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"NEVER HEARD OF DESCHUTES POTATOES?"

It is some years since this newspaper stimulated a flaming controversy over the relative merits of "the Deschutes Netted Gem" and "the Klamath Netted Gem." By the partisans of the Klamath potato we were accused of "bitter partiality," and it was even intimated that we might have been subsidized by gift offerings of the delectable Deschutes variety. Nor until the Willamette highway was completed, for Hank Semon and others to visit this valley frequently, could we give the Klamath potato the tests which it deserved.

Now as everybody knows even the Supreme Court would find it difficult to render an absolute and final opinion in such a matter. You see, you get a thick cut of choice sirloin (you used to) and you broil it during that last 20 minutes while the potatoes are baking to that last deep sultan. Then you slice an opening into the top wall of each potato and insert a huge gob of butter (or used to).

"But you CAN'T EAT TWO POTATOES AT ONCE!"

The judges always came to grief on this line. If the judge happened to dip his first mouthful out of the Deschutes potato, he had no emotion left for the Klamath offering (or vice versa). Then of course, the war intervened, and all such feasts of judgment had to be suspended for the duration.

Be that as it may, it has come to our attention that OPA's Wise Men of Washington have been guilty of gross discrimination against the Deschutes potato—and to that we must PROTEST. In view of OPA recent blunderings on our berry prices, the following wall from The Bend Bulletin should be interesting:

It has been said that anybody can make a mistake but only a fool will make the same mistake twice. If this is sound—and we think that it is—then OPA or somebody in the organization, is branded a fool. Self-branded, let it be noted.

The fact develops from OPA's action of a Oregon. These prices, as reported in the news columns today, have been set at one figure for Curry, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lake and Harney counties and another for the rest of the state. Until July 31 there is a 20 cent differential in favor of the rest of the state. Then in August the price differential favors the six counties by five cents and later by 10.

Now this inclusion of Deschutes and Crook in the "rest of the state" group is exactly what was done in 1943. At that time a uniform differential of five cents in favor of the six counties was established. We protested. We wrote letters to OPA in Portland and to Representative Lowell Stockman in Washington. Finally, on February 5, OPA issued an amendment to its potato price regulation and brought Crook and Deschutes into the same price class as the six.

This action on the part of OPA was an admission that its failure to include these two Central Oregon counties with Klamath and the other five was a mistake. Now it has done the same thing again. So now the whole argument must be gone through once more.

We think this supports our contention that the administration of OPA should be DECENTRALIZED. No board of "experts" familiar with this Coast would ever have dared to omit or discriminate against such famous potatoes as those which come from the Deschutes watershed. We do not think even the ardent Klamath partisans would favor such practice.

Is it possible that the so-called experts in Washington have never even heard of the Deschutes Netted Gem? Now if OPA would like to conduct a test we would be glad to arrange it right here in neutral Eugene. All the OPA boys have to do is furnish the steak! We will defy 'em to forget the Deschutes potato ever again.

CHAMBERS COMMUNITY BIDS IN.

On their own initiative, residents of the "Chambers addition" community (west of the city limits on West 11th) have organized a committee to sit down with our Eugene city officials to discuss annexation—or the formation to the city. Eugene, we feel sure, will do everything possible to assist these people to solve their problems, because they are, in fact, if not in law, a part of Eugene.

These problems can be solved only if the approach is really businesslike. Here is a populous area which has "become City" and it now has many city needs. Furthermore it is an area which is destined to have rapid and continuous growth for many years to come because it is adjacent to the rail and highway lines where industrial development is taking place.

Much of this area is already part of the Eugene school district and therefore pays the same taxes we pay except those for city operation and post-war projects. Last year the total tax within the city limits was 48.5 mills. In Chambers addition the total levy was 31.2. But just how much do you want or need to include in this district?

If you reach out along West 11th into the section which is in the Danebo school dis-

trict, the levy was 20.6 (if it fell within the Bethel water and fire districts) or 15.6 where it does not overlap the Bethel fire and water setup. If you get into the Zumwalt school district the tax rate was 19.7. If you get into Maglady it was 31.4 with fire and water or 24.1 without.

