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No Limitation on Wages Earned by Those Receiving S. S. Checks

Many Social Security beneficiaries in the Mill City area are inquiring about the amount of wages they can earn and still be entitled to their Social Security benefit checks, according to Arthur T. Lobingier, Field Representative of the Salem District office of the social security administration.

Lobingier explained that the law was changed, effective January of this year, and there is no longer any monthly limitation on earnings. The new provision permits beneficiaries to earn \$1200 a year and still be entitled to all their benefits. This amount can be earned at any time during the year, without regard to the amount earned in any one month.

When a beneficiary earns over \$1200 in a year, he will forfeit one monthly benefit check for each unit of \$80 or fraction of \$80 which he earns in excess of the \$1200. However, regardless of total annual earnings, the beneficiary will always be entitled to a benefit check for any month he does not work, or for any month in which he does work but earns no more than \$80. Similarly, a self-employed person will be entitled to a benefit check for any month in which he renders no substantial service in connection with his business.

Social Security old-age benefits are retirement payments. A person is considered retired and eligible for payments if he earns no more than \$1200 in a year. If he earns over \$1200 he is not completely retired and therefore will not be entitled to all benefits, although he may be entitled to some benefits, depending on the total amount of his earnings. Regardless of total earnings, however, the beneficiary is considered retired during any month he does not work or earns only \$80 or less. For this reason he will be entitled to his benefit check for such months.

Lobingier stated that the retirement test actually breaks down into three parts:

1. The first \$1200 of annual earnings is "exempt."
2. For every \$80 or fraction of \$80 earned in excess of \$1,200, one benefit check must be forfeited.
3. Regardless of total earnings in the year, benefits are payable for any month the beneficiary earns \$80 or less.

The law has also been changed to lower the age at which a beneficiary may have any amount of earnings and still be entitled to all benefit checks. Beginning in 1955, a beneficiary may earn any amount of income after he is 72 and still be entitled to benefit payments. If he works during the year in which he attains 72, all earnings for the year must be counted to determine for which months before the month of his 72nd birthday he will be entitled to benefit payments.

Siletz has yielded more than twice as much as the current favorite, available from certified growers. An extension agent or from Waldo, Marshall, on some OSC test plots at Corvallis and Willamette Valley test fields. On trials where Marshall has yielded 5 tons, Siletz has yielded 11 tons per acre.

Three-year averages at Corvallis show Siletz the favorite, yielding 7 tons per acre compared to 4 tons for Marshall. Red stele disease was the main cause of the low Marshall yields.

While it yields higher, processing tests with commercial freezers and packers and at OSC food technology department indicate Siletz processes well, but that its quality is not as high as the Marshall.

Berry cores occasionally pull out when picked, leaving a small hole in the top of the berry that sometimes fills with dirt. Some processors have objected to this, while others indicate it offers no serious processing problem. Some jam processors have said berries were undesirably darker than Marshall.

End-of-season berries are also much smaller than Marshall.

Siletz has been tested since 1949 as 2172, the result of crossing two hybrids in 1947. It was named "Siletz" because the plant resembles one of its early parents, a hardy native beach strawberry that was obtained from the Coast area.

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New Berry Named Siletz by Oregon State

A high yielding red stele-resistant strawberry has been released by the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station and the U. S. department of agriculture.

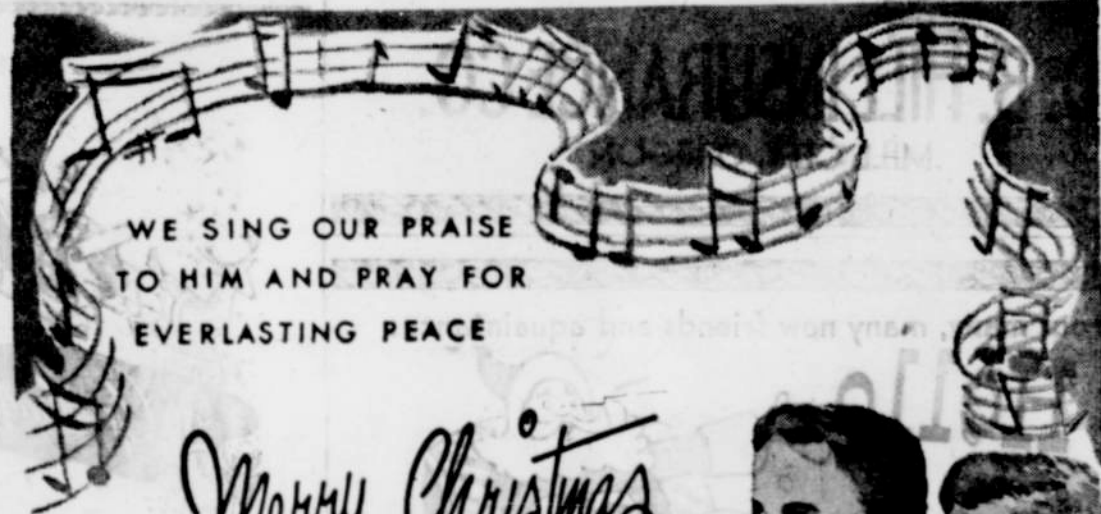
Named "Siletz," the berry was developed by George Waldo, a US DA horticulturist at OSC. The new variety is extremely vigorous and highly resistant to red-stele disease that has knocked Marshall yields in many strawberry producing areas. Waldo recommends Siletz only for those areas that can't grow Marshall.

Plants of the new variety are list of such growers is available from



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