FEDERAL BUREAU GIVES HINTS IN POTATO BUYING

Handsomest Spud Not Always the Best—Different Varieties Necessary for Various Cooking Methods

There is a "how" to everything, including such a comonplace task as buying potatoes for dinner. Every housekeeper knows, for example, that sometimes the handsomest potato is just a gay deceiver. Under his smooth and plausible surface he may be hiding what the experts call literally "hollow heart," and still worse, "blackheart." But for the matter of that, even a perfectly sound potato may not meet all your requirements in other respects. So how do you choose your potatoes?

The U. S. Department of Agriculture spends a good deal of time on potatoes. Its Bureau of Home Economics tests the cooking qualities of potatoes, grown under different conditions. They are potatoes of the common market varieties, but they develop differently according to the soil and climate in different places and under different methods of cultivation. The Bureau of Plant Industry works for improved varieties of the favorite types of potatoes, for better methods of cultivation and seeks means of preventing potato diseases. The Bureau of Entomology fights off insect pests. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics sends its inspectors into the potato-growing sections of the country to examine and certify, on request of the shipper, the grade of potatoes produced.

Bureaus Tell Origin

All this is done that we may have better potatoes to eat, and so that we may get the quality we pay for. Here are some of the things these bureaus tell us:

At this time of year, the "late" or "main crop" of potatoes is on the market, shipped in from about half the states in the Union. Last year Maine shipped, all told, more than 49,000 car loads, and Idaho shipped more than 25,000. From Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota and Wisconsin came shipments ranging from Nebraska's 6700 cars to New York's 8200. This year the crop is much larger in the east, especially in Maine, New York, and Pennsylvania. It is the northern tier of states that grow the late, or main crop potatoes, which are harvested in the fall and stored to meet the winter demand. This late crop amounts, in fact, to more than three-fourths of the whole.

The "early" crop, young "new" potatoes, begins to come to the city markets from Florida and Texas in December. By May, or at least in June, shipments of the "early" crop will begin coming from Louisiana, Alabama, the Carolinas, Maryland, Virginia, and other southern states, to supply the spring and summer markets.

"Green Mountain" varieties are the leaders of the late potatoes in New England, northern New York, Long Island, and New Jersey. The "Rurals" are the varieties grow best in most other sections of the North. The famous Idaho "bakers" are Russet Burbanks—longer and usually larger than the other types, the Green Mountains being more or less oblong, the Rurals more nearly round.

Early potatoes, the quick maturing varieties that are grown in the warmer climates, are for the most part "Irish Cobbler," "Triumph," and "Spaulding No. 4."

Idaho Spuds Shipped Far

In your local market you will doubtless see potatoes advertised by the name of the state they come from—probably your own or some nearby state. Idaho potatoes are nearly always so labeled, and often cost more than home-grown potatoes, because they must be shipped long distances to find their big markets. This is often true also of Colorado Brown Beauties and Red McClures, which are popular varieties in the Middle West.

But how do you select potatoes when you go to market? Partly by their appearance, of course. You want them sound, smooth, shallow-eyed, and reasonably clean, for the dirt is unattractive, even though it does not injure the eating quality. You don't want potatoes that are sprouting, wilted, leathery, discolored from sunburn or other cause, or affected in any way by rot or insects or disease. Nor, if you can help it, do you want mixed varieties, for they differ in cooking quality and you will want the same cooking quality in any one lot. But when poatoes have "hollow heart," you cannot detect it until you cut them open. Sometimes the hollow is very small, and causes little waste. Or it may be very large. "Blackheart," which usually shows well-defined darkened areas of the flesh, is highly objectionable. There are other causes, too, which cause discoloration inside the potato.

Grade Is Protection

Against this kind of defect, the customer's best protection at present is to know how the potatoes are graded for the wholesale buyer — since the stores do not, as a rule thus far, carry grade labels for the customer's direct information. Potatoes for shipment are graded, on request and for a small fee, by official representatives of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, who furnish a certificate that the given lot qualifies under one or another of the established United States grades. Some states require that the sacks in which the potatoes are sold shall be labeled with the grade. Some dealers display the potatoes under such a label. Others will tell you the grade if you ask about it. Some may not know the grade. But it is just as well to ask them to find out.

