

Farmers Wait Spud Support News Before Acreage Asked

By C. A. HENDERSON

The state AAA office is asking the Klamath county office for an immediate statement of growers' intended potato plantings for 1948 and goals as established for each grower by the county committee. The first request was made a completion of this work by December 1 and the second by December 12. The state committee is now requesting that this be given immediate attention and that this be submitted.

Many growers are reluctant to make a request for acreage until such time as they know what is going to happen to 1948 potato support prices after January 1, 1949. Information to date indicates that under

the present law support prices will not be continued after December 31, 1948. Apparently there is a legal question that must be settled and the best information available indicates that commodities labeled as Steagall Amendment commodities do not carry supports after December 31 and that only an act of congress can establish supports for that part of the 1948 crop remaining unsold after December 31.

It seems particularly important at this time that growers who have not yet indicated their acreage for 1948 come to the county office and give this information, as the county committee is going to be forced to make up a list of intended acreage and goals and send to the state office within the next few days. This is a particularly important matter and certainly warrants the attention of growers who have not yet decided what they are going to do in the coming year. In case no request is made it seems as though the county committee will be obligated to establish a goal which may not fit in at all with the growers' needs or desires. Effort is being made to secure a decision as regards support prices after January 1. Such a decision will materially help growers in determining what they intend to plant. However, it does not look hopeful that a decision of this kind will be received soon enough to be of any help in the establishment of acreage and goals on individual farms.

Total requests for potato acreage in Klamath county number 262 farms requesting 62,978 acres for 1948. These same farms requested 50,383 acres in 1947. Since state and county goals are the same as last year the county committee may be required to do considerable adjusting in the establishment of goals within the county allotment.

New Fruit Spray Found

HOOD RIVER, Dec. 18 (AP)—The Oregon State Horticultural society learned yesterday of a new chemical spray that has succeeded against fruit orchard mites in tests of the past year.

William J. O'Neill, representing the Washington state branch experimental station, Wenatchee, described the chemical, diathyl opitropenyl thiophosphate, and said it proved particularly effective for apple spraying. He said the spray caused no plant damage, was economical and could be combined with DDT. He said it was not harmful to humans, but was detrimental to bees.

J. E. Klahr, general manager of the Hood River Apple Growers association, told Oregon growers that Northwest fruit shipped eastward could be of better quality.

Leonard Carpenter, Medford, was elected president. Other officers: Len Hawkins, Eugene, first vice president; Robert Numamaker, Hood River, second vice president; Ward Trask, Medford, third vice president; C. O. Rawlings, Corvallis, secretary-treasurer; Trustee: Riddell Lager, Hood River; Raymond A. Reter, Medford; Howard S. Merriam, Eugene.

Keno Beef Club Holds Meeting

The Keno Beef club led by Ralph Johnston held its first meeting December 14 at the home of Mr. Johnston. Officers elected were: Martin Kerns, president; Connie Johnston, secretary; Kern Lilly, news reporter, and Shirley Johnston, treasurer.

Retiring And Incoming Grange Masters



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Granges Name New Heads

Klamath county granges have been busy this month with election of officers for the coming year.

Lyle Hickman was installed as Potomac master on December 10; Retiring Potomac master is M. L. Ferguson.

Midland grange installed Leon Andrieu as master on December 3. Jesse Mangum is the new Fort Klamath master, installed December 16, and H. T. Williams is the retiring Fort Klamath master.

Masters of other granges have been previously published.

Turkey Price Rockets Upward

SEATTLE, Dec. 18 (AP)—Christmas turkeys will retail at 7 or 8 cents a pound more than at Thanksgiving, wholesale and retail poultry dealers said today. Heavy toms were quoted today at 52 and 53 cents

wholesale, compared with 43 cents a month ago. Dealers blamed the increase on higher feed costs and early marketing of the turkey crop this year, lowering the Christmas supply.

