

POTATO GROWERS OF KLAMATH SEE BRIGHT PROSPECT

Defense Program Due To Increase Prices, Belief—Good Times After Jan. 1.

By Art Bremer
Klamath Falls, Sept. 11.—(P)—The national defense program means hard work, and hard work means more meat, potatoes and gravy on more tables for the workers. The men who grow the potatoes in this rich Oregon garden area hope this means the defense program will not continue to pass them by.

For five years the potato growers assert they have struggled against lean prices, and as the sixth harvest rolls around they find labor and material costs rising while the market price has sunk 10 to 15 cents lower per hundred pounds than last year's opening figures. To make things worse, growers hereabouts are not confident that enough labor will be on hand to get the crop out of the ground, particularly if weather conditions slow down the harvest late this month.

Good Times Ahead
Henry Semon, president of the Klamath Potato Growers' association, predicts hard times for the growers until January 1 at least. After that, he says, the effects of early dumping by growers in need of ready cash will wear off and the market will begin to react to an expected lower national yield.

"Then we'll have pretty fair prices," predicted Semon. Semon thinks the national production estimates, already nearly 30 million bushels below last year's 397 million-bushel crop, will continue to decline toward a normal crop, or about 360 million bushels.

Semon's deductions are supported by County Agent C. A.

New Army Bomber Gets Sky Tests



The new B-17E, four-engine bomber soars over Puget sound in a successful air test. The war department described the ship, built in Seattle, as a "bigger, improved flying fortress." The department said: "Power turrets both on top and bottom of the fuselage and a 'stinger' turret in the tail provide for resistance to attack from any direction." The plane has been ordered into mass production.

Henderson who says the immediate future is not bright but looks for gains in 1942. In line with an estimated 10 per cent reduction in potato yield in the 10 western states, Henderson reports the Klamath acreage has been reduced from 19,500 acres, which produced an all-time record 10,000 carloads last year, to 18,000 acres which are running from 15 to 20 per cent lighter in yield than in 1940.

The reduced supply will have the effect of boosting prices, the agent points out, but rising costs may offset any gain in the market. Growers recently increased harvest wages from 25 to 39 per cent and will have to buy their sacks and other material at prices sometimes double those of last year.

Adding to the dark side of the picture, Henderson states that unfavorable prices have reduced early shipments, beginning in August, to half those of last year, and that the effects of a nation-wide farm labor shortage are still to be reckoned with.

On the brighter side, Henderson reported that the quality of the Klamath potatoes is good this year and that purchases by the army and navy will greatly help to reduce any surplus. Growers are hopeful, he said, that the government will install a flat price system of buying agricultural commodities for the military forces. Potato men have complained that the system of buying from the lowest bidder tends to drive the market price down generally.

BOARD NAMED IN RAILWAY DISPUTE

Hyde Park, N. Y., Sept. 11.—(P)—President Roosevelt ordered the creation today of a board to investigate the facts in the dispute between most of America's railways and their employees—a dispute which threatens to stop rail operations at a time when vital defense materials are moving over the lines.

The personnel of the five-man board will be announced later. The Oregon Journal, quoting an authoritative Washington source, said today that Wayne L. Morse, University of Oregon law school dean, would head the president's rail mediation board.

The board, the newspaper said, will meet Monday in Chicago.

KLAMATH PUD PLANS WAIT SHASTA LINES

Klamath Falls, Sept. 11.—(P)—Public utility district plans for the Klamath area will probably be delayed until Shasta dam power lines extend to this district, J. W. Wauchope, city electrical inspector told the city council last night.

ROSEBURG LOSES LUMBERING PLANT

Roseburg, Ore., Sept. 10.—(P)—Acquisition of a 25-acre site at Green station, five miles south of Roseburg, for construction of a lumber remanufacturing plant and loading station, costing \$100,000, was announced here today by Rube Day, timber superintendent of the Coos Bay Lumber company.

The company had previously selected a site in Roseburg, but difficulties encountered in the effort to get needed trackage, due to the congested condition of Southern Pacific railway yards, forced removal of the projected plant to an outside location.

PROFITS REPLACE RED INK FOR S. P.

San Francisco, Sept. 11.—(P)—Southern Pacific company reported today it made \$4,829,031 net profit in July this year, contrasting with a \$175,637 net loss in July 1940.

The earnings for the transportation system, including solely controlled affiliates, rose for the first seven months of this year to \$18,664,316 out of red ink for the 1940 period of some \$3,431,392.

The seven months profit amounted to \$4.95 a share on the 3,772,763 shares of capital stock outstanding. That was the railroad's best showing since the depression deluged the books with red ink.

SARA ROOSEVELT WILL PROBATED

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Sept. 11.—(P)—Sara Delano Roosevelt left the bulk of her estate of "over \$5,000 real and over \$5,000 personal property" to her president son in a will filed for probate today with the surrogate of Dutchess county where she had lived many years.

The will, dated September 20, 1928, placed one-tenth of the residue in six equal trust funds for her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, and five grandchildren, Mrs. John Boettiger, and James, Elliott, Franklin D. and John A. Roosevelt.

Bulgaria Building
Sofia, Bulgaria (P)—More than 40,000 men in the Bulgarian labor service are building highways and reconstructing railways in territories Bulgaria got from Greece and Yugoslavia in the Balkan campaign. German military railway authorities in Belgrade formally turned over title of Serbian lines to Bulgaria. Routes are chiefly those leading into and out of Skopje.