For the customer, or anybody else for that matter, it is obviously impossible to test every potato for hidden defects, such as "hollow heart," and "blackheart." But the government inspector does actually cut open a percentage of the potatoes in sample lots before certifying as to the grade. This means that to be certified the potatoes must meet the government standards of quality, and there can be but a minimum percentage of defective potatoes in the lot as sold to the dealer.

There are four United States grades for potatoes. There is a superfine grade called "U. C. Fancy." But by far the largest proportion of the potatoes on the market fall in grade "U. S. No. 1." Then follow "U. S. Commercial" and "U. S. No. 2."

Cooks Must Experiment

But even when potatoes are graded for size, soundness and freedom from defects, their appearance does not tell you about their cooking quality. For that you will have to do your own experimenting and then remember the types of potatoes you like best and the state or region from which they come. The Bureau of Home Economics reminds us, however, that dry mealy varieties which break into white, flaky, almost crystalline masses are ideal for mashing and baking. The more waxy varieties, because they hold their shape, are best for salad and creaming. For deep-fat frying, avoid potatoes which have been frozen or held at low storage temperatures. Some of the starch turns to sugar under those conditions, and such potatoes brown too much and too quickly at frying temperatures.

A potato baked in the skin retains most of its food value, even its vitamins. And because the best values are close to the skin a potato boiled in its "jacket" furnishes the food values that are lost when the raw potato is pared with a knife. Cooked otherwise, the chief food values of the potato are its starch as a source of energy, and some mineral content, including a small amount of iron, which counts up because of the amount of potatoes we eat. New potatoes contain more protein (which accounts for their waxiness) than old potatoes.

PRUITT PURCHASES BARKDULL BUILDING

A deal was consummated yesterday by Roy Pruitt, local financier, for the Barkdull building on North Central avenue, owned by Mrs. Clara C. Barkdull. Amount paid for the property was not divulged. The location is believed by Pruitt among the most desirable in the business district, with prospects that store structures will be built in the not distant future on Central avenue to the corner of Fifth street.

It requires two worlds to give some a fair deal.

Bathing beauties remind one of Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

Society and Clubs

Mrs. Abbott Honoree At Birthday Surprise

Mrs. Mary Abbott of Ashland was the honoree at a charming birthday surprise arranged by a group of her friends, held at the home of her sister, Mrs. Barkdull, in Medford. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in games, and old acquaintances visited.

A dainty luncheon was served by the hostess, Mrs. Don Platt, and the usual round of birthday presents were opened. The birthday cake, decorated with candles, was cut by Mrs. Abbott.

Those gathered for the jolly event were Mrs. Solias, Mrs. Parker of Gold Hill, Mrs. Kellogg, Mrs. Hogue, Miss Anna O'Brien, Mrs. Oviatt, Mrs. Hoover, Mrs. Barkdull, and the hostess, Mrs. Don Platt.

Members of Round Robin Club Enjoy Squab Dinner

Several members of the Round Robin club enjoyed a squab dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kingsley, Sunday evening. Other club members and invited guests, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stolley, Miss Luella Borge and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Nyberg and daughters Dorothy and La Vern, arrived later. An evening of games was enjoyed by all, followed by delicious refreshments at midnight. At this time the honor guest, Ted Ford, was presented with several birthday remembrances.

Mrs. Dailey Surprised By Guests on Birthday

Mrs. O. A. Dailey was very pleasantly surprised Monday afternoon when a few of her friends came in to congratulate her and help her celebrate her birthday.

The afternoon was spent in bridge and other diversions. Her daughter, Mrs. Margaretha Garrett, planned the surprise, and served dainty refreshments.

Mrs. Dailey was the recipient of a number of lovely gifts and hearty good wishes for many happy returns of the natal day.

Informal Reception Will Follow Concert Friday Eve

After the concert tomorrow evening at the Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland, featuring Delbert Fradenburg, lyric tenor, and David Campbell, widely known pianist, an informal reception will be held at the school. All those who attend the concert are invited.

