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COVER PICTURE
U.F.A. Co-operative Annual Meeting,
November, 1949. Mr. G. Sayle, third
from left.

WESTVALE SCHOOL

GO WEST, YOUNG MAN

It was in the late 1920's when a tall young man expectantly walked on the land that was to be his homestead. He had recently left the Isle of Man where his father owned a sheep ranch. Our young Manx lad had travelled to the continent numerous times during his school holidays but coming to Canada, where he had paid ten dollars for a quarter section of land, was an untried adventure. At that time there were no bridges or roads in the Peace River country. The land he had just bought had considerable timber on it and the young man didn't have any machinery to help him clear it. Eager and determined to make a home for himself in this vast unsettled land, he would have to rely mainly on his two strong hands.

Four of the homesteaders worked together. They built a rude shack where they lived until they could help each other build homes. They started by clearing some of the timber off the land, and then they chopped, saved and piled it into brush piles. They built rough culverts and roads—all worked harder than they ever had before. Finally, their dawn to dusk labors began to show results.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Mr. George Sayle, President of the U.F.A. Co-op Ltd., was one of these homesteaders. There were times

when he and his co-workers were discouraged but they persevered until eventually a momentous day arrived. Mr. Sayle vividly remembers this particular day. That night he slept in his own cabin—the cabin which he and his friends had built.

Clearing a small bit of land at a time Mr. Sayle worked on resolutely. Eventually he was able to plant his first crop of oats and barley.

A SCHOOL IS NEEDED

Some of the homesteaders had married and the necessity of a school for their children was obvious. There was at this time no government grants for a school or teachers. This did not deter the homesteaders. Work bees were held by the settlers. Together they cut logs, hauled them to a small sawmill and worked at the mill in lieu of pay to have their logs made into lumber.

Westvale School was built—an example of self-help and co-operation. This school was the centre for the 120 people of the community. Meetings and social gatherings were held there, and as a rule, the entire community attended each event. When the U.F.A. local met at the schoolhouse, the meetings were eagerly attended by their enthusiastic members.



BOARD MEETING U.F.A. CO-OP

DELEGATE TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

Every year a delegate from the local went to the Annual Meeting in Calgary where he joined several hundred delegates from all parts of Alberta. As a delegate, Mr. Sayle took his responsibilities seriously. He travelled many miles explaining U.F.A.—its aims and principles. He was very conscientious about keeping the members informed. A lot of the support given U.F.A. in the Peace River country can be attributed to the firm foundation that was laid by Mr. Sayle and men of his calibre.

THE FIRST BOARD OF U.F.A. CO-OP

In 1947, United Farmers of Alberta and the Alberta Farmers' Union amalgamated. Mr. Sayle was at this meeting. He became a director on the first board of U.F.A. Co-op Ltd. For many years he was president of the local F.U.A., on the Steering Committee of the F.U.A. and C.D.A. at Grande Prairie and on the Boards of the Agricultural Society and the United Grain Growers.

He was instrumental in organizing the Bear Lake Rural Electrification Association and served as its president. Since 1963 George Sayle has been President of the U.F.A. Co-op Ltd. It is an esteemed and responsible position.

THE PRESIDENT TODAY

The determination that helped the young man to clear his land has aided him in becoming a successful farmer. He is as conscientious about his duties as President of U.F.A. Co-op Ltd., as he was about conducting local meetings for many years. These qualities are augmented by his empathy and consideration for others. Mr. Sayle has dedicatedly worked for his beliefs and feels, "It is extremely important for farmers to pull together and speak in a unified voice. I know the farmer likes to think of himself as an individualist, but he does need help in marketing wheat and reducing the cost of farm production." Mr. Sayle believes U.F.A. Co-op and affiliated organizations have been and will continue to be a valuable help and to further these beliefs, he has devoted a great deal of his time and energy.

It's a privilege and a pleasure to be associated and work with Mr. George Sayle of Sexsmith, Alberta. U.F.A. Co-op is proud to have a man of his stature and dedication as its President.