Now we in Eugene cannot say to these neighbors:

"This is not going to cost you anything." But we can say:

"If you decide to come in, our city is virtually debt free and piling up cash reserves for post-war, and we are in better position than we have been in 25 years to give you the services you want at minimum cost."

Then the suburbanites should get out "the sharp pencils" and start figuring:

"We need water service, fire and police protection, sewers, and eventually pavements, sidewalks, street lights, platting controls (and the city's old airport property ought to be saved for schools, playgrounds and parks). What will it cost us if we try to do it by district organization, or will it be cheaper in the long run to be annexed?"

As near as we can estimate, the average suburbanite will pay 20 mills more (\$20 a year on each \$1,000 valuation) under annexation. The assessor's office says the average suburban fire and water district is levying 5 to 7 mills, just for those two services, but as suburban areas tackle sewage and sanitation problems the margin is going to become smaller and smaller.

Main thing is to try to get at the real facts and that's what we like about the Chambers approach. All of us in the whole Eugene-Springfield "urban area" are going to have to begin looking ten or twenty years ahead. That's what our Central Lane Planning Council is for. We need some new state law to make it easier for cities and suburbs to work together. One excellent suggestion is a classification of areas so that taxes can be graduated in proportion to the city services they get.

If a sound pattern can be worked out with our neighbors in the Chambers district, it will be a big help. After all we are ONE COMMUNITY (not the 30 or more which now have official status). Eugene does not need "added population"; it does need to assist these suburban communities, to see that they get their dollar's worth for every dollar they spend with us.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME—

This being the silly season when it's too hot for even a congressman to run for re-election, go back a few weeks to one of those lighter pieces knocked off by your pixie correspondent in a whimsical moment. This piece concerned the lack of inspiration or romance or challenge to adventure in LCIL—for Landing Craft, Infantry, Large—and the similar LVT, LST, LSM, LCVF, LCR designations which the Navy persists in hanging on its invasion craft.

As proof of the unglamorosity of these names, the point was hopefully made that you couldn't write a song or write a poem out of such names, and as an example the challenge was flung at any tunesmith to forge a melody for a couplet such as:

My sailor boy ain't got much rank,
But he commands a Landing Ship, Tank.

Be it known that the challenge has been accepted—but twice. Mr. Robert Taylor, who writes from Washington for the Pittsburgh Press, spoke up to say that he had a couplet to conclude the stanza, but that somebody else would have to fill in between. Taylor's contribution:

Hush now, baby, don't you cry,
Daddy's coming home on an LCI.

The Muse (Or Is It Bemuse?) Speaks
As a vulgar display of versatility and to show how these things can be done—or can they? It only took a few moments to drool off doggerel to fill in the gap, like this:

LANDING CRAFT LULLABY

My sailor boy ain't got much rank,
But he commands a Landing Ship, Tank.
He anchors a-weight to give 'em hell,
Leaning on the rudder of a Landing Craft,
Vehicles, Personnel.

Don't ever fear he'll be capsize,
Bounding the main in a Landing Craft,
Mechanized.

If he should ever be attacked,
They'll come to the rescue in a Landing
Vehicle, Tracked.

If a nasty old whale rams him with its blubber,
He'll save his life in a Landing Craft,
Rubber.

So hush now, baby, don't you cry,
Daddy's coming home on an LCI.
The ship is really not a barge.

It's what is known as a Landing Craft,
Infantry, Large.

All this should make Mr. Taylor sorry he ever spoke up, and if should further convince the Navy these names are hopeless. But it has remained for a correspondent, Mrs. J. E. Howard of 4610 Edison street, Houston, Tex., to really catch the spirit of the thing and crash through with a professional poem.

