

National Potato Letter Spud Storage Losses For Most Areas Anticipated

The potato supply picture has not materially changed during the week. However, new evidence indicates further shrink in the year-end merchantable stocks by reason of rapid break-down in transit of some Maine shipments. These reports are not yet confirmed but if true, would indicate the possibility of a shortage of potatoes in the next 30 days. There is nothing more than normal expectancy of some bad bins due to ring-rot or blight, but it bears watching. In addition, there is widespread agitation of aggressive and extensive dumping of surplus potatoes. If DoA responds to such demands and puts any considerable quantity beyond the reach of commercial channels, the year-end supply picture will look still better.

If this is done, however, it will merely be doing what nearly all observers agree must be done sooner or later. We can understand and sympathize with DoA's reluctance to dump good potatoes in the face of world hunger, but dumping will be less costly now than later when sprouts and rot develop. So there is good argument for doing it now when it can have a market benefit as well. On the other hand, consumers have had no benefit from the abundant supply. Many people, in and out of the government, believe that they should be getting a policy of making good on previous commitments without making consumers pay twice—once in the retail price and again in the tax bill. We do not believe that there is no particular reason for deliberately permitting accumulation of surplus stuff graded out of market shipments when there is more than enough of good quality to go around.

Demand and Markets

Last week's trading shows signs of improvement; probably due to light shipments, low terminal stocks, car shortages, and the bulge in seed shipments to meet the freight rate increases. Market show quick response to changes in the rate of movement as a result of hand-to-mouth buying and empty pipelines. Idaho demand is reported light turning fair, the market mostly steady, prices a nickel to a dime higher at 5 to 10 cents over the floor. Washington (Klensburg only) reports the demand very slow, the market generally dull and too few sales to quote.

Terminal reports are sketchy, but show Chicago with a slow demand, the market a little stronger than empty, about steady for others. New York ruled dull but with some new strength from Eastern and new stock slightly weaker to dull. Atlanta ruled steady, Boston, dull but firming. Des Moines, about steady with weak, unsettled; Minneapolis, dull; Philadelphia, dull mostly about steady with some weakness, New Orleans, dull. San Francisco ruled barely steady with Klamath Russets being mostly \$2.00 to \$2.12, a range narrower than last week with the top down a dime.

Things We Hear

DoA tells us growers participating in the loan program and retain price support on pick-ups, 1 1/2 inches up. After all, spuds meeting requirements of 1 1/2 inches up, are still in grade even if some have been removed. Much gossip about that support will drop about \$200 million price support, maybe lower the percentage of parity; maybe

Police Hunt Two Army Men

State police were searching today for two young army men who are said to have spent Christmas furloughs in Klamath Falls from Fort Lewis, Wash. The two are suspected of taking a 1937 Plymouth coach from Maupin and abandoning the car on the Marine Barracks road, the machine wrecked and stripped of its radio and repair equipment.

Officers said two 20-year-old soldiers were in Maupin and attempted to get money through Western Union to continue their trip south. In the meantime a car owned by Mrs. Donnie Duus of Maupin was broken into and a purse containing about \$5 in cash and a flashlight taken. The light was found in the abandoned car, officers reported. Police asked that anyone having information on two men answering the above description, contact them at headquarters or phone 4211. The car was traced to the owner, Rex M. Snodgrass, Maupin resident.

HIGH SCHOOL News Notes and Comment

By MARY O'BRIEN

Conference basketball games get under way tonight when the Pels play Ashland on Pelican court. Tied in with the basketball spirit was today's 30-minute pep assembly. The fellow who thought up the proceedings was Chairman Evan Dixon. A Hawaiian hula diversion act was staged by George Jones and S. I. a Smith. Vocalists were Bud Selby and the vocal team of Patty Meyers and Darlene Knowles. Spaced somewhere in here on the program was another diversion act, this time by Bud Brown. Coach Wayne Scott gave a short talk on the basketball outlook and the yell squad led several yells. Five girls dressed in red sweaters and white shorts made up an imaginary football team.

This semester's five top speakers now taking beginning speech will be chosen in another three weeks and will then be entered in a contest at the Toastmasters club. On January 29 an interschool speech contest will be held. One speaker will be chosen from each of the seven speech classes taught by Walt Eschebeck and Howard Holt. Preliminary inter-club speaking will be held at KU to reduce the seven first chosen to the top five. The above plan will be put into action every semester from now on.