Warren G. Harding: I know of no single movement that promises more help toward the permanent betterment of agriculture than the co-operative movement.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Mr. R. B. WARD, TREASURER of UNITED FARMERS OF ALBERTA CO-OPERATIVE LTD., recently made the following announcement: "With the rapid growth of our Organization, there is an increasing need for more informative reports to our Division Managers and an increasing urgency to study and improve our methods and procedures with a view to cutting our administrative costs."

Effective immediately, the following changes have been made in the Head Office Administrative Staff.



TIM VOLK

Manager of Management Controls

Mr. Volk was born in Leader, Saskatchewan, and grew up on a nearby farm. His family moved to Taber,

Alberta, where he received his early schooling. Summer holidays were spent on farms in the Taber district. He later attended St. Mary's High School for Boys.

Mr. Volk articulated with the firm of Munn, Richards, Yoemen and Co., Chartered Accountants.

In 1959, Mr. Volk came to U.F.A. Co-op as General Accountant, later being promoted to Chief Accountant. His new position is Manager of Management Controls.

Mr. Volk is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, the Calgary Chartered Accountants Club and the Administrative Management Society.

He belongs to the St. Luke's Men's Club and the Triwood Community Club. He is interested in sports and politics.

Mr. Volk's background and experience well qualify him for the responsible position he has assumed at U.F.A. Co-op Ltd.

HE KNEW ONE

The minister asked for anyone who knew a perfect person to stand up. A meek looking fellow in the back stood. "Do you really know a perfect person?" the minister asked.

"Yes, sir, I do," answered the little man.

"Won't you please tell the congregation who this rare perfect person is?" pursued the minister.

"Yes, sir. It was my wife's first husband."



NO USE

The little first-grader came home from his first day at school. "Ain't going to go to school tomorrow, Mom," he announced.

"Why not, dear?" his mother asked.

"Well, I can't read and I can't write, and the teacher won't let me talk, so what's the use?"



"I certainly hope it doesn't rain today," one lady kangaroo remarked to another. "I just hate it when the children have to play inside."

ROMANCE

The only sport in which the animal that gets caught has to buy the license.



Passing through a military hospital during the war, a visitor saw a badly wounded Irish Guard. "When are you going to send this man home?" he inquired.

"He ain't going home, he's going up to the front again," an orderly informed him.

"Up to the front!" exclaimed the visitor. "That man is in terrible shape."

"Yes, sir. But he thinks he knows who done it."



Dwight D. Eisenhower: Co-operation is the means by which free men solve problems or tackle jobs too big for the individual.



JOHN BARCLAY
Assistant Accountant

John is a native Calgarian. He graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Philosophy.

John was previously associated with the auditing firm of Clarkson, Gordon and Co. as a General Accountant. He is now the Assistant Accountant at Head Office.

John enjoys skiing, curling, golf and is a sport car buff.



JOHN RENICK
Assistant Credit Manager

John is originally from Cranbrook, B.C., where he received his schooling.

In 1960 John joined our firm as a Credit Clerk and has been Senior Credit Clerk, Accounting Supervisor of the Farm Supply Accounting Department and now assumes the position of Assistant Credit Manager.

John is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and the Canadian Credit Institute.



N. JAMES JOHNSON
Supervisor of the Farm Supply Accounting Department

Jim is from Penticton, B.C., where he received his schooling. His former employers were British-American Oil Co. where he was for over five years an Internal Auditor.

Jim, in his new position, is the Supervisor of the Farm Supply Accounting Department.

He has always had an avid interest in sports with emphasis on hockey and has coached the Bantam Hockey Team.



W. BRIAN TAYLOR
Supervisor of the Dividend Department

Brian was born in Calgary where he received his early schooling. In high school he was a keen athlete and won a football scholarship to Boise College in Idaho.

He comes to us from H. M. Trimble where he was employed as an Accounting Supervisor. His new position is Supervisor of the Dividend Department.

