

# OTIS MAKES INSPECTION OF POTATOES

The second field inspection for certified potatoes was completed August 21. J. R. McCambridge, assistant county agent, disclosed Thursday, C. E. Otis, assistant extension specialist in farm crops, made the inspection.

A total acreage of 1659.1 was entered by 67 growers for certification with the breakdown as follows: Nettle Gem, 758.1; White Rose, 868.5; Burbanks, 30; and Katahdin, 2.5.

Most predominant diseases causing rejections of certification are blackleg, leafroll, mild mosaic, wilt, and ring rot. Other diseases observed are calico, haywire, rugose, giant hill, spindle tuber, witches broom, and severe rhizoctonia.

Certified seed growers are urged by McCambridge to take precautionary measures at the time of storage by disinfecting their cellars where they are planning to store certified seeds.

Recommended disinfectants are either 1 to 1000 solution of corrosive sublimate, or 1 to 25 solution of lysol, or 1 pint of formalin to 15 gallons of water.

Growers storing commercial potatoes in the same cellar with certified seeds should make certain no commercial potatoes or seeds come in contact or mix with their certified seeds, he stated.

## Renewal of Flax Industry Insurance Considered by Board

SALEM, Sept. 7 (AP)—The state board of control today began considering whether to renew its insurance on the state flax industry at the state prison here.

Existing insurance, which expires September 26, has been carried for the past two years with Beck and Wadsworth of Salem. Premiums amount to \$12,000 a year on \$250,000 value.

The state began carrying private insurance two years ago after three disastrous convict-set fires, but there has been no loss since then.

## Average Prices Compared With Farm Parity Levels

Average prices received by farmers for farm products, with parity price comparisons, were released by C. E. Henderson, county agent, Thursday. The table with products listed pertinent to the Klamath basin country:

UNITED STATES Parity Price	OREGON	
	Aug. 15, 1944	Aug. 15, 1944
Wheat, bushel	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.24
Oats, bushel	.678	.71
Barley, bushel	1.05	.95
Rye, bushel	1.22	1.00
Potatoes, bushel	1.23	1.60
Hay (all loose), ton	20.20	17.70
Hogs, 100 lbs.	12.40	13.80
Beef cattle, 100 lbs.	9.21	11.50
Veal calves, 100 lbs.	11.50	13.60
Sheep, 100 lbs.	10.00	6.10
Lambs, 100 lbs.	2.67	3.55
Milk, wholesale, 100 lbs.	.362	.43
Turkeys, live, lb.	.311	.38
Eggs, dozen		.375
Wool, lb.		.40

Prices shown for Oregon are the average of reports received, weighted according to the relative importance of reporting districts and counties.

## CHINESE AIDED IN SPUD DEVELOPMENT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (AP)—More Chinese chestnuts may dip into more Irish potatoes, and into less rice, in the future.

This is partly because a department of agriculture potato expert has spent nearly two years in China, helping the Chinese develop the spud as a food crop to supplement the rice on which they've been concentrating for several thousand years.

The return of the expert, Dr. Theodor P. Dykstra, was announced today by the state department. He went to China 20 months ago loaded down with seed potato samples. Four of these varieties proved best suited to Chinese soils, so Dykstra sent back to this country for 500 pounds of additional seed potatoes which were flown to China and have now yielded a new seed crop.

One Chinese food official said recently, Dykstra's work may change the course of Chinese history by providing the Chinese a more abundant diet.

## Soil Science Group Elects President

CORVALLIS, Sept. 7 (AP)—Dr. W. L. Powers, head of the Oregon State college soils department, is the president of the newly-organized Soil Science Society of Oregon. It is a branch of the Oregon Academy of Science.

Other officers are Dr. S. W. Cosby, Portland, vice president; Dr. Ray Pendleton, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer.

CEDARVILLE SALE  
A registered Range bull sale will be held at the county fair grounds at Cedarville, October 7, 1944. Approximately 80 head of range bulls have been consigned by local and outside breeders. This auction sale is being conducted by the county fair association.

## MACDOEL SPUDS REPORTED GOOD

"Best crop so far" is the way Macdoel growers describe this year's potato harvest, and Kenneth Holbrook and Maggie Criss began harvesting their crops late this week.

Approximately 300 acres of potatoes are being grown in the Macdoel-Mt. Hebron area, an increase over the acreage of last year.

Growers said they are short of help and issued a plea for all who can spare the time to help them out by voluntarily applying for work picking up potatoes.

## LABOR SHORTAGE GROWS MORE ACUTE

The labor shortage in and around Klamath Falls has become even more serious since the return to school of many boys and girls of high school age who have been holding down important jobs during the summer, reports Jack Almetzer, manager of the U. S. employment office here.

Enough labor to meet the sharp demand for all types of workers is not available, and lumber and farm production is still being held up because of the labor shortage.

The slight surplus of unskilled office workers, which was caused by the influx of navy and marine wives, may be relieved by the resignation of girls who have been employed in offices for the summer and have now returned to high school.

## PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT TULELAKE

Construction is underway on the new refrigeration plant at Tulelake with the Southern Pacific railroad spur completed, cinders brought in for the foundation, and the concrete work started.

The Klamath Concrete Pipe company has set up a tile machine on the location to manufacture pumice tile. Double walls of the tile will be used, to demonstrate what pumice will do as an insulation product.