With both yesterday's and today's activity periods either delayed or reserved for an assembly, club meetings have been held at noon or postponed. The Latin club met yesterday noon, and Script and Mike and Girls Ski club held their meetings this noon.

Forest Head's Death Told

Jack F. Campbell, supervisor of the Fremont national forest from 1931 to 1934 and well known locally, died at Reno, Nevada, on December 24, 1946. Masonic funeral services were held at Finley's mortuary, Portland, on December 28.

Campbell started working for the forest service in 1917 as ranger on the Siskiyou national forest and worked on the Willamette, Rainier and Deschutes forests before coming to Lakeview in 1931. In 1934 he left to become regional fire chief for the forest service at Portland.

In 1939 he was made associate director of the New England forest emergency project at Boston, Mass. He later worked in Washington, D. C., and on the emergency rubber project at Salinas, Calif. While supervisor of the Fremont, Campbell initiated the large CCC program and the first major road construction work on the forest. It was during his regime that the Cox Creek and several other large fires occurred on the forest and it was largely because of the excellent manner in which he handled these that he was promoted to the regional fire job at Portland.

Clean-Up Plan To Be Talked

Several projects for the city spring clean-up program will be discussed January 14 when the Klamath clean-up committee will meet at 10 a. m. at the chamber of commerce.

Proposals made at the last meeting of the committee will be fully outlined. Nicholas Long, chairman, said today, including encouraging school children to assist in cleaning up school grounds, front and back yards at home and vacant lots about town. The committee is investigating the availability of merit pins or badges to be awarded to the children most active in obtaining results.

Another proposal to come under discussion Tuesday is the procurement of refuse cans to be fixed at intervals along Main street for rubbish which is now being strewn along the sidewalks.

The committee headed by Long is composed of members representing local clubs and organizations and includes Benny Burgess, 20-30 club; John Sandmeyer, Klamath County Health association; Warren Bennett, Rotary; Greer Drew, Kiwanis; Paul Angstead, Lions; Martin Putnam, Junior chamber of commerce; Annis Struthers, BPW; Lillian Hillis, Soroptimist; Jim Patterson, Boy Scouts; E. A. Thomas, city engineer.

Godfrey Takes Music Job

LAKEVIEW, Jan. 10.—Fred J. Godfrey arrived this week from Texas to take over his new duties as school music supervisor in the Lakeview school system. He replaces Alvin Temple, who resigned to enter private business in Lakeview.

Godfrey has been teaching the past year at Healdton, Oklahoma, and prior to that spent most four years as a personnel director in the navy, serving in the Philippines. He has had 8 years of teaching in the music field, and is a graduate of Central Teachers college, Edmond, Okla., with a music major, and has attended two summer sessions toward his master's degree. He is married and has two children.

Temple, who has been music supervisor at Lakeview for two and one-half years, joined Max Phelps of Lakeview in the partnership purchase of The Sportsman from Erle Bennett.

Klamath Woman Serves In Europe

FRANKFURT, Germany — Miss Elaine W. Mock, daughter of Mrs. Edith McLeod of 413 High, Klamath Falls, is currently stationed in Hoechst, Germany, with the army exchange service. The army exchange service in the European theater is continuing its wartime mission of providing items for the soldiers' use, comfort and pleasure. It now has the additional task of procuring merchandise for the families of the army of occupation.

Miss Mock formerly served overseas with the adjutant general casualty division. She was also a former student of Klamath Union high school in Klamath Falls.

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WHO'S PANTHO MARSHAL?
PANTHO DELIVERS SUPPLIES TO THE RANCHES—I SAW HIM HEADIN' TOWARD THE M-L-A-L-T-C TODAY!
HOW THAT MCLEW'S RANCH?
THIS QUARREL WITH MCLEW IS AS MUCH MINE AS PANTHO'S. SIS! I'M NOT LETTIN' RYDER FIGHT ALONE!
THAT'S WHAT I THINK, PANTHO! I'M GOING WITH YOU!

Alley Oop

OKAY, DOC—READY?
READY—HERE GOES!
IF LEAD DIDN'T GET 'EM, THEY MADE THE BIG JUMP!
WE'LL KNOW WHEN WE FISH THEIR CARCASSES OUTA THE RIVER!
AHM! CONTACT'S PERFECT—GOT 'EM!
LOOKOUT, DOC!

