

October is Cooperative Month

NEWARK, Del. — The harvest month of October is a fitting time to pay tribute to the American system of cooperatives. Over 7,500 farmer cooperatives keep our family farms strong and productive by giving each member-farmer the marketing and purchasing power of the entire group.

A cooperative is a business voluntarily owned and controlled by its member-patrons and operated for them on a nonprofit basis, explains Delaware extension marketing specialist Carl German. All members of a cooperative have an equal vote in their organization and share in benefits according to the amount of their patronage.

The significant difference between cooperatives and other businesses is that cooperative owner-members are interested in the product or service they receive, rather than a cash return on their investment — except in the case of agricultural marketing cooperatives, which are formed to ensure members a fair market for their farm products.

While some of the earliest cooperatives were organized by farmers, there are many other kinds of cooperatives

as well, says German. In this country there are now over 40,000 cooperatives, with more than 50 million members.

Forty million Americans belong to credit unions — one kind of cooperative. Some live in cooperative apartments. Many rural people get credit, electricity, and telephone service from cooperatives. Farmers sell their food and fiber products through cooperatives. They also buy most of their supplies from them. Many childcare centers, prepaid group health plans, memorial societies, and grocery stores are cooperatives.

Cooperatives have long played a vital role in rural America. Forty years ago only ten per cent of American farms had electricity, although most cities had long enjoyed this service. Rural telephones were undependable, and as many as 20 families were forced to share a line. Credit for farmers to purchase land and supplies was nonexistent, or available only at unaffordable rates. The feed, seed, and fertilizer offered to the farmer were often of doubtful quality and carried high price tags.

With federal help back in the 20's and 30's, farmers began to establish credit cooperatives to finance their farm needs. Electric cooperatives were formed to take the backbreak out of chores. And telephone cooperatives helped modernize and extend communications to remote rural areas.

In Delaware today there are over two dozen agricultural cooperatives, according to Daniel Harris, executive secretary of the Delaware Council of Farmer Cooperatives. These range from the Atlantic Breeders Association (a mainstay of the state dairy industry in its

program to improve herds through better breeding), the Laurel Auction Block (a produce outlet, and about the only place on the East Coast where watermelons are still sold by auction), REA (Rural Electrification Cooperative), Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative, the Delaware Farm Loan Association, Southern States, and Agway. (The last two are sources of farm supplies.)

The newest agricultural cooperative in Delaware is the Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, headquartered nationally in Syracuse, New York. This cooperative's receiving plant in Dover

gives area Amish farmers, among others, an outlet for canned and bulk milk.

Most Delaware farmers belong to a number of cooperatives. In fact, points out marketing specialist Carl German, it's doubtful whether many of them could remain in business without the many economic benefits they enjoy as cooperative members.

Used half-gallon milk or orange juice cartons can be transformed into blocks, numbers, words — almost anything a child's imagination conceives, using pre-cut wrappers and special adhesive tape. The full-color paper wrappers with adhesive come in sets of six in such categories as Words, Numbers, Trucks, Bricks and Big City.

FALL FEEDER CATTLE SALES SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3

1:00 P.M. Sharp SHEEP, HEIFERS, BULLS

Sales to be held at the ABERDEEN SALES CO. INC., Livestock Auction Market, located on Rt. 22 in Churchville, Harford Co., Md., 6 mi. west of Aberdeen, Md. via I-95 or U.S. Rt. 40 and 6 mi. east of Bel Air, Md., via U.S. Rt. 1.

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For sale catalog write: Ted Kirby
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PUBLIC SALE

OF 500 FEEDER PIGS
FRIDAY, NOV. 16

1 P.M.

Located approx. 1 1/2 mile northeast of Goodville along Weaverland Rd. Caernarvon Twp., Lanc. Co., Pa.

This lot of feeder pigs has an excellent start, double shot of R-Pak also Louse treated, wormed and tails docked. Pigs all 3 way cross.

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PUBLIC SALE SAT., NOVEMBER 3

AT 9:30 A.M.

Located in Mifflin Co., 8 miles North of Lewistown, Pa. on Route 522.

Farm machinery, some household goods and at 12 noon will offer a valuable 80 acre farm, with 10 acres good timber, balance farm ground and pasture land with road frontage, a large barn, implement shed, other buildings and 9 room frame house, w/bath, coal furnace and other improvements.

For inspection call 717-543-5046.

Terms: 10 percent down, balance in 30 days.

Reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

A. S. ULSH
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McClure, Pa.

Mark Glick - Auctioneer
Reedsville, Pa.

PUBLIC SALE

OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
ANTIQUES & PERSONAL PROPERTY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

At 10 A.M. Sharp

At R.D. #1, Wrightsville, Penna. along the Craley-Bull Run Road in Lower Windsor Twp. near Craley. The undersigned will offer at public sale the following.

REAL ESTATE

Farm consisting of 18 acres more or less all in farming ground and improved with a stone house with a kitchen, storage room & enclosed porch in basement, 2 living rooms & bath on first floor, 2 bedrooms on second floor, attached wash house with storage area, house is heated by space heaters. This house is approx. 100 years old and in good condition, water supplied by a good well, also a summer house with 3 rooms & a ground cave, frame barn, 2-car frame garage, hog pen & storage shed, yard area with trees & shrubbery, lots of good road frontage on state highway and 2 Twp. roads. Anyone on the market for a small farm, be sure and see this one. Ideal for a horse farm, part-time farmer, weekend retreat, etc. Also offers some good bldg. sites. Must be seen to be appreciated. Will be open for inspection on Sat., Nov. 3, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. on day of sale or by special appt. phone 244-5237 or call auct. Will be offered at 1 P.M. on day of sale.