Brian has retained his interest in football, and referees hockey games and curls.

Special Note — The Co-operator keeps a promise. He's a bachelor, girls.

HIGH LEVEL

TAYLOR



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DEL BONITA



MIKE PILLOTT, EDMONTON Warehouse Staff, manoeuvring newly arrived carload of plywood into place.



The DIVIDEND DEPARTMENT processed 304 membership applications for December.



POEM???

If you are too old,
Too young or too busy,
Don't feel out in the cold,
Don't get in a tizzy.
Send us some news items,
Pictures of you will do,
Then we can make the Co-operator,
More interesting for you.



A brat is a child who acts like your own but belongs to the neighbor.

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G. & O. TRUCKING LTD., owned and operated by STEVE and FRED GERUN and WALLY OLESCHUK of Edmonton, do most of the trucking for the Edmonton branch and inter-branch Farm Supply cartage.

They travel about 70,000 miles per year for U.F.A. Co-op Ltd.



CONGRATULATIONS TO

TERRY ERASMUS, of our Dividend Department and JEFF STRATH on their recent engagement.

BERT DELANEY, newly appointed administrative supervisor at the GRANDE PRAIRIE Farm Supply, on his recent engagement to Miss DEANNA WOLD of La Glace.

JACK and PAULINE RATTTEL of the CAMROSE FARM SUPPLY CENTRE on the birth of a baby girl, JACQUELENE ANN, born on January 22, 1966. This is real co-operation on the part of the proud parents as the baby arrived on her mother's birthday.

THERE



An outstanding combo was imported to provide the music at the EDMONTON Staff Association Christmas Party. (They were imported from the EDMONTON FARM SUPPLY CENTER.) The party was a wonderful success and a lot of credit must be given to the lively music provided by WALTER BULVA, STEVE KNOBBE, JERRY HUCK and JIM DAVIS.



PRINTING DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES NEW EDITION

Bill and Allene Duimel are the proud parents of a son, Johannes Clark, born on January 21, 1966.

Allene was with the Data Processing Department for many years and Bill is our printer at Head Office.



WHAT'S SASKATCHEWAN GOT?

Congratulations to Sharon Kobernick of the Calgary Farm Supply Centre staff and Victor Pushie of Mayfair, Saskatchewan, on their recent engagement.



Welcome to KATHERINE MARIE BORGESON, the very new little lady at the home of MERV and KARIEN BORGESON. Merv is a member of the Petroleum Accounting Department.

MANNING

BAYTREE



EMPRESS

MILK RIVER



ADAM BUTWILOFSKI NEW PETROLEUM AGENT AT EDBURG

Adam Butwilofski farmed at Unity, Saskatchewan, before coming west. From 1948-1960 he farmed at Edburg.

Adam is a member of the Elks Lodge and Curling Club. He is a keen sportsman and enjoys hunting, fishing, bowling and curling.

Adam recently became our petroleum agent at Edburg, and the rest of the team at U.F.A. Co-op wish him every success.

John F. Kennedy: Co-operative and mutual business has been a very important and constructive part of our free economy. Groups of people faced with common needs, invest their capital and organize their own co-operatives to meet these needs. This is self-help at its best.

Mr. W. D. Smith, Manager of the
Farm Supply Division announces
the following promotions



JOHN RATTEL, GRANDE PRAIRIE
Administrative Supervisor

John was born in Camrose, Alberta. He grew up on his parents' farm and attended Bawlf High School.

John has worked as a Counter Salesman with the Farm Supply Division and in his new position is Administrative Supervisor for Grande Prairie.

He is a member of the Bawlf Curling Club, enjoys all outdoor sports and does woodwork as a hobby.

BILL MACDONALD, RED DEER

Bill has been Building Sales Representative at Edmonton, and will now be Building Department Supervisor for Red Deer.



GARY JENSEN, LETHBRIDGE
Administrative Supervisor

Gary Jensen was born in Lethbridge, Alberta and received his education at Readymade and Coaldale, Alberta.

