

Squash, Yankee Gardener Make Big Hit in West Reich

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON (AP)—Jim Macfarland planted squash seeds last spring in Frankfurt, Germany, and before you could say, "der eichel-

kurbis," he was on his way to international fame. He has been praised, extravagantly, by the Germans and condemned, extravagantly, by the Communists. All on account of his vegetable garden.

When Macfarland, who is in the U.S. Information Agency, was sent to Germany, he planned to do as he always had, whether he was in Canada or Turkey. Yes, sir, he would have a little garden.

By-Products
Well, it took time, but few gardens ever thrived so spectacularly. Macfarland said Wednesday. He's home on leave, and with him is a scrapbook filled with newspaper clippings, all by-products of his gardening.

Macfarland isn't sure now why he decided on gardening as a habit — he never touched a hoe back home in Mountain Lakes, N. J. — but 10 years ago when he went into foreign service he took along a few packets of seeds. No matter where he was, the crops thrived nicely.

Three years ago he was sent to Frankfurt, and found a different situation. The Germans set aside small acreages in the heart of town for gardening. Each acreage is run by a club, and members have small plots in which to plant their seeds.

"In 1953, I applied for memoe-

ship in the club nearest me," Macfarland said. "Nothing happened. In 1954, same story. This year I got it. A nice little plot, I'd say 35 by 100 feet. Fine soil.

"They say I'm the first American ever to join a garden club in Frankfurt. And when the word got around that I planned to plant peas, sweet corn and squash it created a little excitement. Especially the sweet corn and squash. The sweet corn because the Germans think corn is nothing but chicken feed, and squash because they had never heard of it. They made to make up a word, eichelkurbis. It means acorn pumpkin."

Well, gardeners are the same the world over. So many Germans wanted to try their hand at squash raising that Macfarland had to send an S.O.S. to a Philadelphia seed company. It not only gave the seed, free, but sent it airmail so it would be there in plenty of time for planting.

Good Neighbor
The German newspapers became interested. There are pictures of Macfarland passing out the squash seed while sitting in front of a sign reading: "Amerikanischer Squash Samen Gratis!"

Other pictures show him leaning on a rake discussing crops with Karl Moerchel, president of his garden club and a Frankfurt

Elderly Couple Both Succumb to Heart Attacks

NEW PALTZ, N. Y. (AP)—Mrs. Frank Waldron called a doctor early Wednesday and asked him to hurry to her home, saying her 80-year-old husband was suffering a heart attack.

The doctor arrived a short time later to find Waldron, a retired carpenter, lying dead on his bed. Beside him was his 78-year-old wife. She, too, was dead. Authorities said later both had died of heart attacks at approximately the same time.

police official. And news stories had headlines like: "Better understanding over the watering can" and "good neighbor over the garden fence."

Only the Communist paper looked dourly at the gardening. "They said this proved Americans plan to stay in Germany for 50 years," Mcfarland said.

Well, the crops did splendidly. Some of the Germans raised bigger squashes than Macfarland's, and the prospects for next year are so good the president of the Philadelphia seed company asked him to drop by and fill him in on the German garden club situation.

"Had an excellent lunch," Macfarland said.

Did they eat squash "By golly, we didn't," he said. "I feel like a traitor."

Will of News Vendor Asks 'Fun for All'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—For 57 years John Patrick Tierney sold newspapers at the downtown corner of 4th and Spring streets, his little stand festooned with shamrocks and Irish flags.

Wednesday the lawyers, storekeepers, bankers and other who were the customers of the genial Irishman found a new man at the corner.

They learned Tierney had died Monday at the age of 66.

His regulars remembered the simple creed he had expressed: "I believe in mankind. I believe in good looking women, dogs and race horses. But mostly I believe in everybody having fun."

And in a footnote to his will Tierney had written that he wanted no funeral, adding: "Everyone go out and have a good time."

Trapped Fingers Cut Off With Pocket Knife

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)—A farm worker used a pocketknife Tuesday to sever four fingers of the right hand which had been caught in a mechanical corn picker.

After the surgery, 60-year-old Clarence Carey of Gardner, Kan., walked a quarter of a mile to the hospital at Gardner. He later was brought to the University of Kansas Medical Center here where he was reported in good condition today.

Carey, a civil service employee of the Olathe Naval Air Station, had taken a few days of his vacation to help with the corn harvest on the Robert Stockmeyer farm. Stockmeyer said Carey had his pocket knife out to remove a corn husk from the machinery. His hand was caught between two rollers, crushing the fingers almost to the juncture with the palm.

David Schine Near Release From Army

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Cpl. G. David Schine, who became the Army's best known private during last year's McCarthy-Army hearings, will be leaving the army shortly.

Army headquarters here reported Wednesday that it has drawn up special orders for his release in the next two weeks. A Ft. Richardson information officer said Schine may leave Alaska any time after Friday. He has been a member of a military police detachment here for the past year.

He is scheduled to be released from active duty Oct. 24 at Ft. Dix, N. J.

The spotlight was on Schine during the McCarthy-Army hearing over the issue of whether Senator McCarthy or members of his staff had exerted pressure on the Army in behalf of Schine, who had been on the senator's investigating committee staff.

Paper Work Slows Action

CHICAGO (UP)—The No. 1 culprit against quick action by urban redevelopment agencies, it turns out, is paper work.

Agencies charged with clearing blighted areas and redeveloping them for industrial, business or residential use put the blame

for delay on filling out forms and other paper work.

Seventy-nine agencies replied to a questionnaire by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials. Some described the paper work as "insuperable" and others called it "No. 1 Headache."

TROOPS SENT TO CYPRUS

LONDON (AP)—Britain Tuesday ordered troop reinforcements to strife-torn Cyprus, eastern Mediterranean island bastion swept by rioting and bomb throwing. The first battalion of the Gordon Highlanders — about 600 infantrymen — will fly to Cyprus Friday.

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