

CREAMERY

1929 - 1970

History

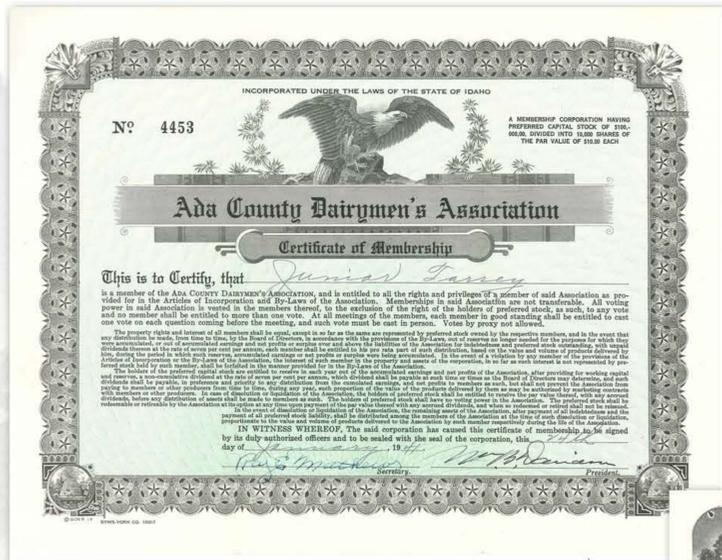
The lowest days of the Great Depression brightened for area dairymen when the Ada County Dairymen's cooperative creamery began operation in 1929. It provided milk checks to those who were members of the cooperative, enabling them to pay their taxes and provide food for their families. Other community members hauled milk to the creamery and were employed by the creamery, whose product was Challenge Butter.

The creamery ran 7 days a week for 40 years. Additions and improvements were made while the plant was in full operation. Later years saw the Wyeth Laboratories affiliate with the creamery to manufacture SMA baby formula.

After the creamery ceased local operations in 1970, the dairymen's milk was shipped to the Caldwell creamery for processing.

Design Elements

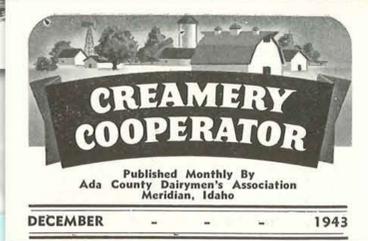
The Heritage Pavilion is a tribute to the economic era of dairy and fruit packing activities as well as the history of the land where these well-known industries took place. Bricks from the original creamery were used to construct the building, and the Challenge Butter smokestack door, which is spotlighted, now covers a time capsule that will be opened in 2033.



Certificate of membership



Cheese factory, circa 1923



Representative of local herds



Original building, circa 1929



Ada County Dairymen's Association creamery, circa 1965



Trucks at the creamery receiving dock

