

National Potato Letter . . . Early Spud Outlook Good In West; US Market Slow

Disappearance of late crop potatoes continues at a fair pace despite the wind-up of the export deal. Information on stocks remaining is meagre and largely guesswork, but supplies appear of manageable volume from now on, partly because foreign shipments drained off just enough and partly because the early crop in some sections is light and late. Even Maine should have a chance to get out under by about mid-May.

Among the early states, California is a standout for yield and quality, both of which appear to be high. Prospects in Louisiana are not so good due to cold wet weather. Same is generally true of north Florida (Hastings), Alabama and the Carolinas. So far, only the Florida area is badly hurt by early frosts. Other sections are retarded, with some damage to seed pieces and stands, and considerable leaching of fertilizer in high-rainfall districts. Season is working around to a sort of accordion squeeze on marketings, which will begin later in the Southeast and Gulf areas and then bump into the movement from areas farther north which have a better chance of full recovery. We think the actual size of the crop will not be far out of line, but pile-ups may cause temporary surpluses.

Shipments last week nearly held their own, declining only 191 cars in total while government cars declined by 268. This makes a net commercial increase of 77 cars for the week. Maine fell below 3000 cars for the first time in several weeks, moving only 2563. Idaho stayed high with 930 cars, followed by—hold your hats—California, with 866 new and 88 old crop cars. Red River valley turned out 404, and Texas 392. Only other states over 100 cars were Colorado, Michigan and New York.

Note that early shipments were 21 per cent of the total, and from only two states. Also, that all early shipments to date are less than half of the number up to this time last season. Early crop should begin to dominate the market by early May.

Demand and Markets. Only five markets reported last week, one of them for the last time this season. Maine had a slow demand turning good, the market firm and strong and prices up slightly at 15 cents over floor for Green Mountains, and 20 cents over floor for Katahdin type. Upstate New York demand ruled moderate but improving, the market slightly stronger and prices up 5 to 10 cents at a nickel over the floor. North Dakota Red River valley demand has been slow to get going, but prices unchanged at 65 cents over the floor. California (early) demand has been slow to very good, the market steady after its mid-week dive, but with prices down 60 cents at 40 cents over the floor. Kern county movement has been too fast to maintain their \$3.00 price ideas. Also, digging began too early and we think quality is a factor.

Chicago terminal reports mostly show a very slow demand for old stock, the market dull and mostly weaker, but with some strength Monday and Tuesday. For new stock, demand has been slow to good, the market about steady to firm. New York reported dull and weaker for old westerns, steady after strengthening on other old offerings; new, dull and weaker. Atlanta held steady on old stock; Boston, about steady to stronger on old, dull to about steady on new; Detroit, old mostly firm, new about steady; Minneapolis, only one report, shows old dull, new steady; Philadelphia, old about steady, new mostly steady to slightly weaker. San Francisco, on old stock held

steadily, with not much change in trackholdings from the previous week.

Things To Watch

Hearings on program for agriculture were begun by the house agriculture committee this week. We all hope for a sound, progressive long-range program, but it is doubtful whether such will be forthcoming at this session. It's just too complex to expect a quick solution. Potatoes have a big stake in the outcome, since price support marketing and by-product utilization are bound to get attention. Could wish 1946 had been a different sort of season as it is bound to affect thinking in congress in shaping future programs.

Odds are that little, if any, funds will be made available for the Marketing Research Act. Reasons are confused, not all for economy. Spud men had hoped for a start on a long-term plan of research aimed at better quality, better marketing, better utilization of low grades and surplus in by-product outlets. Admirable objectives, and not generally opposed. But looks like poor start or no start this year.

As we have said before, potato prices are high. The 1947 early crop support prices are 30 cents over the 1946 late crop support basis, and late crop price support in 1947 will be on a July 1 parity basis, which is bound to be still higher. Looks as though we are spiralling up constantly in the fact of what we all know to be an inflated situation. Prices generally, and food prices in particular, may fall. If that happens, consumer price ideas will shy away from 3 1/2 to 5 cent potatoes. If that happens, the country's needs on terms of what it will buy at today's prices will drop. A crop of 350 million bushels, a pre-war shortage might turn out to be a surplus. If we turn out 400 million bushels, a very real possibility, what then?

