

National Potato Letter-- Maine's Freeze Loss Found Smaller Than Expected

Best estimates currently available regarding freeze damage to potatoes in Maine puts the loss in emergency stored stock at about 3 million bushels. This is less than we had expected, and apparently reflects earlier rapid disposal of much of the stock in temporary storage. We knew this disposal was under way, as suggested a week ago, but did not think enough time had elapsed to get so much done. This, plus exports, starve, and commercial shipments, trimmed down temporary storage holdings by at least two-thirds before the freeze arrived. Field-stored stocks in Long Island suffered the same fate, since practically all were in windrows or field piles, protected in some instances with straw but generally uncovered. We are less sure of the quantity involved there, but it undoubtedly exceeded 2 million bushels, since movement to the Philadelphia alcohol plant has been almost zero for the past two or three weeks and the livestock feed market must be near saturation.

Movement
Shipments increased last week to more nearly where they should be. The week's total was 4174 cars, of which 232 were listed for the government. We cannot account for this high figure for the DoA. No expert deals with other countries are under way that we know of. However, many are known to be taking Maine potatoes for export, and these cars may have been counted. Ordinarily, government cars include only potatoes bought for price support. Net for commercial markets was 3942 cars or 657 cars daily; far from enough to move the crop, but better. Maine was way out

in front with 1318 cars while Idaho was a slow second with 866. Colorado topped the 300 mark at 315 cars; Nebraska reported 287, North Dakota 274, California 198, and Oregon 269. No other state even approached 200.

Demand and Markets
Maine had a slow demand all week. The market was firm with strength showing and prices up about a dime at 30 or 40 cents under the floor. This advance may be the result of cold weather, which froze a large volume of potatoes in Maine and Long Island. In upstate New York, demand was moderate with improvement indicated, the market about steady but showing strength and prices mostly five cents higher, but some up a dime at 45 to 50 cents under the floor. Michigan demand continued slow, the market dull to about steady, and prices down about 5 cents at 65 to 70 cents under the floor for Rurals, 45 cents under floor for Chippewas. Wisconsin demand is reported light, the market dull and prices not established account too few sales. Wisconsin has been so inactive

lately that it will be omitted from future surveys unless activity develops. North Dakota Red River valley demand has ruled slow, the market firm to about steady, prices up by pennies at 50 to 55 cents under the floor for few sales. Nebraska demand continued good for best offerings with the market strong turning firm for best No. 1's and prices up 25 cents at 30 to 35 cents over the floor, pointing up the relative scarcity of good quality red stock in the mid-west territory. Colorado demand was light, improving to fair, the market slightly stronger, and prices up a dime at floor to 5 cents over floor. Some Colorado stock is arriving in poor condition, probably due to field frost, which is difficult to grade out. Idaho, with a car shortage reported as affecting shipments, had a moderate to fair demand, with the market firm to slightly stronger, and prices sharply up to 35 cents over the preceding week at 30 cents over the floor, washed basis. Washington demand ruled slow, but the market held steady, with prices unchanged to 20 to 25 cents over the floor, washed basis, for few sales.

Chicago reports a generally slow demand with reds in the lead. The market started dull, turned slightly stronger for most stock, then dull and weaker again. New York ruled weaker to dull on Idaho, but turning slightly stronger. Atlanta held steady, Boston, about steady with some strength early this week; Detroit, mostly about steady with firmness in Maine; Minneapolis, weaker on westerns at the beginning, turning slightly stronger, and others dull to about steady. Philadelphia ruled mostly dull to about steady with some strength on westerns. San Francisco held steady with Klamath basin Russets moving at \$2.85 to \$3 for LCL lots at wholesale; low edge of the range keeps working up a little. Trackholdings continue high.

1947 Price Support Plans
Your guess as to 1947 price support is as good as ours. DoA has said no more than we have reported, but the recent letter from the secretary of agriculture to the chairmen of the two congressional agriculture committees adds more smoke to the department's approach to price support. Secretary Anderson's letter suggested the need for re-examination of the whole field of price support, and used potatoes as an example of how badly things can develop under present support legislation. May be he will propose something concrete in any conference that may be held, but right now, there isn't the slightest indication, officially, of any change in the present scheme of things. Growers must stay within their acreage goals to qualify for price support, but this does not constitute a basically new approach. Late as it is, with the attitude of new congress a question mark, we do not see how a basic change can be made for the 1947 crop, but it could happen, especially when congress takes a new look at the cost of supporting prices for the 1946 crop. Do not discount the possibility when you plan your 1947 operations.