Boots and Her Buddies

SO YOU WERE REALLY IMPRESSED WITH DUD'S REAL ESTATE PROJECT?
YEP! SURE WAS!
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED DUD, BUT HE NEVER STRUCK ME AS BEING VERY PRACTICAL! UP TILL NOW!
WELL, FOR CLARA'S SAKE, I CERTAINLY HOPE EVERYTHING WORKS OUT ALL RIGHT!
IT IS WORKING OUT! DUD'S FEET HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN ON GOOD SOLID GROUND, BUT THOSE HOUSES ARE SURE ARE!

Wash Tubbs

OH, THERE YOU ARE, DADDY! THE GUESTS ARE HERE... BUT THE COUNTESS HAS RECEIVED BAD NEWS, AND HAS TO LEAVE! SHE'S UPSTAIRS, CHANGING NOW!
THANK GOODNESS! THEM TYN NOT TOO LATE!
AH! SO YOU'D POSE AS A COUNTESS, IN—YOU BRATEN SKULKING SCOUNDREL!

Freckles and His Friends

NOW THAT WE'VE GOT THIS CURE, ALL IT NEEDS IS AN AUTOPSY!
DON'T WORRY—IT'LL RUN AGAIN!
OKAY, POP—THERE IT IS! I BOUGHT A NICE CONSERVATIVE MODEL!
YEAH, MR. MC GOOSEY, IT DOESN'T EVEN USE ANY GAS—ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS PUSH IT!
DOESN'T IT EVEN RUN? NO, BUT IT SURE CAN PARK!

Little Orphan Annie

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THIS SICKLY LOOKING CHARACTER?
FIRST I HAVE 'EM BREAK HER ARM—
HA! WHY NOT JUST BREAK HER NECK AND WIND UP THE WHOLE THING? HO! HOT HOT NOT BAD, EH?
LOOK, SON! FUNNIES SHOULD BE FUNNY! REMEMBER—THEY'RE FOR THE KIDDIES—
BALONEY! HOW MANY KIDDIES BUY PAPERS?
FUNNIES ARE FOR GROWNUPS, WHO BUY WHAT THEY THINK THEIR KIDDIES SHOULD HAVE—
WHY, I—YOU—GET OUT OF MY OFFICE!

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**New Stamps
Tear Easily**

A noticeable "tearability" of postage stamps has led to inquiry of postal authorities. No data has been received at the Klamath Falls post office from the U. S. post office department regarding a thinner type stock being used.

Russell L. Griffith, assistant postmaster, stated that the post office staff had discussed the matter and drawn the conclusion that postage stamps may be printed on a lighter type stock now due to the paper shortage, or the perforations dividing the stamps are not as sharp and do not tear with the usual facility. No notice of any change in material used has been given out, he said.

Whether the perforations or the paper is different, stamps today do not stand up under the rugged ripping apart that people have become accustomed to giving them. They must be carefully held now when being separated or the stamps will tear.

School Bus Delivery Slow

The three new school buses badly needed and on order for the county school system, will not arrive for some time to come, according to word received by the school board from the bus manufacturing company.

The school board met yesterday in the Veterans Memorial building.

Harold Ashley, superintendent of county schools, said that the bus company had informed him that its production was curtailed by shortages of materials and that the chance of getting new buses or repair parts is worse now than during the war.

The current carpenter strike has virtually halted work on the new Bonanza elementary school wing and gymnasium, Ashley said. The construction is about 75 per cent completed, and the gymnasium may be put into use before the end of this school year.

Waitress Slayer Gets Gas Chamber

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 10 (AP)—Van Lee Ramsey, a negro, died quickly and quietly early today in the Missouri state penitentiary's lethal gas chamber for the butcher knife slaying of a young St. Louis waitress.

Miss Lena Davidson, a 19-year-old waitress, was brutally killed May 1, 1945, when she tried to defend herself from a robber.

Paper Carrier Hurt In Fall

Gene Wallace Milligan, 13, 3202 Crosby, The Herald and News carrier, suffered a painful injury to his leg when he slipped on an icy road January 7 at 5:30 p. m., while riding his bicycle. Young Milligan, eighth grader at Altamont Junior high, has recovered from his hurts.

Gene is the son of Wallace Milligan. He has carried papers for the Altamont route for some time.

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