Hostesses for the reception will be Miss Louise Woodruff, head of the Normal music department; Miss Lucy Landen of the violin department; President and Mrs. Walter Redford, and other members of the faculty.

Miscellaneous Shower Given Mrs. Anderson

Several friends surprised Mrs. Alton M. Anderson at her home, 931 Queen Ann avenue, Tuesday evening, with a miscellaneous shower. An evening of cards was enjoyed and delightful refreshments were served. Present were Mesdames Mabel Stancliff, Jessie Barkley, Leah Stringer, Kathryn Denzer, Alice Hallgren and the Misses Susanne Barkley and Ethel Houston.

P.-T. A. Will Be Hostess To Jackson Students Friday

The Jackson school P.-T. A. will hold a special meeting at the school Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Sixth grade graduating students and their mothers special guests. A profram for the graduating class has been arranged by members of the Fourth grade, and Principal H. W. Gustin will address the outgoing students.

St. Anne's Altar Society Sponsor Party Wednesday

The St. Anne's Altar society held a dessert card party Wednesday afternoon at 1:30, at the parish hall on South Oakdale. Mrs. Bigelow and her committee were in charge of an interesting afternoon. Many interested in cards attended.

Pen Pushers Will Meet At Hotel Medford Friday

The Pen Pushers club will hold a meeting at the Hotel Medford tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Installation Tonight For Phoenix Neighbors

Neighbors of Woodcraft of Phoenix will sold installation of officers tonight at 6:30 o'clock, with a covered dish supper for members and their families. Meat and potatoes have been provided for by the club, but members are asked to bring a hot dish and a sandwich or dessert.

The Juvenile club will exemplify their work, after the installation ceremony and the covered dish supper, and the public is extended an invitation to attend at 7:30 for this part of the program.

District Deputy Arrives To Install Royal Neighbors

Mrs. Lenora Broill of Ashland, district deputy, Royal Neighbors, arrived on the Shasta this morning to be installing officer for Royal Neighbors at their meeting tonight at the K. P. hall, at 7:30 o'clock. It is desired that everyone in the Medford camp who can attend will do so.

Card Party Tonight For Degree of Honor

Degree of Honor Protective association will sponsor a card party tonight at 8 o'clock in the women's club rooms of the city hall. Bridge, 500 and pinochle will be in play and refreshments will be served. All those who enjoy an evening of cards are invited.

What the Girl Scouts Are Doing

At the January meeting of the Girl Scout Council the badges and awards committee was reorganized as a standing committee with Mrs. J. C. Boyl, chairman; Mrs. Wm. Holloway, Mrs. G. Humphreys, Mrs. R. C. Van Valzah, Mrs. R. E. Green and Mrs. Charles Bateman.

A special meeting of the committee was held at the Scout headquarters January 14. Function of the committe is to raise and make uniform standards of awards. It is hoped that this can be accomplished by securing competent instructors to help Scouts in the study of their requirements; carefully checking all application blanks for badges, supervising all examinations, planning courts of awards and working in close harmony with all Girl Scout leaders and all badge examiners.

Next court of awards will be held at 7:30 p. m., February 21, in the court house auditorium and will be open to the public.

At the Leaders' association meeting Tuesday evening, February 5, a report from each leader will be expected listing the number and kind of badges her Scouts will appear for at the February court of awards. Each leader will order her own badges from the Emporium as usual.

Mrs. Charles Bateman, local Scout director, is in her office, 500 East Main, Tuesdays and Saturdays from 2 to 5. Special appointments may be made by calling 394-Y.

When it comes to radios, remember "Pruitt's can do it." Phone 22.

HOME INTERESTS CONCLAVE DATE SET FOR WOMEN

February 12 to 15 Will See 500 Gather at O. S. C. for Pointers On Homemaking—Experts to Talk

Dates for the fifth annual Home Interests conference sponsored by the school of home economics and the home economics extension service have been set for the four days February 12 to 15, when 500 women will spend most of the week on the Oregon State college compus getting the latest pointers on the world's greatest business—homemaking.

The tentative program, announced by Claribel Nye, state leader of home economics extension, calls for the visit of national authorities on parent education, rural recreation, home equipment, and nutrition, a definite training school for rural recreational leaders, the annual dramatics festival and many other individual features.