Previous to coming to U.F.A. Co-op as a counter salesman Gary lived with his parents on a farm in the Readymade district, south-east of Lethbridge.

Gary is an active member of the Lethbridge U.F.A. Co-op Staff Association and also is a member of the U.F.A. Co-op Credit Union.

KAICHI NISHIMURA, RED DEER

Kaichi has been Administrative Supervisor at Lethbridge and with his new appointment will be Assistant Manager at the Red Deer Farm Supply Centre.

It's not easy to attain perfection
These people did.

**EMPLOYEES WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE
FOR 1965**

Mervin Borgeson
Barry Brown
Walt Bulva
Dennis Canning
Bill Clark
Bill Duimel
Jackie Hardman
Wayne Houcher

Gerald Huck
Russell Jarvis
Gene Krieger
Rita Mayes
Joe Miller
Morley Mullin
Kaichi Nishimura

Alice Paso
John Rattell
Gerda Rouk
Ian Skogstad
Bea Tompkins
Marshall Ungar
Harry Wood

OPEN HOUSE



A successful "Open House" was held in VEGREVILLE. On hand were, left to right: M. LUKENCHUK, Area Delegate; JERRY McKAY, Petroleum Supervisor; WALTER BULVA, Assistant Farm Supply Manager; GERRY HUCK, Building Sales Representative; ERNIE ZUBRISKI, Vegreville Petroleum Agent.



Another successful "Open House" at WAINWRIGHT. Shown, left to right: HARRY KOSHMAN, Vermilion Farm Supply Manager; GERRY HUCK, Building Department, Edmonton; E. N. ARTHUR, Wainwright Area Delegate; C. CHURCHILL, Petroleum Agent at Wainwright; ELMER JOHNSON, Area Director; BILL GARNETT, Vermilion Petroleum Agent; PAUL HLADY, Co-op Insurance Agent.

In evaluating the Agency Meeting Program conducted in the past years, the Delegates Educational Advisory Committee felt that a most successful part of each meeting was the coffee session. With this in mind, the Committee proposed developing a program geared to meet the farmers' needs in a way they seemed to prefer. The ideas were culminated into a program of informal 'Open House' to be conducted on an experimental basis at 37 locations in the province.

The Open House was held in the afternoon from 2 to 5 during which time members could come and visit with Petroleum, Farm Supply, Building or Information Service representatives who were in attendance. Each department also provided informative displays which were of interest to the farm members.

At a convenient time during the afternoon, the delegate gave a report on the Annual Meeting held in Calgary in November. We were also very fortunate in having one of the directors of our Company at most of the Open Houses.

Much interest was shown in this new concept of member contact and the attendance increase would indicate the programs were well received.

GRANTS FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

The Hon. Harry E. Strom, Minister of Agriculture, has announced that his department will establish a \$500,000 trust fund and provide an annual grant of from \$100,000 to \$200,000 for the expansion of agricultural research at the University of Alberta.

The Alberta Department of Agriculture will match contributions from outside sources on a dollar for dollar basis up to \$200,000 a year. The trust fund will be operated by a board of trustees. The Deputy Minister of Agriculture will be the chairman and the Dean of Agriculture will be the secretary. Other members of the board will include representatives from the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, the Research Council of Alberta, industry and one or two farm organizations.



GLAD TO HAVE YOU ON BOARD

We would like to welcome the following to the staff of U.F.A. Co-op Ltd.:

BRIAN TAYLOR — Dividend Department
COLIN SPENCER — Credit Department
NORMA LINKLETTER — Building Department
JIM JOHNSON — Farm Supply Accounting
NAOMI ELLIS — Grande Prairie Farm Supply.



The Brown family were just sitting down to midday repast when Mrs. Brown noticed the Smith family coming up the lane. "Oh dear," said the lady of the house, "here comes company and I bet they haven't eaten yet."

"Quick," replied Mr. Brown, "everybody out on the porch with toothpicks."



