

# M LABORER DURING LACK ITS BASIN

LELAKE—Housing for laborers is a sword of Damocles hanging over the heads of farmers of the entire acreage, farm labor field and unless definite steps are taken to correct this, the coming harvest will find the agricultural unable to cope with the situation.

## Interesting To Note!

By Phyllis Beardsley—  
It is interesting to note that wage question has come to the front. This week petitions being filed to a 51% wage increase. This is a joint effort of California and Oregon Agriculture Board will be held at the time the farmers will meet their case.

Those who complained that the cold this winter did take a look at some of the averages for January and February in the past. In '42 the average temperature was 31 degrees. In '43 it was 32.2 degrees and for 1945 it was 31.1!

Several applications for crop insurance for 1945 were received. This is that no insurance program will be available for Klamath county this year as a minimum of 50 applications were required.

Members of the Klamath Cooperative are proud to be trading in their new stores this week. The building formerly occupied by the Klamath Basin company is temporarily being used as the store. The location is on Midland road one-half mile south of Klamath Falls.



All the retail store in these quarters will act as a center for feeds, poultry and dairy supplies and remedies, as well as light hardware items. Arley Snyder is manager and branch and "Red" Sex is assistant.

Reliable tests have proven barley treated with a fungicide returned a 15.2% increase in grain yield as compared with the yield of untreated seed.

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for the early spring work. A new influx of families of army men who have been transferred to Camp Tulelake has absorbed every available house or apartment and transient workers coming into the community are without hope of finding any sort of living space unless provided on farms where they are employed, he said.

Anderson recently returned from Chico where he attended a meeting of representatives of all northern California labor offices.

At this meeting, Warren Schoonover, state supervisor of emergency farm labor, spoke on the outlook for Mexican national labor this season.

According to records presented, California has applied for 72,000 men. The state's quota is 33,000 and of this number 20,000 are already working in the state and are frozen in their jobs. These will not be available for work here during the potato harvest and this leaves 13,000 available for distribution to all counties in the state.

When the potato crop here is ready for harvest in late September and early October, other producing areas of the state are also at harvest peak.

Growers are asked to cooperate with the labor office in request for help and if orders are placed at least 10 days in advance of the need, the office will not be handicapped in making satisfactory placement if men are at all available.

It is expected that the same number of itinerant white workers will be available this year as last. These make up only seven-eighths of the need for farm help.

White prisoners of war have been found to give only 60 per cent as much labor as Mexican nationals, labor officials are making a request to the ninth service command for use of those available.

Since the camp located near Tulelake for German prisoners of war houses only 400 men, it will be necessary if others are brought here for the harvest to provide other living quarters. Orders have already been renewed for the 108 now in camp on the west side.

## 30,000 TONS OF FERTILIZER PUT ON LAND

MALIN—Approximately 30,000 tons of fertilizer, by-product of the feed yards at the Live-stock Buying company are going on Klamath county farms this spring in lieu of the commercial product that has been used here in past years for potato production.

Robert Beechiner, superintendent at the plant here, stated Tuesday that the fertilizer, accumulated in the feed lots over a three and one-half year period, is being widely distributed over the southern section of the county, some being hauled near Klamath Falls.

Farmers are providing transportation, largely using dump trucks loaded to about five tons capacity. A load is put on in from two and one-half to three minutes and trucks leave the yards in a steady stream. 5000 tons were taken out last week. A charge of \$1 per load is made.

Fewer than 300 head of Herefords are in the yards at the present time, but grassers will be coming in in the near future. Peak capacity of the yards is 3000 head. Many of the cattle coming this spring have been bought locally. The company feeds a mixture of ground hay, corn, wheat and barley and a daily gain of two pounds per day is expected. Twenty men are employed when the yards are full, with A. E. Perry as traveling manager.

The yards were built and operated for about two years by the Acme Packing company, Seattle and sold later to the present owner.

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## DATA ON WAGE RATES NOW AT AGENT'S OFFICE

Informational material and application forms pertaining to farm wage rates are now available at the county extension office and farm labor office for those interested in checking their wage levels with war food administration regulations, according to County Agent C. A. Henderson. The extension service is cooperating with Alden Orr, newly-appointed executive officer of the Oregon WFA wage board in acquainting farmers with present legal provisions pertaining to farm wages.

