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Arizona Coffers Increased By \$26,233.00

The State of Arizona has collected \$26,233 by virtue of the fact that the Gila River Cooperative Enterprises, Inc., is in existence at Rivers. This fact was brought out by an inconspicuous new item on the last page of one of the Phoenix newspapers, stating that \$26,233 in sales and luxury taxes were paid by the Co-op for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1943.

It appears rather strange that whenever any attack is made against the Co-operative Enterprises, it makes front page news, whereas, any other news, such as this one, is shoved to the last page or in the middle section of a paper where no one will notice. Not that we care to be in the limelight, but we feel that \$26,233 ISN'T HAY and certainly warrants better than the last page. But, perhaps we should not expect too much.

STUDENT TRAINEE COURSE IN CO-OP

Recently, a student trainee program was instituted in the Gila Co-op Enterprises for the Rivers High School. Under this set-up, student trainees are placed in the various departments of the Co-op and each trainee puts in a required number of hours of work toward his high school credit. The requirement is 15 hours work in the Co-op and 2 hours of study in one of the Co-op Study Groups, making a total of 17 hours per student per week. Quite a number of trainees have registered for this course.

AROUND THE CAMP

Since the issuance of patronage refund checks, your reporter has picked up some expressions, some of which are.....

"By gosh, the Co-op is okay. My only regret is I was too careless with my cash register receipts and lost a lot of them."

"Yes sir, I'm going to hang on to all my cash register receipts from now on."

"Payment of refund at the rate of 11% is plenty good. And the only investment is \$1.00 and we get that back when we want it."

"Just like picking up money in the street, only, there's no strings attached."

"Sure can use the dough. It sure will come in handy when we go to Tulo."

REFUNDS

Substantial Sums Represented

When the patronage accounting section of the Co-op completed issuing some 700 checks representing patronage refund payments to the segregants, some interesting figures were disclosed. The highest individual check was written for \$165.48 and went to a member in Butte Community. There were several other sizeable checks, from \$80.00 to \$127.00 but the greatest number fell in the range \$10.00 to \$35.00. The smallest check was for \$.25.

Some issues back, we mentioned the importance of saving all the cash register receipts. These patronage refund payments definitely prove that cash register receipts are valuable. There may have been some skeptical individuals prior to the payments, but it is presumed that the reaction is different now.

THE 26 PIONEERS

Al most a parallel to the establishment of the Rochdale Store by the 26 Rochdale Pioneers in 1844, 26 men and women, all southern share croppers, started a co-op store on May 18, 1943 in Spruce Pine, Alabama. Those 26 cooperators saved up enough until they had a combined capital of \$205. And, in keeping with one of the fundamental principles laid down by the Rochdale Pioneers, - that there be no racial, religious, or political discrimination, - two of the directors of this new organization are Negroes.

It is going to be an interesting venture to watch. If the Rochdale Principles and Practices are adhered to, there is no reason why this co-op store should not develop into a large, modern consumer co-op store. Our hats off to the 26 Pioneers!

CO-OP BOOKS AT LIBRARIES

By arrangement with the libraries in Canal and Butte communities, latest books on co-operation and the co-operative movement have been placed in the two libraries for the residents' use. These books have been made available through the Educational Department of the Gila Co-op. Also, there are some good educational pamphlets for quick reading.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Co-op Film "Here is Tomorrow" is available for showing for only a limited time. As announced earlier any organization interested in the film, please contact the Co-op office at 69-15 at once and make arrangements.



第五十號

アリゾナ州の ヒネクレ英字紙

比良消費組合が、リバース内に存在して居ると言ふ理由のもとにアリゾナ州は吾が組合より、二萬六千二百三十三弗を税金として徴収した。此の事柄は、フニックス市の一新聞

と、一番最後のページに、小さな記事として取扱つてあつた。彼等が吾が消費組合を攻撃する場合、一面紙上に拳大の見出しを以て、大々的に無根の事述、疑心暗鬼を持つて、微に入り細に亘つて捏造、飽くなき近に書捲るくせに、此の二万六千有百弗

を徴収した記事の如きは、人も碌々讀まない最終ページに、小さく記載する彼等の腹の底は、不可解でならない。不服を言ふのではないが、二万六千二百三十三弗も税を支拂つたので、餘り有難くて、人の見もしない場所を選んで載せたのかも知れない。

七、八、九月分の

買物受取りを提出された

締切 十月六日

本年七、八、九月分の消費組合賣店の買物領收券を、来る十月六日迄に、各区の組合代表者へ提出され、且、重役會より發表。

高校生の爲

實地訓練部 設置

当組合では、高校生徒の實地訓練部を設置した。これは、學生訓練者を各賣店に就働

させる目的で、学校のポイントをもらふ爲賣店に十五時見習として働か、此の他、二時間は組合研究で勉強するのである。

右は、一種の科目として取扱はれ、多数の生徒が此の科目を選んでゐる。

隔離者への拂戻金

最高 百六十五弗四十八仙也
最低 二十五仙也

組合會計部が、ツールレイキへの隔離者に七百枚餘の払戻しチエツキを分配完成した時、いろいろ興味ある数字を發見した。

山の市一住民は、百六十五弗四十八仙と云ふ最高払戻金を得た。幸で、百廿七弗乃至八十弗の数字も多かつたが、總じて廿五弗から十弗の間が一番多かつた。

其の中最低は二十五仙であつた。豫てより、本紙は買物領收券保存は大切である、と注意を與へて置いたが、今度払戻しが実行されて、以前多数の人々は、払戻説に疑ひを抱いてゐられたらしいが、今度で判つきり

疑問が晴れた事と思はれる。

往々拾つた話

「おんなもの、アカンともてたのに、十一%払戻しあるて、ビツクリひたなア。おいたつた一弗投資ひて、こんなにえらい事、払戻しもろて、おまけに、あがら欲し時、一弗戻ひてもらえんの、やさかいなア」

「ツールレイキに行つてから、ハ、お前さ、え、小遣錢になるだ、よ」

訂正

九月廿五日付比良時報記載の山の市第一班消費組合各区代表者中、廿三区、小森とありしは、「黒味」の間違ひにつき、茲に本紙上を以て訂正す