Most cars have four speeds:

Fast,
Faster,
Fastest, and
"Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today."



A woman went into a photographer's studio and asked him to enlarge a picture of her late husband. She gave explicit instructions, and concluded with, "And, for goodness sake, take off that awful-looking hat!"

The photographer considered for a moment, then commented, "Hmmm, I think I can do that. What color hair did he have, and what side did he part it on?"

The woman thought a bit, then smiled and said, "I can't quite remember, but when you take off his hat you can see for yourself."

TAZ SAWADA



SERVICE MILESTONE

Our smiling Taz was recently presented with a lovely pin and certificate commemorating her ten years with U.F.A. Co-op Ltd.

Taz was born on a farm near Raymond, Alberta, attended Rosemary School and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology where she took a course in Clothing and Design. After graduation, she taught sewing for the Singer Sewing Company.

On January 23, 1956, Taz joined U.F.A. Co-op. She started in the Dividend Department, and has worked in the Petroleum, and the Financial Accounting Departments. Our busy girl is now in the Head Office Posting Room.

Taz has an avid interest in learning. She has taken a programming course with I.B.M. and is now taking Accounting Two at Mount Royal College.

It's to be expected someone like Taz takes on added responsibility in the office. She has been secretary of the Calgary Staff Association, Credit Union Secretary from 1961-64 and is now on the Welfare Committee and the Credit Committee.

Her hobbies are curling and sewing her own lovely clothes.

Congratulations, Taz, on your 10 years Service Award. It's a pleasure to be one of your co-workers.



Mike: "What's that in your shirt pocket?"

Pat: (whispering) "It's dynamite. It's for Casey. Everytime he meets me he slaps me on the chest and breaks me pipe. Next time he does it, he'll blow his hand off."

AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

Mr. Elmer Reimer of the Information Service Department, in collaboration with the Petroleum Division will be conducting a series of workshops with some of the Agency Advisory Committees.

The two hour workshop will cover the following points:

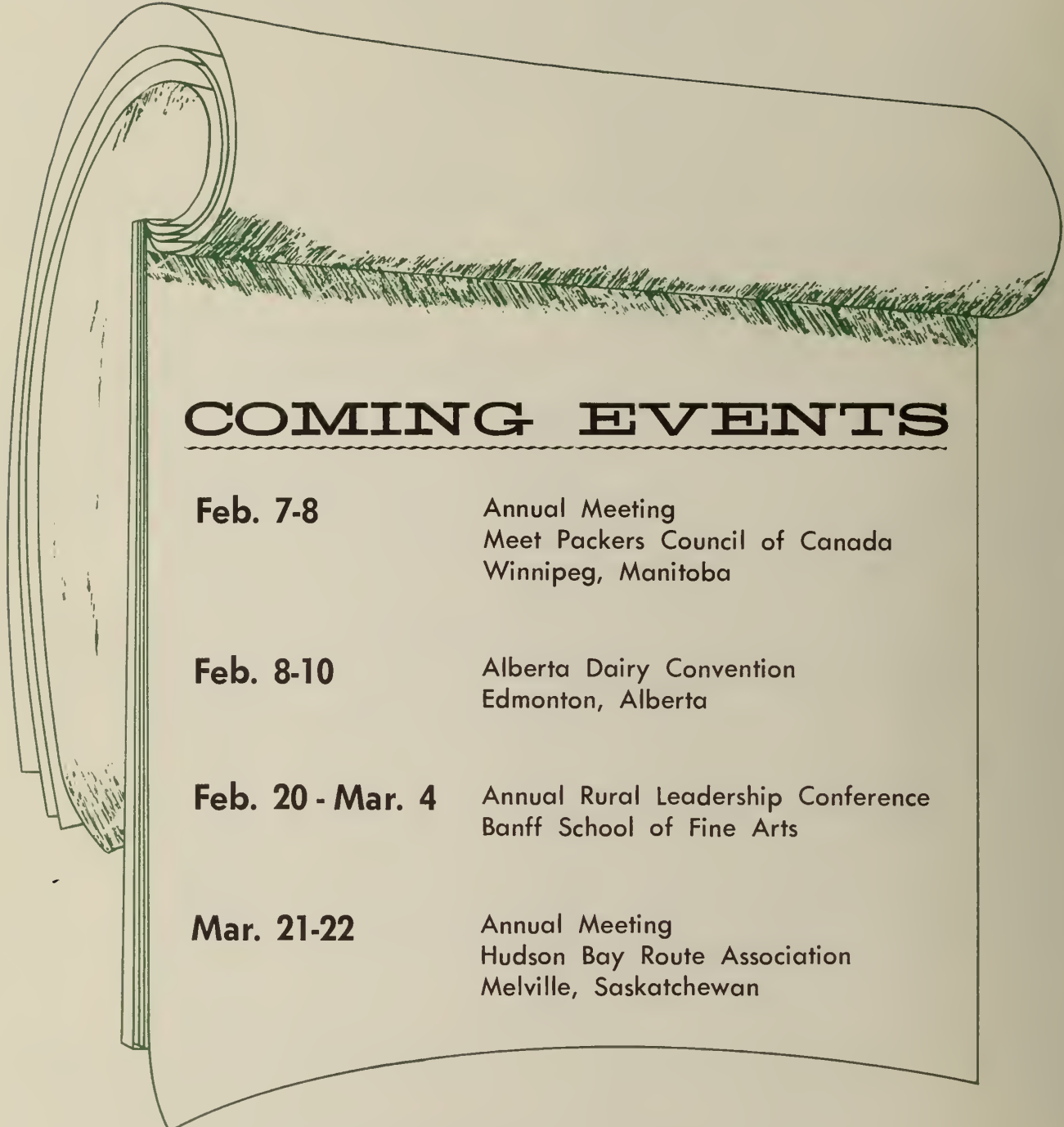
- (1) Duties and responsibilities of Committee members.
- (2) U.F.A. Co-op history, control and organization.
- (3) Petroleum Division of U.F.A. Co-op.
- (4) Our agency.

The sessions will be conducted during the afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be time allocated for questions and discussion periods.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

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| January 31 | Monday | Iron Springs |
| February 1 | Tuesday | Pincher Creek |
| February 2 | Wednesday | Milk River |
| February 3 | Thursday | Bow Island |
| February 4 | Friday | Arrowwood |
| February 7 | Monday | Westlock |
| February 8 | Tuesday | Athabasca |
| February 9 | Wednesday | Neerlandia |
| February 10 | Thursday | Thorsby |
| February 11 | Friday | Buck Lake |
| March 14 | Monday | Ponoka |
| March 15 | Tuesday | Smoky Lake |
| March 16 | Wednesday | Marwayne |
| March 17 | Thursday | Innisfree |
| March 18 | Friday | Lamont |
| March 24 | Thursday | High River |
| March 25 | Friday | Blackie |
| March 28 | Monday | Rumsey |
| March 29 | Tuesday | Edberg |
| March 30 | Wednesday | Strome |
| March 31 | Thursday | Bawlf |
| April 1 | Friday | Drumheller |
| April 5 | Tuesday | Grimshaw |
| April 6 | Wednesday | Valleyview |

Franklin D. Roosevelt: The weavers of Rochdale who founded modern co-operative enterprise balanced independence with interdependence, self-interest with good will, and action with foresight. The co-operative movement belongs to no one nation but has its roots in the traditions of all democratic peoples. I look forward with confidence to the contribution that co-operative organizations will make to the years that lie ahead.



COMING EVENTS

Feb. 7-8

Annual Meeting
Meet Packers Council of Canada
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Feb. 8-10

Alberta Dairy Convention
Edmonton, Alberta

Feb. 20 - Mar. 4

Annual Rural Leadership Conference
Banff School of Fine Arts

Mar. 21-22

Annual Meeting
Hudson Bay Route Association
Melville, Saskatchewan