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 1, of Klamath County, State of Oregon, that a special election will be held within the boundaries of said district, at the Fremont School Building located at 713 High Street, in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 12th day of May, 1947, from the hour of two o'clock p. m. to the hour of seven o'clock p. m., to vote on the question (1) of increasing the amount of the tax levy in said School District No. 1 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1948, on the taxable property within said district, more than 6% over the tax levy for the preceding year, and (2) of adopting or rejecting the following budget of estimated expenditures for said district for said fiscal year.

The reasons for increasing such levy are:

1. Increased cost of instruction
2. Increased cost of operation
3. Increased cost of equipment and supplies
4. Public Employees Retirement Act requirements

Attest: A. W. HESTON, District Clerk

E. S. ROBINSON, Chairman Board of Directors

BUDGET

Schedule I—Estimated Receipts and Available Cash Balances

General Fund	Estimated Receipts	Available Cash Balance
Estimated Receipts from Delinquent Taxes, approximately 3% of current levy	\$ 13,500.00	
Vocational Education	104,063.73	
Tuition Adult Class	123,941.00	
Tuition Summer School	3,000.00	
Sales of Supplies, Property and Equipment	1,000.00	
Cafeteria	400.00	
Recreation Committee, Reimbursement Light, Power and Water	10,000.00	
Other Sources	1,820.00	
State Aid	41,047.00	
Total Estimated Receipts	\$290,346.73	
Estimated Available Cash Balance	10,000.00	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Cash Balance	\$300,346.73	

Schedule II—General Fund

I—GENERAL CONTROL

Estimated Expenditures 1947-48	Budget Allowance 1946-47	Estimated Expenditures 1945-46	Expenditures Totals Only 1944-45
1. Personal Service	\$ 3,023.00	\$ 2,600.04	
1. Superintendent	1,278.61	1,749.06	
2. Clerk	2,875.00	2,203.81	
3. Office Assistants	1,000.00	1,047.13	
4. Compulsory education and census	1,000.00	400.00	
5. Bonus	800.00	672.14	
2. Supplies	150.00	278.08	
3. Elections and publicity	800.00	530.00	
4. Legal services, audit, clerk's bond, etc.	450.00	271.14	
5. Other Expense	450.00	271.14	
6. Totals, General Control	\$ 11,675.00	\$ 9,725.00	\$ 7,853.38

II—INSTRUCTION—Supervision

Estimated Expenditures 1947-48	Budget Allowance 1946-47	Estimated Expenditures 1945-46	Expenditures Totals Only 1944-45
1. Personal Service	\$ 11,178.00	\$ 15,961.75	\$ 12,964.74
1. Principals	12,273.61	12,273.61	
2. Supervisors	9,940.00	2,250.00	2,717.73
3. Office Assistants	1,000.00	1,000.00	
4. Bonus	500.00	300.00	20.60
2. Supplies	230.00	150.00	133.74
3. Other Expense	230.00	150.00	133.74
4. Total, Instruction, Supervision	\$ 40,243.63	\$ 30,139.75	\$ 18,550.86

III—INSTRUCTION—Teaching

Estimated Expenditures 1947-48	Budget Allowance 1946-47	Estimated Expenditures 1945-46	Expenditures Totals Only 1944-45
1. Personal Service	\$332,431.25	\$218,342.25	\$186,449.40
1. Teachers	3,000.00	4,000.00	4,155.02
2. Substitute Teachers	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,276.31
3. Home Instruction	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,727.91
4. Librarian	1,000.00	1,000.00	
5. Bonus	500.00	300.00	503.57
2. Library Supplies and Repairs	300.00	4,000.00	4,301.40
3. Instructional Supplies	11,000.00	7,920.00	7,544.50
4. Textbooks	50.00	50.00	600.00
5. Summer Recreation	50.00	50.00	12.80
6. Other Expense	50.00	50.00	12.80
7. Totals, Instruction, Teaching	\$359,981.25	\$258,018.25	\$209,872.52

IV—OPERATION OF PLANT

Estimated Expenditures 1947-48	Budget Allowance 1946-47	Estimated Expenditures 1945-46	Expenditures Totals Only 1944-45
1. Personal Service	\$ 31,062.37	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 24,014.19
1. Janitors	2,000.00	2,000.00	
2. Bonus	2,400.00	2,000.00	1,760.30
2. Supplies	10,000.00	10,000.00	8,436.27
3. Fuel	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,408.07
4. Light and Power	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,827.12
5. Water	800.00	800.00	742.07
6. Telephone	800.00	800.00	863.38
7. Laundry and Garbage	75.00	75.00	28.34
8. Other Expense	75.00	75.00	28.34
9. Totals, Operation of Plant	\$ 50,937.37	\$ 46,525.00	\$ 41,750.75