A Tunesmith Takes Up The Challenge.
"I have a son on an LST," writes Mrs. Howard. "and I am as proud of him as if he were on a battleship. . . . In fact, he wrote me in April to write a poem about their LST 360. Well, I don't boast about such things, and I don't think I am good at writing poems and songs, but I have one song to my credit and a number of poems. So I am sending you a copy of the poem I wrote for the boys on LST 360 and they said it was O. K. . . . Here goes—"

THE LST 360
We are sailing along on an LST
Dreaming of home and Vic-to-ry.
We want the whole world to know
That we're the crew of the three-six-oh!
She's just another LST,
But she's sailing out for Victory.
There's a job to be done,
And a war to be won.
So clear the deck, we've got to go
Sailing along on our 3-6-0.

There is more of it, but this is enough to convince this writer that he was wrong. There is romance in a few letters and a number.

"My son has been in all the invasions," and Thank God he was O. K. on June 9 when I had a letter from him," concludes Mrs. Howard. "He is just 19 years old. His name is Lawrence H. Howard, Coxswain, U. S. S. LST 360."

Hats off to Coxswain Howard.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

SECOND SESSION DUE AT CAMP CLEAWOX

The attractions of the Girl Scout camp, on the shore of Lake Cleawox in western Lane county and beneficiary of cool ocean breezes, call ninety-six more girls to leave here Thursday for the second session of the camp.

The new group departing will assemble at the little scout house, twelve-thirty o'clock, to take the busses leaving for camp.

All campers going on this trip are to have their bus receipts at the time of departure, Thursday.

This new group will enjoy camp for two weeks, the regularly established scout camp being under the direction of Miss Marjory Stewart, scout director here.

The group leaving this week comes back Aug. 3, end of camp. First Ones Returning.

The first group attending camp will return to Eugene Thursday evening of this week, arriving at the scout house between six-thirty and seven o'clock in the evening. Parents are asked to be on hand to meet the busses.

Caution is voiced to parents against sending candy, cookies, cakes, and rich pastries to their daughters at camp, the health group there pointing to up-sets resulting from such food eaten between the regular meals. Instead, oranges, cherries, and similar fruits prove better, the instructions say.

Only day and hours set aside for visitors at camp will be Sunday afternoon, one-thirty until five-thirty o'clock. Boat transportation will not be available for any other days or time.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Initiation was held by the Credit Women's Breakfast club, Tuesday, for four new members, Miss Irene Clark, Mrs. E. C. Howard, Mrs. Evelyn Matthews and Miss Carolyn Clark.

Guest speaker was Mrs. Bess Harnden, who talked on the local organization of Navy Mothers club.

Special music included "cello and piano numbers by Miss Irene Clark and Miss Ruth Baker. S. H. Seashore gave an informal feature talk on his work at the SP switchyard.

Announcement was made of the luncheon to be held in Salem next Sunday when Mrs. Coral Johnson, local president, will receive the award she won in the national essay contest.

Through this week the club members are senior USO hostesses, Mrs. Thomas E. Carey being chairman for this activity.

DAUGHTER BORN

Announcement has been received here of the birth of a daughter, Frances, to Major and Mrs. Winston Allard in New York City, Tuesday, July 18.

The Allards formerly lived here and Mrs. Allard is the former Elsie Walker of Oakridge. Major Allard is in the army air force public relations work and was in Alaska for two years. He was graduated from the University of Oregon and made his home while here with Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Morse, being a nephew of Mrs. Morse.

PICNIC POSTPONED

The Lone Pine Women's club announces that its picnic planned for Thursday of this week has been postponed indefinitely.

PRINCESSES MEET

Obsidian Princesses club met for a potluck dinner on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. J. D. Hamlin. At the business meeting, announcement was made the group will meet Aug. 21 with Miss Jane Hall as hostess.

Cover your kitchen shelves with inlaid linoleum. It will make a fine cushiony surface for china and glassware and will wipe clean in a jiffy.

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IMO RUYLE CIRCLE

Imo Ruyle Missionary circle of the First Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. Eugene Lockhard, with Mrs. Stanley Jarvis and Mrs. Frank Rhodes as assisting hostesses, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Roy Hedgecock led the short devotional service. The evening was passed socially. Thirty were present.