A recent survey of school children in New York City disclosed that one out of every seven pupils had eyesight faults which needed correction.

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ORGANIZATION FOR AIR RAID WARNING WELL UNDER WAY

Medford Scheduled As Control Center For District—Ed Martin in Charge.

Salem, Sept. 11.—(P)—Organization of the air raids precautions service in counties west of the Cascades will begin immediately. State Civilian Defense Coordinator Jerrold Owen said today.

This service will provide information about enemy air raids to civilians, while the aircraft warning service, operated by the army air corps with personnel provided by county defense councils, will give information to the army so that fighter planes may intercept enemy bombers.

Control Center Here
Under the aircraft warning service, there will be control centers from which warnings will be broadcast throughout their respective districts. These centers will be located in Portland, Hood River, St. Helens, Astoria, Tillamook, Forest Grove, McMinnville, Salem, Albany, Corvallis, Eugene, Marshfield, Roseburg, Grants Pass and Medford. Each center will be operated by an air raids precautions supervisor, to be appointed by the county defense council chairman.

Owen said these control centers should be established at once by the county defense councils, and he recommended that they be located at fire or police stations where there will be persons on 24-hour duty.

The control centers will receive their information from observation posts, to be established in each six square miles throughout western Oregon.

Ed Martin of Ashland, retired master sergeant of the regular army, is air raids precautions supervisor for this county, Capt. S. M. Tuttle, chairman of the Jackson County Council of Defense said today.

Organization work has already been in progress here and the southern half of the county is fairly thoroughly organized now, Capt. Tuttle said, adding that Mr. Martin was now perfecting the set-up in the northern half. The U. S. forest service, with its summer lookout stations, and the snow survey service, with its winter outposts, will be a part of the observation set-up, both having the added advantage of being equipped with short-wave radio systems, the chairman stated. Where the control center will be established has not been determined definitely, though it will probably be in Medford, he said.

Before he retired last year, Mr. Martin supervised the installation of the army's air warning service in northern California.

SEEK BOMBING RANGES IN MOSES LAKE REGION

Spokane, Sept. 11.—(P)—Condemnation proceedings against 10,245 acres of land in the Moses lake area which the government wants for air force bombing ranges, were instituted yesterday in federal district court here.

A value of \$17,805 has been placed on the land which is south of Ephrata and 72 miles east of Ellensburg.

MARION RESERVES TO HOLD MOBILIZATION

Salem, Sept. 11.—(P)—Marion county's civil reserves, with a strength of more than 3,000 volunteers who would protect the civilian population in case of enemy air raids, will have a practice mobilization September 18, the county defense council said today.

A series of alarms will call volunteers from their homes and places of amusement, with the reserves to assemble in Marion square.

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ALCHEMIC FEAT BETTERS RADIUM

Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 11.—(P)—A feat in Alchemy which produces a new chemical more powerful than radium was reported to the American Chemical society today by Dr. J. D. Kurbator, of Ohio State university.

The new chemical has rays of 2,000,000 volts compared with an average of a few hundred thousand volts for radium rays and are the same rays which physicians use in radium, Dr. Kurbator reported. The new stuff was made by atomic bombardment in the Ohio cyclotron.

The bombardment converted strontium, the chemical used to color fireworks pink, into radio active yttrium, a chemical which does not exist in nature. It decays slowly into ordinary yttrium, a rare earth, but in so doing, its useful rays last about a week.

NEW RADIO STATION IS KETCHIKAN PLAN

Washington, Sept. 11.—(P)—The treasury department announced plans today for a new \$238,000 coast guard radio station at Ketchikan, Alaska.

The station will consist of an operations building, quarters for a staff of 18 men and for the families of eight, an equipment building and a water supply plant, all of reinforced concrete. Roads will be built to it. Work will not start for possibly 60 days.

Office Job Waits Ensign Roosevelt

Boston, Sept. 11.—(P)—Ensign John Roosevelt, son of the president, will be assigned to the naval air station at San Diego as assistant supply officer when he graduates from the naval supply school at Harvard Friday. The assignment was announced by the navy department.

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YANKS IN BRITAIN MAY NOW RETURN

Washington, Sept. 11.—(P)—The state department has authorized consuls in Great Britain to grant permission to Americans stranded there to return home on other than American ships, Secretary Hull disclosed today.

For a long time, Hull said, there has been a terrific clamor among Americans in Great Britain, Europe and Asia to return to the United States.

Between 75 and 100 in Great Britain alone, he explained, must come back within the next few weeks or lose their citizenship. They are naturalized American who must live a prescribed time in the United States.

Among others who desire to return, the secretary said, were a large number of technicians who had gone to England on various duties connected with the war and American assistance to England, and who now wish to return.

Astoria Navy Base Placed in Service

Astoria, Ore., Sept. 11.—(P)—A \$500,000 naval section base, supporting coastal patrol vessels, formally went into operation today.

Commissioned by Commander M. C. James of the 13th naval district yesterday, the base will be manned by 11 officers and 242 men.

Temporary Head For Deaf School

Salem, Sept. 11.—(P)—The state board of control today appointed Marvin B. Clatterbuck, 30, to be superintendent pro tem of the state school for the deaf, succeeding J. Lyman Steed, who died recently.

The board said it would not make a permanent appointment until it had considered all applicants for the position.

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