V—MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Estimated Expenditures 1947-48	Budget Allowance 1946-47	Estimated Expenditures 1945-46	Expenditures Totals Only 1944-45
1. Personal Service	\$ 5,164.11	\$ 4,240.00	\$ 2,904.76
1. Engineer and Assistant	200.00	200.00	
2. Bonus	2,565.00	1,770.00	838.44
2. Furniture and Equipment	16,400.00	14,964.00	13,574.06
3. Buildings	2,400.00	1,635.00	869.07
4. Grounds	2,400.00	1,635.00	3.00
5. Other Expense	2,400.00	1,635.00	3.00
6. Totals, Maintenance and Repairs	\$ 25,559.11	\$ 22,509.00	\$ 18,230.13

VI—AUXILIARY AGENCIES

Estimated Expenditures 1947-48	Budget Allowance 1946-47	Estimated Expenditures 1945-46	Expenditures Totals Only 1944-45
1. Health Service	\$ 2,308.00	\$ 1,980.00	\$ 1,980.00
1. Nurse	200.00	200.00	
2. Bonus	75.00	75.00	27.17
2. Supplies	400.00	225.00	
3. Physical Examinations	1,110.00	780.00	547.78
4. Transportation of Pupils	300.00	200.00	2.00
1. Personal Service—Bus Drivers	1,110.00	780.00	547.78
2. Supplies	300.00	200.00	2.00
3. Bus Repairs	300.00	200.00	94.63
2. Cafeteria	14,995.00	12,474.00	916.70
1. Personal Service	28,823.00	1,975.00	358.71
2. Bonus	2,522.50	3,555.00	
3. Equipment	2,522.50	3,555.00	
4. Totals, Auxiliary Agencies	\$ 51,923.50	\$ 50,418.00	\$ 4,106.99

VII—FIXED CHARGES

Estimated Expenditures 1947-48	Budget Allowance 1946-47	Estimated Expenditures 1945-46	Expenditures Totals Only 1944-45
1. Insurance	\$ 2,828.20	\$ 1,817.26	\$ 1,558.08
2. Public Employees Retirement Requirements	24,133.20	16,514.55	
3. Totals, Fixed Charges	\$ 26,961.40	\$ 18,331.81	\$ 1,558.08

VIII—CAPITAL OUTLAYS

Estimated Expenditures 1947-48	Budget Allowance 1946-47	Estimated Expenditures 1945-46	Expenditures Totals Only 1944-45
1. New Sites	\$ 5,000.00		
2. New Buildings	18,000.00		
3. Alteration of buildings (not repairs)	7,035.00	3,341.58	
4. New furniture and equipment	24,311.50	18,650.60	13,553.84
5. Other capital outlays	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,475.19
6. Improvement of Grounds	3,100.00	6,755.00	1,938.10
7. Totals, Capital Outlays	\$ 56,446.50	\$ 60,784.60	\$ 20,016.69

IX—DEBT SERVICE—NON-BONDED

Estimated Expenditures 1947-48	Budget Allowance 1946-47	Estimated Expenditures 1945-46	Expenditures Totals Only 1944-45
1. Interest	\$ 600.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 166.70
2. Totals, Debt Service	\$ 600.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 166.70

X—EMERGENCY

Estimated Expenditures 1947-48	Budget Allowance 1946-47	Estimated Expenditures 1945-46	Expenditures Totals Only 1944-45
1. Interest	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 168.06
2. Totals, Emergency	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 168.06

GRAND TOTALS, Schedule II

Estimated Expenditures 1947-48	Budget Allowance 1946-47	Estimated Expenditures 1945-46	Expenditures Totals Only 1944-45
\$612,327.76	\$510,924.77	\$323,875.03	\$251,649.23

Schedule III—Summary of Estimates of Expenditures, Receipts and Available Cash Balance, and Tax Levies

General Fund	Total Estimated Expenditures	Total Estimated Receipts and Available Cash Balances (Schedule I)	Amount to be raised by taxation
	\$612,327.76	\$300,346.73	\$311,981.01
			Estimated amount of taxes that will not be collected during fiscal year, approximately 3% of tax levy
			15,599.05
			Total estimated tax levy
			\$327,580.06

