



423 FARMERS AND GUESTS pulled up their chairs in the Armory Saturday for the 18th annual Klamath Production Credit Association meeting. Here's what the armory floor looks like when it's not set up for a wrestling match . . . with wrestlers, that is.

California Side of Basin Heaviest on 1951 Potatoes

Price ceilings on potatoes in the Klamath basin became effective on Jan. 19. This being the case, it might be of interest to look over a few facts regarding potato production and marketing here, particularly from the 1951 crop. In the first place, according to county agent's figures, this year's acreage is the smallest since 1947 and the second smallest since 1936. The acreage can now be estimated rather accurately at about 15,445 for the Klamath basin. This compares with 19,057 for the year 1950. To the date of the ceiling, 6,400 cars had been shipped out of a possible shipping total of in the neighborhood of 10,000 cars. For the first time in history, more potatoes were produced on the California side of the Klamath basin than on the Oregon side. The Oregon acreage was a trifle higher, but the yields were lower. Reported yields indicated 3,365,000 bushels in Oregon and 3,584,000 bushels in California. Some adjustments may later be made in these figures as shipping reports are completed. Yields on the whole were lower than in 1950, but averaged about 290 sacks per acre which is still a respectable average. The reduction in potato prices brought on by the price ceiling order will total approximately \$2,000,000 loss on those potatoes not yet sold at the time of the establishment of the ceiling. This loss might

be decreased if the growers' application for adjustment is approved. This application is now before the Office of Price Stabilization representing all growers of russet potatoes in Central and Eastern Oregon as well as the Tulelake section of Northern California.

Tule Office Sets Meet

TULELAKE—The annual Farm Advisor's Conference has been slated to begin in the veterans' training school here Friday at 2 p.m. according to Farm Advisor Ken Baghott. The conference is held each year so that farmers may lay out the advisor's work for the coming year along the lines they feel work should be done. The conference is divided into community groups, with farmers holding each one. Baghott said the meeting would come off as though there were no threats to the end of his office. He said a meeting early in February has been planned with the Siskiyou board of supervisors, and combined Modoc-Siskiyou county support for his office may well be in the offing.

Poultry Note Shows Losses

The January, 1952, poultry and egg report of the USDA shows some interesting data on poultry feeds and poultry products. In the middle of December, the average value of poultry rations per one hundred pounds was \$4.66. The average price of a dozen eggs was 57 cents. It required 12 1/2 pounds of feed to produce one dozen eggs. This would indicate that the feed costs alone to produce the dozen eggs was 56 eighty-five one hundredths cents. Carrying this out a little farther, this would leave fifteen one hundredths cents to cover all other costs going into the production of this dozen eggs. This is not a very encouraging picture for the poultrymen. This table also shows that it takes 5 one tenth pounds of feed at \$4.66 to produce a pound of chicken. The grower receives, according to this table, 23 seven tenths cents a pound per chicken or an actual loss of six one hundredths per pound.

B-36 Burns On Test Tryout

SPOKANE (AP)—An Air Force B-36 bomber undergoing a check with manufacturer's representatives aboard burned near the runway at Fairchild Air Force Base Tuesday night. None of the 12 persons aboard were injured. Air Force officers said the huge plane skidded into deep snow at the side of the runway. Flames broke out on one wing and quickly spread. A board of officers named by the Air Force immediately started an investigation of the accident.

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Ag Confab to See Klamath Farmers In Participation

Plans are nearing completion for the State-wide Agricultural Conference Mar. 27-28-29, at Oregon State College. A number of Klamath county people will participate in this three day meeting representing the major farming industries in this county. These representatives of local commodity groups will attend the special committee meetings and general conference sessions. Those taking part in the committee meetings and conference are: Wilbur Reiling-Dairy; Mrs. Leg Holiday-Rural Life; Henry Seim and Lee Holiday-Soil and Water Resources; Scott Warren-Land Economics; E. A. Geary and Earl Mack-Farm Crops; Jack Marshall and Alvin Cheyne-Livestock; Roy Gooding-Poultry.

New Farm Chemical Available

A new chemical known as EH-1 is now being recommended by officials of the United States Department of Agriculture and experiment stations for controlling weeds in strawberries. This material is closely related to 2,4-D and apparently does a good job without doing damage to strawberry plants. It is also reported as showing no off flavors, off colors, or malformation of the berries. This new herbicide, according to weed specialists, will be available for the 1952 strawberry season. Application rate will be about three pounds per acre on the average but might vary on different localities. Experiments by the department show that two applications of EH-1 can control weeds for the season in newly set out strawberry beds. When applied on clean fields after the strawberry plants are set, EH-1 acts as a pre-emergent grassy weed killer. On test plots it has kept weeds under control for six weeks and a second application following cultivation, controls weeds for the rest of the year.

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New Seed Crops Seen As Possibility Here

Here is a pair of new seed crop possibilities. They are Romack peas and as yet an unnamed rust resistant common rye-grass variety from Argentina. H. H. Rampton, USDA-Oregon State College experiment station agronomist, discussed both at the recent eleventh annual meeting of the Oregon Seed Growers League. He described Romack peas as a legume with more vigor and disease resistance in the south than Austrian winter field peas. The new pea variety was developed in Georgia and has been sent here for seed increase. The southern states, Rampton added, would use lots more common rye-grass if it were rust resistant and the new Argentina import is expected to widen market opportunities there. A healthy future for certified Ken and red clover seed was forecast by another league program speaker, C. S. Garrison, USDA agronomist from Beltsville, Md. He said there is immediate need for 15,000,000 pounds of seed and the supply is not expected to reach 10,000,000 pounds annually before 1954. The crop is being recommended for planting in 29 southeastern states.

28 Acre Plot On Lease Plan

The Bureau of Reclamation has announced the advertisement of 28 acres of land known as Lot 105, lying to the north of Nowell, for lease. Project Mgr. E. L. Stephens announced the bids will be accepted at the Bureau of Reclamation offices, airport, until 2 p.m. Feb. 19, at which time the bids will be

bulk of it, and 81 percent of the seed is grown outside the area of its adaptation, the agronomist told Oregon seed producers at the meeting. Seed of two bromegrasses in demand, he added, are Lincoln and Auchinback. Both are more desirable than the northern variety.

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