

# High Winds, Cold Hit Basin Onion, Grain Crops Hard

TULELAKE—Onion and grain growers of the Klamath and Tulelake basins face one of the heaviest general financial losses in recent years as the result of continued high winds and freezing temperatures of the past several days. Fully 50 per cent of the big onion acreage that totaled 2000 acres in the Tulelake district of Modoc and Siskiyou counties and 600 acres on the Oregon side of the basin is a total loss, it is estimated by growers and by county agricultural agents, M. V. Maxwell of Modoc county and C. A. Henderson of Klamath county. Grain losses, while not as spectacular as the loss to growers of onions, will probably be a larger financial loss because of the larger acreage.

Total income from the district last year from the onion crop alone reached between \$300,000 and \$350,000, while grain figures were many times higher.

Some growers already are plowing up fields planted in late March to onions, and will seed the ground to potatoes or to barley. Seeding three weeks earlier this year than ever before in order to get the crop out of the ground before the peak of the potato harvest in October, growers had the promise of one of the best crops in the history of the basin when an almost 100 per cent stand developed. Irrigation water was turned into the system a month early to assure ample moisture.

The small seedlings were several inches high and about ready for the first weeding and thinning when one of the heaviest windstorms in recent years struck this area on May 14, blowing plants in many of the fields entirely out of the ground. Moving earth covered other fields and in districts where the soil is sandy the plants were cut off. Showers that followed the high wind of May 14, failed to have a beneficial effect on the crop as growers had hoped.

Cost of seeding an onion crop is \$24 per acre in addition to the labor outlay.

Among growers of the Tulelake district who have plowed in their fields this week are G. W. Osborne and Sons, Dan M. Crawford, Donald Snyder, Schindler and Hilton, and Richard Smith. Klamath growers who have reported heavy losses are West and Lyon, Roy LaPrarie and Dwight Eagle. West and Lyon, prior to the harvest season last fall, built a big insulated onion warehouse at Tulelake with a 100 carload capacity.

Grain over the entire agricultural area had also been hard hit. Recent surveys reveal that much of this crop also has been cut off entirely, blown out or frozen back. All grain growing sections, on Lower Klamath lake, Tulelake and on the smaller ranches elsewhere in the basin appear to have been equally damaged.

Temperatures in some sections of the southern district of the basin reached 20 Monday night, it is reported, while in most other parts of the area the thermometers registered only a degree or two higher. Some farmers with small orchards continue to smudge but county agricultural agents agree that unless that precaution has been taken the fruit trees also will be a total loss this season.

Potato planting continues unabated despite daily clouds of sand and dust that sweep across the fields. Planting in some fields will not be completed until after the first of June.

## WFA Dairy Feed Payments Revealed

The war food administration has announced dairy feed payments for the balance of 1944 and through March, 1945, as follows: for the period of May, 1944 through August, 1944, the rate per cwt. for milk in all counties is 45c and the rate for butterfat will be 6c per pound. For the period September, 1944 through March, 1945, the rate for milk will be 70 cents per cwt. and for butterfat 10c per pound. The period May 1 to June 30, 1944 inclusive, has been designated as a one-payment period and payment will be made as soon as possible after June 30. Producer applications for this payment period may be filed until August 31, 1944. It is anticipated that payment periods will continue to be for each two months production.

## Potato Support Prices Announced

As recently announced by the war food administration, potato support prices for the Klamath basin for the 1944 crop will be as follows: September \$2.05; October \$2.10; November \$2.20; December \$2.30.

The 1944 support program will be carried out through commodity loans and diversion programs rather than by direct purchase, particularly of the late crop potatoes.

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## WAR FOOD SIGN UP SHOWS FARM TREND

The 1944 war food farm sign-up, now being completed by the agricultural adjustment administration, shows interesting trends in the farming of Klamath county. To date, a total of 78 per cent of farms of the county have been signed, but this sign-up is only to date, a total of 78 per cent of the farm land. The following table shows the actual production in 1943 and present intended production for 1944 on the same 78 per cent of the county farms; as of May 17, 1944.