QUOTARIANS HEAR ABOUT CONVENTION

Quota club met Monday evening for its dinner session at the Osburn hotel, twenty-one attending.

Mrs. James V. Danielson reported on the Quota International convention she attended in Ontario, New York, as delegate from the local club. The western section was well represented at the meeting. Mrs. Danielson said. Mrs. Edith Glaze of San Jose Calif. club was elected third vice-president, and Mrs. Edna Brown, Tacoma club, district IV, of which the Eugene club is a part, also received recognition at the convocation. Miss Marjory Stewart also attended from the Eugene club, but is away now directing the Lane county Girl Scout camp at Lake Cleawox.

The committee on recognition of achievements of women was in charge of the Monday gathering. Mrs. Fred N. Miller acting as chairman in the absence of Mrs. Mary Sands, regular chairman. Mrs. Perry Walbridge was in charge of decorations.

Next meeting for the club will be a luncheon meeting on Aug. 7.

Pointers Given On Freezing Berries

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below is another in the series of articles prepared by Miss Jean Starker, emergency food preservation assistant, on use and preservation of fresh vegetables and fruits.

The delicious red raspberries which are now ripe can best be canned by the cold pack method. This is true for all soft berries. In order to get a full jar, however, it is necessary to either jolt the jar down on the palm of the hand or on a board.

If the jar is hot and allowed to stand in hot water as the berries are packed into it and the boiling hot syrup is poured over the berries, modern standard jars will not break. The hot syrup decreases the time of cooking thus improving the flavor of the luscious berry. The time for processing in boiling water is 20 minutes with raw berries. A 1½ inch head-space for syrup is suggested for raw berries in order to prevent loss of juice. The berries themselves are packed to the top of the jar.

Firm berries, such as young-berries and boysenberries, are brought to a boil either with dry sugar or syrup, packed hot to the top, with juice to 1 inch from the top, and processed in a hot water bath 15 minutes. This type of berry requires more sugar than ripe peaches, pears, and apples in order to retain the best texture and flavor.

In freezing berries of either type, it is important to thoroughly coat each berry with sugar if the dry pack is used. Either syrup or dry pack may be used with most berries, except blueberries which require the syrup pack for best texture.

Dr. J. C. Hicks

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CLASS PARTY IS EVENT OF TUESDAY

A sidewalk cafe was portrayed at the meeting of the Business Women's class of First Christian church, Tuesday evening, at the home of Misses Emmogene and Frances Travis. Hostesses were Misses Travis, Blanche Brownfield, and Thelma Schaeffer.

Tables were set upon the terrace, with appointments of red glassware. Vocal and guitar music floated from a balcony, while de-mure waitresses, Betty Jean Taylor and Lucia Knight, circulated among "patrons." Miss Wilma Lanfelt was in charge of music.

Half Dozen Cited for Not Cutting Thistles

Several arrests have been made the past few days on a charge of failure to cut Canadian thistles. County Judge Clinton Hurd said Wednesday, and more are to follow. Six men have been cited into court on the charge, the judge said. W. E. Poole, county weed control officer, has cited the thistle law violators to appear before Justice Howard M. Brownell. First.

Bumper Western Wheat Crop Expected

SPOKANE — (AP)—A bumper winter wheat crop in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana is predicted by members of the Spokane farm credit administration.

W. H. Ragsdale of The Dalles said the winter crop in Oregon is good although the spring crop is in need of more moisture although looking well.

W. J. Schoenfeld, Corvallis, Ore., said western Oregon barley and oats were good but the seed crop below par.

TO CLIMB MT. HOOD

Four university students and graduate assistants will climb Mt. Hood Wednesday, ascending by the Y-East route and descending by the south side.

They will leave Eugene Tuesday night and return sometime Friday.

Making the trip are Lester, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Eugene; Lyman Webb, graduate assistant in geology; Bill Van Vector, Ore.; graduate assistant in geology will act as guide.

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