Dated: April 14, 1947
Signed: A. W. HESTON, District Clerk
E. S. ROBINSON, Chairman, Board of Directors

Approved by Budget Committee, April 14, 1947
Signed: HOWARD BARNHISEL, Secretary
E. S. ROBINSON, Chairman

GENERAL INFORMATION

Statement of Indebtedness, Bond and Interest Fund and Special Improvement Funds

I—BOND AND INTEREST FUND

Bonded Indebtedness: Bonds outstanding July 1, 1947—Principal \$137,000.00
Interest requirements 15,505.00
Total Indebtedness \$152,505.00

Reserve: Investment in U. S. Treasury Series "C" Bonds \$70,000.00
Cash in hands of County Treasurer July 1, 1947 27,500.00
Total Reserve 97,500.00
Balance to be raised by taxes \$55,005.00
Tax Levy for Fiscal Year July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948 \$31,000.00

II—SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND—SERIAL LEVY

5-Year Serial Levy \$100,000.00 approved at special election held June 19, 1944
Tax receipts to April 1, 1947 \$56,633.89
Interest and Premium on Investments 807.50
Total Receipts \$57,441.39
Less Expended 9,793.28
Balance on Hand \$47,648.11
Tax Levy for Fiscal Year July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948 \$20,000.00

III—MILLS SCHOOL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND—SERIAL LEVY

2-Year Serial Levy \$100,000.00 approved at special election held May 23, 1946
Tax receipts to April 1, 1947 \$42,198.59
(No Expenditures)
Tax Levy for Fiscal Year July 1, 1947 to June 30, 1948 \$50,000.00

A. 21: M. 1—No. 607

Keno Church Eyes Community Hall

The Keno Baptist church Sunday school together with other residents of the Weyerhaeuser, fairhaven and Keno road area, are talking plans of building a very real possibility, what then?

using the Keno dance hall as a community hall.

The hall would be available for Boy Scout meetings, women's club meetings, a roller skating rink and other activities.

A public meeting to discuss this possibility from all angles, will be held this Friday at 8 p. m. in the Keno school house. Everyone in the district is urged to come and have his say in the matter.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of Union High School District No. 2, of Klamath County, State of Oregon, that a special budget election will be held within the boundaries of said district, at Klamath Union High School, at Alameda and Wall Streets, in Klamath Falls, Oregon, on the 12th day of May, 1947, from the hour of two o'clock p. m. to the hour of seven o'clock p. m., to vote on the question (1) of increasing the amount of the tax levy in said Union High School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947, and ending on the 30th day of June, 1948, on the taxable property within said district, more than 6% over the tax levy for the preceding year, and (2) of adopting or rejecting the following budget of estimated expenditures for said district for said fiscal year.

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Tuition Adult Class	400.00	
Tuition Summer School	300.00	
Sales of Supplies, Property and Equipment	1,000.00	
Cafeteria	10,000.00	
Recreation Committee, Reimbursement Light, Power and Water	350.00	
Other Sources	100.00	
State Aid	90,000.00	
Total Estimated Receipts	\$139,840.00	
Estimated Available Cash Balance	2,500.00	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Cash Balance	\$141,340.00	

Schedule II—General Fund—Estimated Expenditures

I—GENERAL CONTROL

Estimated Expenditures 1947-48	Budget Allowance 1946-47	Estimated Expenditures 1945-46	Expenditures Totals Only 1944-45
1. Personal Service	\$ 3,600.00	\$ 3,023.00	\$ 2,600.02
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2. Clerk	2,075.00	2,203.81	
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4. Legal services, audit, clerk's bond, etc.	450.00	271.14	
5. Other Expense	450.00	271.14	
6. Totals, General Control	\$ 10,875.00	\$ 9,725.00	\$ 7,853.37

II—INSTRUCTION—Supervision

1. Personal Service	\$ 9,900.00	\$ 4,412.50	\$ 4,313.48
1. Principal	2,728.00	2,721.33	
2. Supervisors	7,680.00	2,593.00	4,805.66
3. Office Assistants		1,000.00	
4. Bonus		650.00	771.39
2. Supplies	350.00	200.00	641.07
3. Commencement Expense	300.00	300.00	227.41
4. Other expense	300.00	300.00	227.41