Under general regulations, a national level is set for all farm rates at not to exceed \$200 a month as of December 9, 1943. The Oregon WFA wage board has officially set 85 cents an hour as the hourly equivalent of the \$200 a month in this state. Higher rates are legal in the case of individual workers or particular jobs that were above that level on December 9, 1943.

Any higher rates established after that date, however, are not legal unless approval is obtained through individual application to the board at Portland.

Severe penalties for non-obeyers of farm wage rates are provided for both employers and workers, including fine and imprisonment, as well as certain income tax penalties. This program has a direct bearing on holding the line against inflationary living costs, and hence is of interest to consumers of food products.

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## Malheur Water Supply Is Ample

VALE, April 5 (P)—Ample water supply for 1945 crops was promised to Malheur county farmers today.

The annual water forecast indicated above average snow and well soaked soil—enough to fill reservoirs this season and have some holdover for next year.

The giant Owyhee reservoir holds 600,000 acre feet and probably will fill to capacity—a two year supply, the supervisor told the forecast meeting here yesterday. Summer runoff in the Owyhee river is expected to reach 108 per cent of last season's.

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## Weekly Market Trend

(Editor's Note: The following market information is supplied from material obtained over the government leased wire in the office of the extension economist at Oregon State college. The material is for general information only and is not intended to replace day by day market reports.)

### CATTLE AND HOG MARKETS

The livestock market at North Portland was somewhat unsettled Monday, April 2. Trading in the cattle division was rather slow and prices mostly 30 cents or more lower than a week previous. Salable receipts of cattle, estimated at 1500, were 150 head larger than the previous Monday. Choice fed steers held to the top of \$17 but mostly in a weaker position. Midwest cattle markets on the other hand were stronger with slight price advances recorded.

There was no change in the strong position of the hog market. Receipts at North Portland, Monday, were 400 head the same as a week earlier and prices at the ceiling of \$13.75 on all eligible classes.

LAMB MARKETS  
Receipts of sheep and lambs at North Portland increased to 1000 head, double the offerings of a week earlier. Cattle and lambs maintained a steady position but trucks in lambs were weaker, while fed ewes went up to 90, a new recent high.

Contracting of lambs in California during a week ending March 31, was very limited. Apparently the bulk of the slaughterers have an ample supply already under contract to meet immediate needs, and some hold contracts calling for delivery in May. There have been no feeder lambs moved out of California yet this spring and indications are that most of the crop will move as fast lambs.

Some contracts were written last week in Montana. These were for mixed white and black-faced lambs for fall delivery at around 10 1/2 cents a pound; one contract for a mixed lot on a basis of 12 cents a pound for fall delivery. U. S. MEAT CONSUMPTION  
Figures on January consumption of meat in the U. S. were released by the BAK last week. These figures include shipments to our armed forces but not land-leave. Beef consumption was 12 per cent greater than in January 1944, and 23 per cent greater than the January average of the previous five years.

Consumption of lamb and mutton was a third larger than in January 1944 and 37 per cent above average. Consumption of pork, however, dropped sharply compared with a year previous but was about the same as the five-year average. Per capita consumption of all three meats totaled 11.3 pounds. This was only 80 per cent of the per capita consumption in January 1944, but was 9 per cent above average.

WOOL MARKETS  
Very little interest was shown in domestic wools in the Boston market during the past week, as the trade was very much concerned with discussions in relation to the pending tariff reduction legislation.

The new clip is arriving from the territory states of Arizona and Idaho, and from the fleece wool states, about a month earlier than last year. Appraisals

of a small number of lots from Arizona and Idaho which could be compared to 1944 appraisal grade prices were 1 to 1 1/2 cents lower, due to heavier shrinkage.

On March 9, a new master catalog was issued listing all the stockpile wools remaining unsold. These totaled approximately 73 million pounds. From March 8 to March 20, a total of around 4 million pounds were sold, leaving approximately 69 million pounds yet to be sold.

Licenses were issued to import wool from Argentina for the second quarter. The basic period used, on which quotas were based, was changed in order to eliminate or lower quotas to newly formed importers.

Estimates in the trade of weight of wool to be imported on these licenses totaled 23 million pounds. In order to get the largest weight of clean wool, importers are purchasing scoured wools. Prices were from 3 to 5 cents higher on these wools, compared to prices

three months ago when licenses were issued for the first quarter.

charged with stealing government blankets at the desolate Unintah-Ourray reservation. Their first question upon reaching the big city was—"When can we see a show?"

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