でも皆様の喜こんで組合に関する會談質問應答店舗改善の忠告等を聞き他面に於てはセンターに於ける新事業計劃討議研究に參與し規約細則公文の研究進んでは區内の會費諸氏の組合に関する社文射安経済的特權の向上等を常に考慮建言する立場の者である。然れば相互便益の爲めに此の組合代表者を大に協力後援されんことを切望す。

## 大學生の紙

金なし面白くも無い。息子より。此の返事が氣の毒だ大変悲しく思ふなり。父よりとあつた。

## 組合規約の一端

第八條第三章定期集會定期集會は一月四月七月十月の四回に亘りヤニ火旺日を期して開會せらるるものとし時間及び場所は重役會に依り指示發表せらるる而して十月のヤニ火旺日の集會を組合員總會とす。定期集會はセンター新聞若しくは各店舗に期日六日前に告示するものとす。

## 組合營業一周年

去る四月一日で組合創立一周年を迎へました。丁度今より一年前センター事業を共同組合が譲り受け住民の爲に住民自身に依つて總ての營業を開始して來たのであります。斯くして

最初の一年間は店員も顧客も種々な體驗を突破し特に前總支配人新谷富一氏及び九名の重役が第一線に奮闘し苦難を克服して此處に吾々が山梨共同組合の基礎を建設したのであります。昨年度は又一千名を参事員會に對し一般センター社會事業使用目的の爲めに寄附を致しました。他方面に於き組合では従業員に各種職業上の機會と経験を與へ実社會への一端門戸開放の便宜をも果しました。特に皆様に注目して戴き度い事は昨年と今年との同期營業状態比較表(英文欄参照)に書き出してある如く西者の資産的差異を生じ非常に好くなつて來て居る点であります。



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## WRA SHARES A PROBLEM WITH CO-OP

The WRA in Washington, has, by administrative instruction, asked the Enterprises in each Center to assist in the solution of the problem of eliminating private enterprises within the Centers. This is a "headache" which the WRA wishes to share with the people through their own business, the Co-op.

It is a tough assignment because it is not popular with anyone concerned, including the Enterprises, but the government is compelled to prevent unnecessary duplication of manpower, and undue benefits taken by some individuals at the expense both of our American government and of the evacuees themselves.

If the Council, the appointed personnel, and the evacuees will consider the broad implications of this problem and then cooperate together, a fair and equitable solution can be had. Those desiring dressmaking, laundry, domestic, or other services, as well as those who wish employment in the supplying of this service, should contact Mr. H. Tanabe, personnel manager, in the main Co-op office.

Prices for these services as established by the Administration shall be at the rate of \$40 per month, \$10 for 44 hour week, or 25¢ on an hour basis. The resulting overcharge will be returned as a patronage saving, at the same rate as will be paid for other services or goods supplied by the people's own business.

Prices for these services as established by the Administration shall be at the rate of \$40 per month, \$10 for 44 hour week, or 25¢ on an hour basis. The resulting overcharge will be returned as a patronage saving, at the same rate as will be paid for other services or goods supplied by the people's own business.

## UNRATIONED CHILDREN'S SHOES

According to OPA ruling children's shoes will be on sale in our Co-op Shoe Store until May 20th, with no ration stamp required. Have you visited the Shoe Store to get your share of unrationed shoes for your children?

## SOLUTION ON FISH BUSINESS REACHED



Trying to win arguments generates friction. Trying to reach agreement generates results.

In response to much interest of residents concerning the handling of fresh fish in the Center, the Board of Directors made a study of the whole problem with the help of the business committee and various experienced fish merchants who were consulted.

The consensus of opinion concerning the desire for a cooperative fish market was gathered by the black representatives. Six blocks did not report; sixteen were favorable; and seven were satisfied with the present 7% commission agreement with the Granada Fish Market.

After considering costs of transportation, refrigeration equipment, heavy depreciation, as well as the inability of the WRA to construct a suitable building for handling fish, it was decided to continue the present commission agreement with the Granada Fish Market with improved service and a joint committee representing the consumers, the Co-op Board, and the Granada Fish Market to determine a satisfactory price with all factors being considered.

## EMPLOYEE EFFICIENCY IS UP!

The payroll of your own Amache Consumer Enterprises covered 125 full time employees during April. This represents a reduction of ten full time employees as compared with the March payroll.

This increased efficiency means both greater patronage savings to customers and better work habits among employees. As a member of the cooperative are you properly appreciative of the extra effort of your remaining employees and the courageous execution of plans by your board and management?

As your business committee has been wisely insisting, a three per cent reduction on each dollar of sales means three per cent more patronage savings to be returned to the consumer. A co-op cannot profiteer, but it must be very efficient in order to provide goods and services at the lowest possible cost.

## ROCHDALE CO-OP PRINCIPLE CLASS AND RACE FRIENDSHIPS

Cooperative membership is open to all, eliminating discrimination which sets race against race, class against class, and peoples against peoples.

## DEMOCRACY VS. DICTATORSHIP

"The only way in which Democracy can survive the logical onslaught of the dictator is to develop the genuine cooperative ideal to the limit." Wallace

## CCA EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR

Commenting on the first issue of Amache Co-op News, Merlin G. Miller writes: "At the time the Co-op took over the Community Enterprises, the current ratio (current assets to liabilities) was 1.27:1 --- that is, only \$1.27 of current assets with which to pay each \$1.00 of current bills due. After one year's operation, you have approximately \$4.00 for each \$1.00 of current bills due. Similarly, the total members' equity is four times as great as it was in the beginning. I congratulate you."