Commodity	1943	Intended 1944
Wheat	8,250.0	12,037.0
Potatoes	13,241.6	14,110.3
Oats	8,250.0	8,622.9
Barley	10,622.7	13,162.3
Alfalfa	9,529.8	12,639.8
Edible Peas	81	543.1
Australian Winter Peas	1,209.7	673.3
Alfalfa Hay	14,429.4	16,247.3
Summer Fallow	1,150.0	2,380.2
Alfalfa Clover Seed	3,346.6	4,608.1
Other Seed	4,070.5	4,153.4
Vegetables	200.5	212.5
Onions	63.0	503.9
Crop Land Pasture	37,626.3	35,573.9
Idle Land	2,968.1	1,012.8
Other Crop Land	2,289.5	3,377.9
Flax Seed	86.2	0.0

## GRANGE WORKS ON FIRE PROTECTION

MERRILL—A special election to ballot on five directors of the proposed rural fire district for the Merrill community is scheduled for June 12, it was announced this week by the officers of the Merrill grange which for a number of years has been working on the problem of rural fire protection. John Giacomini of the grange has served as chairman of the committee, which has been preparing plans.

Grangers, meeting Monday night, greeted Charles Wickland, state deputy, and Mrs. Wickland, who stated that Oregon granges now have a membership of 23,000. Twenty-five hundred new members were recruited last June, July and August. Redmond grange took first place in the statewide membership program with the addition of 100 new members. There are 28 juvenile granges in the state also.

Wickland, in his short talk, spoke on "Be Prepared for Post-war Times." Members elected Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Icenbice as alternate delegates to the state grange to be held June 12-16 in Grants Pass. Master and Mrs. Ray Aubrey will attend as delegates.

Mr. and Mrs. Nels Paulson took the 1st and 2nd degrees and will receive the 3rd and 4th degrees at the June meeting. The charter was draped for the late Mrs. Anice Anderson, and Chaplain Mrs. Mary Pope dedicated a memorial service to Merrill grange members who have passed away during the past year.

Mrs. R. F. Beasley and Mrs. Ivan Icenbice served refreshments.

**THIEF! THIEF!**  
ALBANY, May 25 (AP)—District Attorney Harlow Weirick got up early one morning to admire his Victory garden—but a doe deer was there ahead of him and he saw her making off with the last of his vegetables.

## INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO GET MORE FARM GAS

Instructions to farm operators making application for additional gasoline for trucks and tractors or fuel oil for farm use were issued this week as follows:

Farmers should check their gasoline coupons and supplies on hand, then make sure to put in applications for additional gasoline, if needed, before coupons are used up. Many farmers have waited until the fuel tank of their tractor or truck is empty, or practically empty, before applying for more.

Every farm operator should remember that it may take as long as ten days or even more before an application can be approved and coupons mailed out to him. In the case of farm trucks and pickups more time should be allowed because such applications must go to Medford after being approved by the county farm transportation committee.

Applications for gasoline or fuel oil for farm use are considered on the basis of evidence submitted on or with each application showing the need for gasoline for the following three months. The applications should be fully filled out with respect to the uses for which gasoline is needed. There should also be attached a statement of the total acreage of farm land, number of acres in each crop, and a list of farm tractors, owned or rented, and other equipment to be used in those three months which will require gasoline or fuel oil.

Truck applications should also be accompanied by a full statement of proposed use of the vehicle through twelve months. This should show the distance to town, the number of trips to town per week, or per month, and crop acreages as for tractor applications. Stockmen should show the number of stock and use of truck for feeding and moving them.

## VFW Auxiliary To Sell Poppies All Day Saturday

Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary members will be on the streets and throughout the business district all day Saturday, May 27, selling Buddy Poppies to be worn Memorial Day. Poppy headquarters will be established Saturday in the lobby of the Hart hotel.

Sale of the Buddy Poppies is one of the traditional activities of VFW, "to honor the dead by helping the living."

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## Garden News Notes

By J. R. M'CAMBRIDGE

**PEAS**  
Peas are a cool climate vegetable and can be planted from April to June 15, 100 to 120 foot rows in successive plantings will be enough for the average family for fresh use and canning. Plant seed two inches apart in rows. Use trellises to support vines. Aphids attack peas—they are sap-suckers and are killed with a contact dust or spray.

**SPINACH**  
Spinach does not do well in hot weather. Plant seed one inch apart in rows, from April 15 to June 15. Giant Nobel is a good variety. 50 to 60 feet should be sufficient for the average family garden. Spinach is excellent frozen and contains a high percentage of iron and vitamin A. Leaf choppers are its main enemy. Use rotenone dust.