Miss Alice Sowers, specialist in parent education, of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, will hold a four-day school for study club leaders in parent education during the conference. Miss Sowers will speak on the general program and each afternoon from three to four-thirty she is scheduled for the training conference which will be attended by at least 100 representatives of Parent-Teacher groups, Home Economics Extension units, American Association of University Women branches and Home Economics clubs of the granges. Miss Sowers is a national leader in this field and has rich experience in organizing study groups, training leaders, preparing material for study groups and discussing parent-child relations with parents in all parts of the country.

Miss Flora Thurston, acting professor of child development at the school of home economics, and formerly with the national council of parent education, is another national leader whose contribution to the home interest program will be of special value to Parent-Teacher groups.

This year again every effort is being made to keep the cost of the conference low in order to enable the many women to attend. Two wings of the boys' dormitory are being set aside for the women. The charge for rooms is 50c for one night, 75c for two nights, $1.00 for thre nights and $1.25 for four nights. A food ticket for three meals for four days will be sold for $3.00.

Other outstanding features of the conference include a lecture by Mrs. Jessamine C. Williams, "Food at Forty," a discussion by Miss Kolshorn on "Becoming Literate on Food Purchasing," Mrs. Christine Heiner of the University of Chicago will speak twice on the program. Seven counties will present their winning one-act plays on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Clothing and textiles is a major interest with every homemaker. Color selection in dress for economy is the subject of a lecture to be given by Miss Strickland. Housing improvements will occupy a half day of the conference with subjects ranging from the contribution of the architect to the topic listed is "Appraising the Decorative Gadgets." The latter lecture with demonstration material will be given by Miss Mildred Chamberlain in the field of interior decoration.

Running parallel with the daily training on study club methods for parent education groups a series of training meetings for leaders in recreation are to be given by W. P. Jackson of the national recreation association.

Those planning to attend the Home Interests conference should write or call Mabel C. Mack, county home demonstration agent, regarding further details of reservations and transportation.

FLAX EXPANSION PROGRAM TALKED

PORTLAND, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A ten-year linen mill expansion program for the Willamette valley, to cost about $7,000,000 for construction, and to give employment to ten thousand men and women, was discussed here today by W. F. Lipman of Portland who, for several years has been making plans for development of the industry.

Lipman said an eastern capitalist whose name was not divulged, was backing the project.

The first mill will be erected near Canby, in the heart of the Willamette valley, Lipman said. The initial investment will be kept within $250,000, but Lipman declared rapid expansion will be made within the next ten years.

Mrs. Gorton Offers Belcamo Cosmetics for Mann's Patrons

Mrs. Gladys Gorton, formerly a resident of this city, has returned to Medford to again offer southern Oregon people corrective cosmetic treatments, in connection with Mann's Department store. Mrs. Gorton established a wide clientele when she was a resident here two years ago. Her husband, Ralph Gorton, was connected with radio station KMED.

The widely known, Belcamo cosmetic line is featured by Mrs. Gorton who has had many years of experience in beauty treatment service. Corrective treatments, which will be offered to southern Oregon women under the auspices of Mann's Department store, will be personally supervised by Mrs. Gorton at her headquarters at the Hotel Medford.

Be correctly corseted in an Artist Model by Ethelwyn B. Hoffmann.

Use Mail Tribune want ads

KIDNAP SUSPECT'S CAST IRON NERVE BREAKS IN TRIAL

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Thomas W. Trenchard. "Let me suggest to the defendant that he keep quiet. If he has any observations to make, let him make them quietly through counsel."

Sisk had been testifying on the finding of part of the Lindbergh ransome money in Hauptmann's Bronx garage after his arrest.

He told of finding a jug.

Quizzed on Jug

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"In that jug?"

"In that jug."

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PENDLETON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—A rise in temperature from the 28-degree minimum brought .05 of an inch of snow to Pendleton last night. The higher temperature melted some of the snow on the streets.

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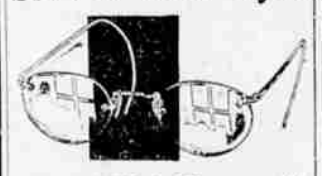

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