PHOTOS FOR GRADUATION WEEK  
OF MAY 15TH TO 21ST

For Graduation Week the Co-op has secured the services of Frank S. Izuo, a Denver photographer, formerly from Poston Center and Los Angeles.

His studio will be set up in the eastside room of the 11G Rec. Hall, and will be open at 9:00 a.m. Special rates for photographs in folders in dozen and half dozen lots follow:

|      |         |         |        |
|------|---------|---------|--------|
| Size | Denver  | Amache  | 1 doz. |
| 5x7  | \$15.00 | \$10.00 | \$7.50 |
| 4x6  | 12.00   | 8.00    | 6.25   |
| 3x5  | 9.00    | 6.00    | 5.00   |

Group pictures or other types of photographs may be arranged for by appointment during the week.

ONE LINE OMITTED IN BYLAWS

By typographical error one line was omitted from the bylaws as indicated;

Art. IX, Sec. 2. "Directors, Officers, and Committees. The management of the association shall be vested in a board of directors consisting of nine members. The directors shall serve for a term of one year and shall be eligible for re-election. They shall serve until the election of their successors. The board shall elect its own officers, a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer of the association from its membership. The board is authorized to fill the position of (a member who resigns or becomes inactive before his term expires, such) appointee to serve until the next regular election."

ART. IX, SEC. 2 (b)

"Business Committee. A business committee consisting of one delegate representing the members of each block shall be elected from the members of the association in each block within ten days after the annual meeting. The terms of the committee members shall be one year. The duty of this committee shall be to work in conjunction with the board of directors and to make reports of the affairs of association to their respective blocks.

WANT TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT YOUR CO-OP?

Your Co-op educational and membership committees are prepared to lead discussion groups or to deliver lectures in your block. They await an invitation from the "co-op man" in your block. See your representative if you want a greater opportunity to ask questions about your own business. Following is a complete list of these representatives of yours:

|     |               |         |
|-----|---------------|---------|
| 6E  | Hasuike, I.   | 6E-10E  |
| 6F  | Wada, K.      | 6F- 1C  |
| 6G  | Shibuya, K.   | 6G- 1B  |
| 6H  | Obi, R.       | 6H- 1E  |
| 7E  | Tanaka, T.    | 7E-10C  |
| 7F  | Kurihara, S.  | 7F- 5D  |
| 7G  | Habu, E.      | 7G-12D  |
| 7H  | Yamane, N.    | 7H- 6C  |
| 7K  | Tashima, R.   | 7K-11B  |
| 8E  | Sakiyama, G.  | 8E-Rec  |
| 8F  | Ono, K.       | 8F- 5A  |
| 8G  | Tsuchiya, K.  | 8G-10F  |
| 8K  | Yamanaka, Y.  | 8K-10F  |
| 9E  | Takemura, K.  | 9E- 5F  |
| 9H  | Shoji, R.     | 9H- 9E  |
| 9K  | Kono, K.      | 9K-11F  |
| 9L  | Kakochi, T.   | 9L-12D  |
| 10E | Tsurumoto, M. | 10E- 8C |
| 10H | Morey, B.     | 10H- 4A |
| 11E | Kuramoto, S.  | 11E- 5B |
| 11F | Hayashi, K.   | 11F- 2B |
| 11G | Kohashi, J.   | 11G- 6F |
| 11H | Kurita, N.    | 11H- 7C |
| 11K | Otera, N.     | 11K- 7A |
| 12E | Kawamoto, H.  | 12E- 9E |
| 12F | Sumi, S.      | 12F-12D |
| 12G | Tamura, J.    | 12G- 5B |
| 12H | Ogita, I.     | 12H- 3A |
| 12K | Okamoto, T.   | 12K- 7D |

NEW CO-OP LIBRARY BOOKS

Every genuine cooperater welcomes every opportunity to read a new co-op pamphlet or book. Your educational committee has recently purchased new material which is available to anyone who will call at the Co-op Conference Room just behind the main Co-op office in the Warehouse Building.

Consumer cooperation is the people's own business. It is more than a business; it is a whole economic system with the emphasis placed upon mass distribution to match mass production. The people must study to master and control this economic democracy. Come and make use of your little Co-op Library today.

PRAYER OF KAGAWA:

"Oh God, make haste! Teach the world's Christians the cooperative way. Set thy people in every land to the task of creating cooperatives in which thy redeeming love shall find full and free expression and realization in our day."

Dr. Kagawa, the No. 1. Christian and cooperater in Japan, has said, "Cooperation is Christianity in action. I firmly believe the cooperative movement is the only way to international peace."

SOAP SITUATION EASES

Through some fortunate breaks, we have ample supplies of all lines of soap for the first time in over a year. For the present, limits have been lifted from purchase limits and customers are encouraged to stock up supplies now since the supply situation may tighten up next month.

RATION-FREE GOODS

Since the OPA has recently lifted certain items from the ration list, we have placed orders for such hitherto forbidden items as cooking oils, canned meat products, canned corn and beans. Shipments are expected shortly on the former while corn and string beans are already on sale. This is your opportunity to try A,B,C, graded Co-op labeled canned goods produced in our co-op cannery at Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

OUR CO-OP NEIGHBORS

Our Holly neighbors are cooperators too. They set up a cooperative elevator company last fall, and just recently they expanded the co-op to include branches at Bristol, Colorado, and at Coolidge, Kansas.

Cooperators at Springfield have an elevator and filling station. They are planning a grocery store to supplement the business which began in 1931, and survived the terrific dust bowl and major depression era. They saved two cents per bushel on a half million dollars' worth of grain sold last year.