**CARROTS**  
Carrots are an excellent source of vitamin A. They are very productive and of excellent quality in Klamath county. Nantes and Chantenay are good varieties. Carrots are hardy and a 30-foot row planted early will do the average family for fresh use and a 30-foot row planted June 1, for winter use. Root maggots damage carrots, onions, radishes, turnips and other root crops. This pest can be repelled by side-dressing these vegetables in the row with naphthalene crystals. Put crystals in a small furrow two inches deep and two inches from the roots.

**RADISHES**  
Radishes can be planted from April 15 to July 15. Leaf chewers are the main enemies. A 30-foot row planted in 10-foot sections at 10-

day intervals is enough for the average family.

**CABBAGE**  
Cabbage is easy to grow but must be protected against aphids and cabbage worms. "Dust" pesticides are easier to apply than liquid sprays. Dust plants thoroughly every five to 10 days. Aphids are killed by contact. Be sure and dust the under side of leaves. Rotenone is a good one for both aphids and worms. Nicotine and Pyrethrum are good contact dusts. Use transplants, set deep in soil, water with liquid manure or a "starter solution" at time of setting out.

**BROCCOLI**  
Broccoli is an excellent "green" vegetable and freezes well. Aphids like broccoli as they do all of the cole crops. Plant seed from May 1 to June 1. Thin to 24 inches apart. A 50-foot row grows a lot.

**BRUSSEL SPROUTS**  
Brussel sprouts are an excellent cole crop, and not as hardy as cabbage. Use transplants set deep in the soil the same as cabbage. These can be set out from June 1 to 15. When setting out transplants, press soil firmly around roots. Do not disturb any more than necessary. Transplant roots should not be exposed to direct sunlight.

**KOHLRABI**  
Kohlrabi tastes very much like turnips. Many people prefer them to turnips. This crop is a cole crop and aphids like them. Use the same control as for cabbage. Seed in rows 4 inches apart from April 1 to June 1. A 30-foot row of kohlrabi or turnips should be sufficient for the average family. You may prefer

turnips or rutabagas to kohlrabi. If you do, plant them between April 1 and June 1 and thin to 4 inches apart in the rows. They can be stored over winter in pit storage.

**ONIONS**  
Onions can be grown from seeds or plants. Seed should be planted from April 1 to June 1 and plants set out from May 1 to June 15. Seed planted early can be thinned, leaving plants 4 inches apart to be left for dry onions for winter use and using the ones removed by thinning for green onions. Yellow Danvers store better than sweet Spanish. Sweet Spanish is a mild-flavored onion. Onions require a rich soil and plenty of water. Gravity irrigation in rows is better than sprinkle irrigation. Try a "sod soaker" to irrigate your garden. They save water and do a fine job. Side-dress with naphthalene flakes as a repellent for onion maggots.

**BEETS**  
Beets are a hardy root crop. Dates of planting run from April 20 to June 15. Detroit Dark Red is a fine variety. A 30-foot row thinned to plants 4 inches apart will be plenty. Plant your seed 1 inch apart and use those that are thinned out for greens and pickling beets.

**SWISS CHARD**  
Swiss chard is an excellent green vegetable. It makes good growth in warm weather when spinach is through. Plant Swiss chard from May 15 to June 15. Give it plenty of water and watch for leaf chewer damage. Leaf eating insects are killed by using stomach poisons. Don't use

an insect stomach poison on edible parts of vegetables shortly before using them.

**PARNIPS**  
Parnips are a hardy root crop and can be left in the ground over the winter. Harris model and Hollow crown are good varieties. Planting dates are between April 15 and June 1.

**M'NARY DAM**  
WASHINGTON, May 25 (AP)—The proposed dam at Umatilla rapids on the Columbia river would be known as the McNary dam in honor of the late Sen. Charles McNary of Oregon under an amendment to the river and harbors bill approved yesterday by the senate commerce committee. The amendment provides the dam "be dedicated to his memory as a monument to his distinguished public service."

**Negro Comes Closer To Nomination**  
PORTLAND, May 25 (AP)—Only 28 votes kept Oliver Smith, Portland negro, from being nominated from Multnomah county to the state legislature on the democratic primary last night. That is the closest any member of his race has come to being elected to the legislature. He was endorsed by the political action committee of the CIO.

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