TERMS: 10% down, balance in 30 days.

ANTIQUES

Wincroft cook stove, 2 iron butcher kettles, large square clock, iron mantle clock, wooden wheelbarrow, kerosene lamp, carnival water set in orange, carnival vases & bowls, depression cookie jar, milk glass ship, sugar & creamer, Bible, picture frame, crocks & jugs, cherry seeder, granite bucket, milk bucket, butcher ladle, postcard albums & odd postcards, small adv. items, irons & trivet, asst. dishes, vases and other old items.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

Frigidaire electric stove, sofa, utility cabinets, 3 pc. maple bedroom suite, cedar wardrobe, several metal wardrobes, fold-a-way bed, hassock, 18-drawer metal file cabinet, 4-drawer wooden file cabinet, throw rugs, bedding, large doll, 78 records, Perfection oil heater, 1 set of dishes, Christmas decorations, window fan, approx. 1 ton of nut coal, approx. 100 bales of mixed hay, Marlin 57M Levermatic 22 Magnum with Tasco scope, J. C. Higgins Model 20 12 gauge, also cooking utensils, dishes and many other articles too numerous to mention. Not responsible for accidents on day of sale. Refreshments available.

TERMS: Cash or Approved Check.

EDITH R. BOYD
Owner

Jacob A. Gilbert, Auctioneer
Phone 252-3591
Samuel S. Laucks, Jr., Attorney

PUBLIC SALE

MODERN FARM MACHINERY,
4 TRACTORS, ETC.

Located at Hallowridg Fram, 10 miles W. of Shickshinny, 2 miles w. of Huntington Mills, at Harveyville. Auction Arrows off Rt. 239 near Huntington Mills.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Starting 10 A.M.

Tractors: MF 285D w/f/e w/Multipower, Loaded, only 800 hrs., a beaut.; IH 766D w/f/e, Loaded, nice; IH 647D Utility, Loaded w/Dunham-Lehr Hyd. Dump loader, only 1300 hrs. offered 3 ways; Farmall M w/Kit; Pittsburgh 4 16" Semi Plows; IH 370 12' dbl. transport disc; 8' Disc; 8' & Spike Tooth Harrow; Oliver 16-7 Disc Drill; AC 600 4 row no-till planter; 300 gal. F.G. 28' Sprayer; NH 479 9' Haybine, nice; Gehl 600 Harvester w/2 row corn & Pickup Heads, Nice; IH 56 & Fox PTO Blowers; 4 S.U. Forage Wagons, 2 Gehl, Lamco, Grove; 2 14' Flat Bed Wagons; NH 357 Grinder-Mixer, Nice; Gehl 250MX PTO Spreader w/Slurry Gate; NI 214 PTO Spreader; Barrel Spreader; John Blue 4 row Anhydrous Ammonia Applicator; Oliver #5 Picker; JD Side Rake; IH 46 Baler; NI 3 pt. PTO Fert. Spreader; 8' 3 pt. & 2 pt. 7' Angle Blades; 2 Wheel trailers; 55 Chevy 12' Truck; IH 33 Loader; Badger 20' Silo Unloader; 5 Calf Hutches; Scrap Pile; Lots More.

Owner,
RICHARD H. RIDGWAY

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Lunch

PUBLIC SALE

GARAGE EQUIPMENT & TOOLS,
1976 CADILLAC EL DORADO -
LOADED, ONLY 30,000 MILES,
BEAUT; 66 JEEP 3/4 TON 4 WHEEL
DRIVE PICKUP w/7' ANGLE BLADE;
ETC.

Owners discontinued Garage Business. Located at Home of Jack Sweeney, 1/2 mile E. of Millville, Pa. along Rt. 254. Wed. Eve., Oct. 24, starting 5 P.M.

A.C. Motor Analyzer & Tune-up Machine; Bishman 570 Bubble Air Tire Balancer, 1 yr. old; Coats 10-10 Air Tire Changer; Brand New Red Arrow Items w/5 yr. Warranty including 30 ton hyd. press; 2-12 ton truck stands; & 3 ton H Type Hyd. Floor Hoist; 6-12 Volt Slow & Fast Battery Charger, New; 2 Air Lift Jacks, 1 like new; 2 Air Grease Guns, 1 like new; Complete line of like new Inspection Tools; Dwell Meter-Tach; Portable Air Tank; Wagner-Lockhee Wheel Cylinder & Master Rebuilding Kits, all kinds; Timing Light; Chilton & Service Manuals; Complete Tire Repair Set; 200 lb. Torque Wrench; 1/2" Air Impact Wrench; National Elec. Cash Register; B & D Car Vacuum; 7' Glass Show Case; 4' Bench Vise; 58 Chevy Dump Truck; 327 Engine, Complete; 327 Engine Block; CB Base & 4 Mobile Units; Starduster Antenna & Tower; 2 Trailer Axles w/Elec. Brakes; Lots of all kinds of Ignition Parts, Filters, Car Tubes, Brake Fluid, heater hose; Etc. Etc.

Owners,
**JIM BROBST &
JACK SWEENEY**

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