

Klamath Potato Growers Association Meets In Henley; Scott Warren Named President; Hatfield Diversion Talked

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One hundred eight-five Klamath basin potato growers gathered through a long session in the Henley High school gym at Monday's Klamath Potato Growers' association meeting.

The crowd, swelled by Tulelake visitors, heard details of the potato loan, support and diversion programs and saw 3 new directors named. New directors are John Degnan, Merrill; William Tubach, Poe valley, and Scott Warren, Klamath Falls.

At a director gathering later Scott Warren was named association president.

Growers passed resolutions favoring state law requiring farm labor contractors to be licensed, bonded and to carry workmen's compensator for employees. The group went on record requesting that extension service farm labor offices be maintained after June 30, 1947.

It was also requested that farm labor employment offices be retained under USDA rather than have such work absorbed by U. S. employment service offices.

Growers heard Ron Smith of Northwest Chemurgy Cooperative urge support for the Hatfield starch plant by asking growers to look ahead to years of heavy supply without government support.

The plant's obligation to take cull potatoes from stock holders before entering the diversion field was stated. Delivery for diversion will probably have to be allocated among members, Smith said.

Contract hauling to the plant was tentatively arranged at \$2.00 per ton, Smith stated. Growers will be expected to pay half such hauling costs.

Payment rates for starch diversion were outlined as follows: Specification "A" (mixtures of 2's, peewees and culls) 70c per wt. for 2's and peewees and straight cull purchase at 50c.

Specification "D" (cellar run), D-1 50 to 59 per cent U. S. No. 1's at \$1.33 for 90% of weight; D-2, 60 to 69 per cent U. S. No. 1 at \$1.47 for 90% of weight; D-3, 70% and over U. S. No. 1's, \$1.59 for 90% of weight. Specification "G" (pickouts) 1's to 2-inch or 6 ounce and oversize (segregated) \$1.85 per cwt.

At the present time, only potatoes under loan are eligible for any diversion payments. Diversion to livestock feed, direct purchase by CCC for the school lunch program and just plain dumping were explained by Ted Dunwoodie, ex-secretary of the Klamath Agriculture Conservation association and now district production and marketing administration supervisor.

Direct purchase in this area may total 60 to 100 cars, Dunwoodie said. Delivery for such purposes brings growers \$2.30 per 100 lbs. for graded and sacked No. 1's F. O. B. car.

Local stock feed diversion costs feeders 20c per cwt. and brings growers \$1.80 for 1's and 65c for 2's bulk at the cellar.

Diversion to feeders in other areas is developing with prices of 30c per cwt., plus \$5.00 per 500-sack car, to feeders. All of the 30c per cwt. may be applied on freight. Freight in excess of 30c is paid by feeder purchaser. Growers receive \$1.80 and 65c in this deal plus an undetermined service charge for sacking potatoes and loading cars. No movement for this purpose yet. Several orders on hand.

A previous news article quoted 20c prices to outside feeders.

It is expected normal market channels will take the good quality potatoes, Dunwoodie said. However, provisions for dumping deteriorating lots have been made. Requests for such dumping or for feed diversion must be placed for clearance through the county AAA committee.

Nematode control experiments with DD and Dowe Fume soil fumigants were summarized by Gene Gross, Klamath experiment station superintendent. Results in 1946 are practically identical with those in 1945 which indicate necessity of 400-lb. per acre applications for successful control. Gross also outlined potato breeding work now being started at this station.

A summary of potato insect investigations in 1946 showed peach aphids to be the most numerous known disease vectors in Klamath basin. Records show a steady build up of aphids with 8 aphid per lower leaf on August 1 and increasing to 9.5 aphids lower leaf on September 1 in check plots not receiving insect control treatments.

Work in 1946 indicates DDT and DDT and oil dust as the two most effective materials used. Counts in plots dusted with these materials held aphid populations down to less than 9 aphids per lower leaf on September 1 when undusted check plot populations had built up to counts approaching 10.

The question yet to be answered is, can disease spread reduction be correlated with insect control obtained in these dusted plots? Samples of potatoes from all plots were taken for spring planting. Disease counts made in these sample plantings should indicate whether or not dusting for insect control has reduced virus disease spread.

A combination grade for Klamath county was suggested by John Short. Considerable difference of opinion was expressed concerning desirability of providing such a grade. The question was tied in with grower desires to know more about what happens in California markets.

Dan Crawford stated that Tulelake growers are attempting a market investigation and suggested the Klamath association join in this effort. Crawford said efforts are being made in California to provide legislation similar to Idaho's which permits a 1c per sack levy for the promotion of the potato industry.

These two matters of investigation of markets and consideration of combination grade were referred for committee consideration jointly with Tulelake.

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PROTECTION

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4-H Club To Attend Meet

The Klamath County 4-H Leaders association held its regular monthly meeting Saturday, January 10, at the chamber of commerce with the association president, Clifford Jenkins, presiding.

The Leaders association set a goal of 12 leaders to attend the annual 4-H Leaders' convention to be held at Oregon State college, January 29, 30 and 31. This will be the first annual conference held during the last four years.

Registration will start the morning of January 29 and will be concluded with a luncheon at noon, January 31.

The state 4-H news writing contest was presented to the leaders. A committee of Mrs. Jessie Keedy, chairman, and Helen Sullivan is to work with Francis Skinner, county club agent, on preparing a set of rules for a county news writing contest.

The state 4-H poster contest, sponsored by the State Leaders association, was discussed with the leaders and the following poster classes were given: class 1, home economics; class 2, agriculture; class 3, health, and class 4, achievement.

A nominating committee was appointed with Mrs. A. H. McLean, chairman, Rex High and R. A. Johnston for the election

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