K. T. Henderson is the contractor for the project and will move his crew to Tulelake after work is completed on the housing project here about September 15.

Work on the big plant is being rushed to completion, and it is hoped that the refrigeration facilities will be ready by November 15, the height of the potato shipping season, according to A. M. Collier, one of the partners in the enterprise.

Capacity of the plant will be 450 carloads of potatoes or 350 carloads of onions. The building will be large enough to load eight railroad cars on one side and eight trucks on the other.

## GRAIN FUTURES BREAK SHARPLY

PORTLAND, Sept. 7 (AP)—The end of the grain harvest approached today in Oregon, as the weather bureau reported only a small amount of grain still left in fields, mostly in elevated areas.

The weekly crop-weather survey reported corn maturing well, although unirrigated plantings were suffering from drought. Growers began preparing land for fall seeding of wheat. Actual seeding, however, was held back by the soil, still too dry for germination.

With only light rains recorded during the past week, unirrigated pastures in the state remained dry. Stubble and alfalfa fields were being used for pasture, and some livestock had to be fed in barns.

Harvesting of late alfalfa and vegetable seed crops continued the weather bureau said.

## Shortage of Boxes Expected in Harvest

PULLMAN, Sept. 7 (AP)—A shortage of 1,000,000 apple boxes in the Wenatchee orchard district and 500,000 in the Yakima area, plus a shortage of 500,000 pear boxes in Oregon and Washington, is anticipated for this harvest season, the state extension service said Wednesday.

The figures came from a survey conducted by the Pacific northwest forest and range experiment station at Portland, the report said.

Picking boxes also were expected to be about 150,000 short of the demand. Growers "who have the time" were urged to help relieve the situation by working in the woods or box factories.

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## Board Continues Flax Insurance

SALEM, Sept. 7 (AP)—The state board of control decided today to continue carrying insurance with insurance companies on the state prison flax industry, as has been done the past two years.

Until two years ago, the industry had been insured by the state's restoration fund. Present policies expire September 26. The board did not decide who would get the contract, which will amount to about \$14,000 a year in premiums.

## FOOD ITEMS REMOVED FROM RATION LIST

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (AP)—Several processed food items will be removed from rationing, September 17, James F. Byrnes, director of war mobilization, announced today.

Byrnes announced the "unrationing" of the following: Fruit spreads: All varieties of jams, jellies, and fruit butters. (Fruit butters were removed from rationing, effective September 3, by the office of price administration, but the other spreads still require blue points.) Canned vegetables: Asparagus, beans (fresh lima), corn, pumpkin or squash, mixed vegetables.

Related products (canned): Baked beans, tomato sauce, tomato paste, tomato pulp or puree, soups, baby foods. Marvin Jones, war food administrator, who decides what items OPA is to ration, told Byrnes available and prospective supplies justify removing the items from the ration list.

"The action now announced is in accord with the policy of government to lift wartime restrictions as quickly as possible," Byrnes said. "When the supply of other foods makes possible their removal from the ration list, they will be promptly removed."

Here are present point values of some of the items going off the ration list: Asparagus, No. 2 can (18 ounces), 10; fresh lima beans, 25; peas, 5; pumpkin or squash, 15. Baby foods cost one point for the commonly used small can. Baked beans cost 13 points for a No. 2 can, soups 3 points for a can of 10 to 14 ounces.

HARVESTERS CALLED FOR  
PORTLAND, Sept. 7 (AP)—The women's land army called for additional harvest hands Wednesday, as the opening of school cut heavily into the number of workers in Columbia slough bean fields.

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## 165,000 DAYS OF WORK DUE FOR HARVEST

Approximately 165,000 man days will be required to get in the potato and onion crops of the Klamath basin, it was estimated by County Agent C. A. Henderson in a talk yesterday to the chamber of commerce directors.

Henderson said that while labor supply prospects at this time appear a little better than on the same date a year ago, it will probably require the efforts of the entire basin community to handle the enormous crop.

He stated that a few more workers are registered for harvest work at this time than a year ago, and that farmers feel that somewhat better quality is apparent in the labor supply here now. He described the various camps set up in the basin for migrant labor and for Mexican help.

School closing to provide harvest labor is a matter to be determined if an emergency arises, Henderson said. Last year, rural schools closed for five weeks.

## Effort Underway to Boost Onion Market

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7 (AP)—An effort to stimulate the market for onions is being launched by the war food administration. Rep. White (D-Idaho) said R. H. Young, Idaho agriculture commissioner had telegraphed him that Idaho onion growers, who increased their production 75 per cent in the war food program were unable to find a market for their crop, and had no storage.

White said agriculture department officials promised to start a buying campaign immediately and to begin advertising to stimulate civilian buying.

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## Refrigerators to Go On Market Soon After Go-Ahead Order

PORTLAND, Sept. 7 (AP)—Civilians will be able to buy more refrigerators shortly after the go-ahead order from the war production board, but it will be some time before top production is reached, the president of the national federation of sales executives said today.

George S. Jones Jr., predicted it will be a year after the start of production before the supply is ample.

## Streams, Wells Critically Low

OREGON CITY, Sept. 7 (AP)—Springs, wells and streams never known to have gone dry before are critically low or dry in this area, much to the concern of farmers, sportsmen and anglers.

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