Youth Arrested For Forgery

LAKEVIEW, Dec. 21—Albert W. Karns, 18-year-old Astoria youth, was arrested here Monday on charges of forging a check for \$40 on the First National bank. Following his arrest, Sheriff H. A. Casiday discovered that Karns had pulled a similar offense at Burns. He is being held in the county jail for further investigation before sentence is imposed.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Elliott returned from Bend on Tuesday with Albert A. Boeggeman of Redmond, who is held in the county jail on charges of issuing checks without sufficient funds. He will appear for hearing later this week.

ATTENTION! Master Wave Beauty Shop now open! Hassel Wakeman, operator (formerly East Side Beauty Shop), 4243 Shasta way, next to Art's Barber Shop. Phone 3341.


Classified Ads Bring Results.

KLAMATH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cross and Crescent Streets
S. M. TOPNESS, Pastor

Sunday, December 22—
Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.
Divine Worship, 11:00 a. m.
Sunday School Christmas Program, 4:00 p. m.
Fireside Hour, 5:30 p. m.

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th—
Candlelight and Carol Service, 11:00 p. m.
Christmas Day, Dec. 25th—
Festival Worship, 11:00 a. m.



You Are Always Welcome At
Klamath Lutheran

Enjoy Your Christmas

At The
First Baptist Church

North Eighth and Washington Sts.
"The Church With A Message"
CECIL C. BROWN, Pastor

9:45 a. m.—Christmas program by the Sunday School.
11:00 a. m.—Christmas message.
6:15 p. m.—Training Union for all ages.
7:30 p. m.—Christmas concert numbers by choir. Message, "The Christmas Name."

Christmas treats for all children in Sunday School children

KLAMATH TEMPLE

"The Church With the Lighted Cross"

PRESENTS
"A Gift for the Christ Child"

A Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 22nd
Sunday Morning, Christmas Message, 11:00 a. m.

1007 Pine Street



Merry Christmas to All

Is the Greeting of the
First Christian Church

CHURCH EDIFICE



Assembly of God Church

PRESENTS
"The Star Lighted Path"

A Beautiful Pageant of the Christmas Story

Sunday, December 22,
7:30 p. m.

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Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Sunday School Christmas program, 11:00 a. m., followed by treats for everyone.

Parents urged to accompany children for Christmas treats.

8th and Oak Sts.
Everyone Welcome To All Services

WORSHIP PROGRAM
Lordsday, Dec. 22, 1944

SERMON—
"Bethlehem's Treasures"

CHOIR CANTATA—
"Come Let Us Adore Him"

Christmas Program at 7:30 p. m.

Bible School, 9:45 a. m.
Youth Groups, 6:30 p. m.

A WELCOME TO ALL

adaptable to chipping? Why don't more grower groups get together with chippers and talk over mutual problems of varieties, grades, storage, trading, etc. Rumors of more export business still persist, but we can't pin them down. Seed movement has begun in measurable volume, will increase steadily through March. Potato parity was up again last month to \$1.57 per bushel, actual prices received by farmers down to 78 per cent of parity; relationship of these prices to support prices were covered thoroughly here recently. Earliest early spuds of the 1947 crop will hit the markets this month, but in very small volume.

City Delivery Service, Phone 8417.

Pilgrim Holiness Church

Wantland at Division Services:

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.
Worship 11:00 A.M.
Evangelistic 7:30 P.M.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 P.M.
Rev. SHERMAN MOORE, Minister
2325 Eberlein Phone 3453

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve . . . December 24
Children's Program . . . 7:30 p. m.
"The Birthday of Our King"

Christmas Day . . . December 25
Festival Service . . . 11 a. m.
"The Blessed Mystery of Christmas"

Welcome

Zion Lutheran Church
The "Lutheran Hour" Church 1035 High St.



V. A. Schulze, Pastor

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Red Ryder



WELL, I'VE FOUND YOUR LITTLE BEAVER. THESE ARE THE COWS THAT WERE STOLEN FROM MY PLACE!

