

Maintaining Grade And Reputation Of Basin's Spuds Talked At Meeting

The problem of maintaining the grade and reputation of Klamath basin potatoes on the San Francisco bay area markets was the principal issue before the Tulalake Growers at a well-attended meeting held at the Sportsman's hotel at Tulalake last night.

Eldon Larson of the Tulalake Growers and Bryant Williams of the Klamath Potato Growers association reported on a study they had made of market conditions in the south, and warned that unless remedial measures are taken, potatoes from this area will suffer seriously in prestige in their principal market area.

The basin men went "incognito" into the retail markets in the bay area and purchased samples of potatoes, showing that inferior potatoes are being offered down there under the names of "Klamaths" and "Tulalakes."

Opinion was expressed that the blame lies at both ends of the shipping cycle. Growers in the basin must tighten up on their grading and sorting practices, and steps must be taken to prevent the mixing and re-distribution of quality in the consumer area. More care in handling potatoes is needed to prevent damage and deterioration before they reach the consumer.

The Klamath men found that Klamath potatoes still are in heavy demand among consumers, but expressed the fear that unless constructive steps are taken, that situation will change to the worse.

President Chester Main of the Tulalake Growers appointed a committee to work with a committee of the Klamath Growers on the problem. Members are Eldon Larson, Leonard Meske, Marvin Thomas and Sam Anderson. President Scott Warren of the Klamath Growers said he will immediately appoint his committee to work on the problem.

County Agent Charles Henderson of Klamath county discussed a certified seed barley project with the Tulalake men, stating that a brewing company and Oregon State college are interested in orders for such seed from this area. Growers reported they wanted several hundred sacks of the seed.

Thirty-five growers indicated they wanted an early delivery of irrigation water this spring, naming March 15 to April 1 as the time they will need water. This will be reported to the reclamation service.

Everett H. Thomas, agricultural development agent, Great Northern railroad, was a speaker on the program. He discussed the growing of fresh vegetables in this area and various factors involved in marketing such products.

A representative of the California department of agriculture discussed marketing agreements under the California laws.

The business meeting followed dinner at the Sportsman's hotel.

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Beetles May Clear Weeds

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19 (AP)—Scientists today were preparing to attack the Klamath weed in northern California and Oregon with spring with imported beetles which they said would devour the noxious growth of the range-lands but starve before eating anything else.

Thirty-nine hundred of the metallic colored beetles in a box less than a foot square were flown here this week from Australia by Pan-American World Airways. The shipment was one of a series.

Scientists of the U. S. department of agriculture and the University of California were altering the life cycle of the beetles at a laboratory in nearby Albany.

This is necessary, before stocking range-lands in the spring, because the beetles were flown from summer in Australia to California's winter weather. In winter the beetles, of the families chrysomelid hypericid and chrysomelid gemellatid, hibernates in the ground.

The weed, an accidental importation to this country, was first found growing in Oregon and hence was given its American name after the southern Oregon county of Klamath. It is poisonous to sheep and cattle.

The campaign against the weed is under the direction of Prof. H. S. Smith, University of California entomologist.

Oceanside Spud Field Dates Set

Potato growers field days will be held at the Oceanside, Calif., certified potato seed test plots March 6 and 7. Cold weather in the Oceanside area this winter resulted in slow growth and deferred the start of inspection of Oregon seed plots until March 3.

About 25 Klamath area farmers attended the Oceanside field day last year, and United Air Lines will schedule a special flight this year if a sufficient number of growers are interested.

A passenger list for the flight is being made up at the county agent's office.

Oregon inspectors will be registered at the Beach hotel. Headquarters for the Oregon growers last year was the Carlsbad.

Wool Subsidy Being Considered

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19 (AP)—A new subsidy program for domestically produced wool will be considered by a house agriculture subcommittee March 4. The legislation by Rep. Granger (D-Utah), would provide for price support for two years at 90 per cent of the comparable price, which is the average for the 1934-39 period.

The bill was favorably reported by the house agriculture committee last session and a similar bill also was recommended to the senate but both failed to reach a vote.

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Herald and News FARM PAGE

10 Reports Ready For Study During Farm Conference

Polishing touches are being put on agriculture committee reports to be considered at the farm planning conference to be held Wednesday, February 26, at 10 a. m. in the Veterans Memorial building.

Schedule of the day provides for 10 committee reports and a discussion of the 1947 agricultural outlook and opportunities for improvement in rural life by representatives of the OSC extension service.

Ed Geary will preside, and a noon luncheon will be served by the American Legion auxiliary. Some entertainment is planned for the noon hour.

First committee report will be on livestock by William Marshall, followed by John Kerns' farm crops committee report; potato report by E. C. Lemler, farm home and rural life report by Mrs. Harry Mitchell, in the morning session.

Afternoon reports will be made on land use by Harry Jackson, farm labor by Scott Warren, horticulture by Red Bussman, youth committee by Rex High, poultry by Stanley Soran and small seeds by David McComb.

Here are a few of the highlights of various committee reports:

Alaska Clover
Intensive study of national alaska clover production and use and a consideration of competitive advantages in the production of alaska in Klamath county resulted in the go-ahead signal to expand acreage from the present 7500 acres to 15,000 or more.

The small seeds committee has a comprehensive report showing production, imports, price data, yield figures, basin cleaning capacity and a summary of good production and harvest practices.

General Crops
A thorough coverage of general crops is highlighted by the importance of proper variety choice in grains and alfalfa. Experiment station variety yield records over a period of years are given in the general crop report.

Competitive advantages en-

velopment and recreational and wildlife activities; improving of range and pasture lands; maintenance of adequate soil fertility; adjustment of farm operations to meet expected postwar conditions; less favorable land conditions prevailing in the last several years; adequate steps to prevent hoof and mouth disease in the western states; and many other equally important matters.

Rural Life
Investigation by the farm and home rural life committee revealed that, while 70 per cent of the farm homes in Klamath county have electricity, only 45 per cent have running water and 67 per cent have neither bathtubs nor showers. Definite need was shown for better fire protection in farm homes.

Recommendations will be presented regarding home building and remodeling, including availability of materials and plans as presented by local wholesale and retail building supply companies. Plans for presentation of factual information regarding new household equipment and materials will be recommended. All of the recommendations are aimed at providing more wholesome family and community life.

Adult Leadership
Limiting factor in youth organizations is the lack of adult

leadership to serve all groups that may be organized. The various organizations in each community are urged to provide one or more leaders for youth groups.

An educational and dramatized program should be carried out by each youth organization to let the public know what youth organization is, how it carries on its program and the benefits that the youth receives from the organization.

Parents are encouraged to take an active part in youth programs.

More recreational opportunities need to be provided for youth within each community. Should poultry and turkey products be increased or decreased in Klamath county, will be a timely question which will be considered by the committee.

Other subjects included by the poultry committee will be trends in poultry production, popular breeds for Klamath county, land and capital requirements for development of a commercial poultry unit, poultry housing, brooding and rearing, trends in size of flocks, possibilities for meat-type checkers in Klamath county.

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Ram Sale Slated
PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 20 (AP)—The 21st annual Oregon ram sale has been scheduled here August 18, County Agent Victor Johnson has announced. Col. Earl O. Walter, Filer, Ida., will be auctioneer.

Despite Wall Street's traditional superstition about numbers, the late J. P. Morgan maintained a home at No. 13 Pines street, London.

(Additional Farm News on Page Eleven)

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