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Farm Loan Bonds Issued

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—Another \$1,000,000 bond issue to finance home and farm loans to Oregon veterans has been approved by the advisory committee of the state department of veterans affairs.

The action followed a report by Director W. F. Gaarenstroom that applications are continuing at the accelerated pace set off by increase of the loan limit by the state legislature.

Gaarenstroom told the committee yesterday that current funds would be exhausted by April 1 at the rate of applications filed by Oregon veterans the first 12 days of December.

For the 17 months prior to December 31, 1946, loans totaled 374, averaging \$2200. After the legislature increased the limit from \$3000 to \$6000, the six months after June 1, 1947, saw loans total 321 and average \$3600, the director reported.

The new bond issue would be the fourth, he said.

Farm Bureau Head Predicts Bright Future For US Land

CHICAGO, Dec. 17 (AP)—Edward A. O'Neil, president of the American farm bureau federation, Tuesday asserted that "America stands at the threshold of what can be either its golden age or the beginning of its downfall."

In an address prepared for delivery to the federation's 39th annual convention—a meeting that will close his 16-year presidency—O'Neil declared:

"We have at our command scientific helps and advanced technologies which, if properly used, are certain to increase vastly the productivity of all enterprises, including agriculture."

"x x x But we will never reach those heights unless we advance as rapidly in social and human relations and in our sense of moral values as we do in our technologies."

O'Neil recommended to the 5000 delegates continued support of the United Nations, maintenance of consumer purchasing power, backing of the Marshall plan for Europe, further development of cooperatives, concentration of soil conservation work under one agency, and modification of the parity price formula as principal points in the farm bureau program.

It was generally expected that Allan B. Kline of Des Moines, Ia., would be elected to head the organization which claims about 1,275,000 members. Election of officers is scheduled Thursday. However, there was some possibility, should a split develop on the price recommendations to be adopted by the federation, that southern members will support another candidate, probably H. L. Wingate of Macon, Ga.

Bent Grasses To Be Talk Topic

PORTLAND, Dec. 18 (AP)—Full exploitation of Eastern and Southern markets for Oregon fescues and bent grasses will be one of the major topics when the Oregon Seed Growers' league opens its seventh annual meeting here tomorrow.

Fred Grau, Belleville, Md., will be one of the speakers.

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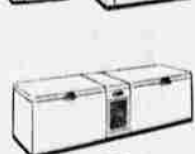
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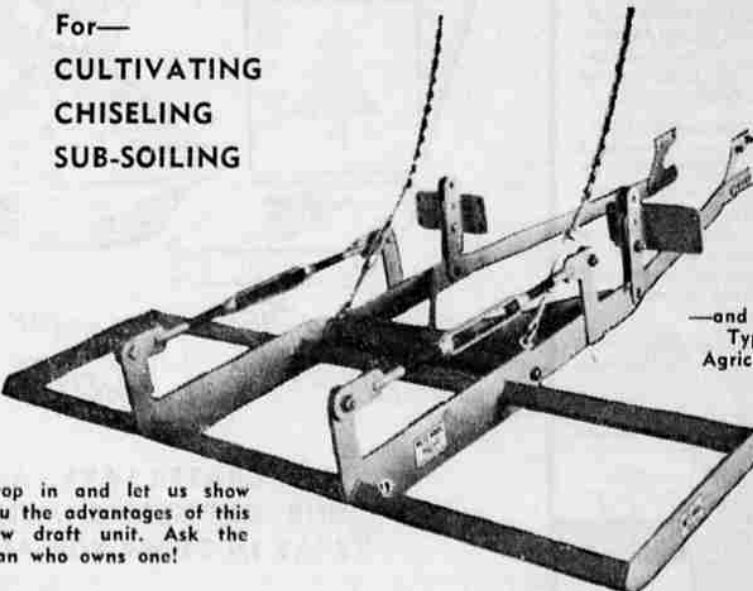
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