NOT SEE'EM? BETTER NOT LET RYDER VISIT OUR PLACE. ME-SLEW HE NIGHT RECOGNIZ'EM. NEXT TO ACQUA, YOU'VE GOT TO BE READY FOR 'EM.

THEY'RE LOOKING AT THOSE OFF-BRAND COWS, CAVE? THEY'VE GOT TO BE UP HERE.

I'LL BE READY FOR 'EM.

Boots and Her Buddies



BOOTS, YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT MRS. HOGNER ACTUALLY WROTE YOU ABOUT MISS COBRAN?

YES, BUT LET'S POSSIBLY CALL ABOUT IT. ROD! I DIDN'T BELIEVE A WORD OF IT!

I WON'T FORGET ABOUT IT! I'M GOING OVER AND TELL HER WHAT I THINK OF HER RIGHT NOW! I'LL... NO!

IF HARVEY CAN'T SHUT HER UP, I WILL! AND I'LL STILL... OH, RATS! AFTER ALL, NOTHING WOULD BE GAINED! THE WORST PUNISHMENT FOR THAT KIND IS TO LET 'EM STEW IN THEIR OWN JUICE!

Alley Oop



NICE JOB YOU DID, WASHING UP THE WOULD-BE BAD MEN.

I KNOW THEIR KIN BY THE TIME THEY GET OUT OF JAIL, THEY'LL BE NICE, QUIET LITTLE LAMBS.

WHAT THE... OH, BOYBOY, WE SURE GOT NED UP GORY GULCH!

YEH, AND IT'LL BE HOURS BEFORE THEY CAN ROUND UP ENOUGH NAGS TO FORM A POSSE!

Wash Tubbs



MY FUTURE HUSBAND, QUINCY HINKLE! TELL ME—

HINKLE! QUINCY HINKLE! WELL, NOW WENT THAT A CONCOCK! WHY WE'RE NEGOTIATING WITH HIM TO LEAVE JORKINA AND COME TO MAKE INDUSTRIES!

YAS, I KNOW, MR. WHEE, BUT—

HE'D LOVE IT HERE! WE'RE JUST LIKE ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY... OH, HELLO THERE, ED! HOW'S THAT PINE-ROSY-CHEEKED LAD OF YOURS?

I SAY HOW'S THAT BIG, BOUNCING BOY OF YOURS?

OH, YOU SPEAKIN' TO ME?... WHY PRETTY GOOD, I GUESS, BUT HE'S BEEN DOWN HIS BOUNCIN' LATELY IN TH' MARINES!

Freckles and His Friends



THE SENIOR HISTORY CLASS PAID \$500 FOR A PICTURE OF HILDA GRUBBLE. IF YOU ASK US, WE GOT TAKEN IN!

MR. FROST, THE WHOLE STUDENT BODY SHOT ME DOWN IN FLAMES!

I'M SORRY, HILDA! IT'S ALL MY FAULT! BUT YOU CAN READ THIS LETTER TO THE STUDENT BODY... AND EVERYTHING WILL BE CLEARED UP!

IMAGINE THAT! I HELD IT IN THE STEAM AND IT ACCIDENTALLY CAME UNSEALED!

NOT REALLY... SHALL WE ACCIDENTALLY READ IT?

Little Orphan Annie



I'M GETTIN' HUNGRY—AND THIS BENCH IS GETTIN' HARD—

IT WON'T BE MUCH LONGER—T'N THINASTLE WILL HAVE TO COME OUT SOON—SH—

OH—HOW DO YOU DO, MR. TIN—

GEE! WAS THAT HIM?

IT WAS INDEED—WE'RE CLOSING THE OFFICE NOW—GOOD NIGHT—

Glamorous Gloria

By — LaPointe's

THAT'S A NICE RIDING HABIT YOU HAVE, GLORIA!

BUT, TOM... I HAVEN'T BEEN RIDING LONG ENOUGH TO GET THE HABIT.

I MEAN THE ONE YOU'RE WEARING!

OH, WELL, OF COURSE IT'S NICE! I BOUGHT IT AT

LaPointe's
ALL THEIR CLOTHES ARE NICE!

I am the Rothmoor Scotty—watchdog of quality—meet me at LaPointe's.

