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Tule Lake Colony

ACUTE FARM LABOR SHORTAGE

We are trying to plant a potato and vegetable crop for food for the colony. The land is ready. We have $80,000 worth of seed.

We need laborers for the job of planting. Some men are hard at work, others have come and work in a very indifferent fashion.

If we are to eat fresh vegetables, we must have people to help plant them right now. A few days delay means no crop because the growing season is so short at this 4,000 feet altitude.

Help Wanted! See the Placement Office, Bldg. 1208.

Elmer L. Shirrell
Acting Project Director

FOR THE WANT OF LABORERS, THE CROP WAS LOST. That may well be what the headlines will scream some a few more days. Three to be more exact. Ironical isn't it, especially when you stop to consider that of the more than three thousand colonists all ready here, most of them have come from the rural regions of the fertile North west and Sacramento valleys. Ironical and more. Pathetic may be a better word.

The government has already bought $80,000 worth of potato seeds, the land plowed under and all that are needed are 'planters to plant the seeds. Yes, ironic isn't it, when you stop to consider that all that are needed are laborers that are so plentiful.

So come on you agrarians, let's face realities. Picnics are a lot of fun, but remember too that a lot of work goes into their every preparations.

Mr. Shirrell Appeals For All Available Farm Workers!!!

Directly appealing...to the colonists of the Tule Lake Center to apply now for farm work, Mr. Shirrell, Acting Project Manager, called upon every able-bodied man not on duty to help cooperate with the planting of the potato crops. He declared that if the seeds aren't planted within the next three days, the failure of the crop will be placed on the shoulders of the unwilling or uncooperative colonists.

This is your center!! Help in the work that you are responsible for. Unless the planting is done now, no further opportunity will be possible for the remaining months.

Investment of $80,000 in potato seeds may have to be sacrificed. Farm land is prepared for immediate work.

Young and old must now face the fact. By shirking your personal and community responsibility, any hope of harmony in the future will have to be placed in jeopardy.

Through Mr. Shirrell's message, we fervently hope to find the required assistance coming from the now-informed colonists.