

# NETTED GEMS LEAD SPUDS FOR TAGGING

Netted Gem potatoes led all varieties of potatoes entered for certification in Klamath county in 1942, there being 1015 acres out of 1558 total. White Rose was second with 414 acres entered. Other varieties included 96 acres of Burbanks, three acres of Bliss Triumph, and one acre of Red McClure.

Practically all the White Rose and Burbank seed produced in Klamath county is shipped into the Stockton and Shafter areas of California. Last year, 99,174 sacks of White Rose seed and 8300 sacks of Burbanks were shipped from Klamath county to those areas. The demand for White Rose seed grown in Klamath county was much greater than the production. From all indications at the present time, there will be about a 25 per cent increase in White Rose acreage this year.

Netted Gems are the most popular variety of potatoes grown in this district. 18,427 sacks of certified Gems were tagged last year and most of the seed was sold locally, which indicates a demand for good seed and an increase of certified acreage and better quality of commercial stock.

A large amount of the Netted Gem seed eligible for tagging was not tagged, as it was planted for production of commercial potatoes. A large quantity of the certified Gems were sold on the commercial market as many buyers were late in making their demands for certified seed known and growers wanted to get rid of their potatoes.

There appeared to be a shortage of certified Gems in the county this spring as many buyers were trying to locate seed and the seed growers had cleaned up their stock by moving it into commercial channels.

More and more growers are finding that it pays to use good seed, the county agent's office asserts. Seed is good only when it is practically free of disease, since disease is the primary reason for lower yield and quality. Almost invariably, experiment station reports of certified versus non-certified seed show the better seed to be the top yielder by 10 to 50 per cent. Some local growers say they get from 50 to 125 sacks more marketable potatoes per acre with certified seed. Experiment station records show that certified seed is producing a higher percentage of No. 1s.

There are over 50 diseases and troubles of potatoes. Many of these can be seen only in the vines, while the potatoes are growing. Therefore, bin selection of seed is absolutely unreliable, as diseases such as mild and rugose mosaic, net necrosis and other virus diseases cannot be recognized in the tubers.

The virus diseases alone will reduce potato yields from 20 to 40 per cent. Certified seed growers carry on a rigid tagging program to prevent spread of diseases and to remove diseased plants from the fields.

June 30th is the closing date for receiving applications for certification at the county agent's office in the Federal building. All growers who plan to certify potatoes, alfalfa, grain or clovers must get their applications on file at the county agent's office by that time. Applications are available at the office or they will be mailed to growers upon request. A tag taken from a sack of seed which has been planted by the grower for certification must accompany the application.

### Freight Cars Tie Up Traffic

PORTLAND, June 16 (P)—Two cars at the end of a Peppo freight train were derailed today on Portland's east side, snarling busy morning traffic around the crowded Hawthorne bridge.

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# MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

German artillery fire is tough, but it's not going to stop the American infantry soldier when he has a job to do, according to Corporal Denzil B. Conway, infantryman, who has returned to the United States under the army's rotation plan after 17 months of fighting in Africa, Sicily and Italy.

And Corporal Conway, whose mother, Mrs. Effie Conway, now lives at 1435 Worden in Klamath Falls, speaks with some authority on the subject of enemy shelling. For he wears the army's Silver Star award which he earned by aiding wounded comrades under heavy artillery fire in Sicily, and the Purple Heart as a result of wounds suffered from the same type of enemy fire in Italy.

A mortar squad leader with a unit of the American 3d infantry division, Corporal Conway last saw action on the bitterly-contested allied beachhead at Anzio. Telling of the action in Sicily when he won the Silver Star, he said:

"I did just what any infantry soldier would be expected to do. . . I was at an observation post directing mortar fire when artillery shells cut our communications wire. . . I started back to splice the wire and I ran onto one of our machine gun sections that had been badly hit. I did what I could to help the men there, though the shells kept falling. Then I finally found medics to take care of them and went back to work on the wire. I had to splice wire three times that day under heavy artillery fire."

Corporal Conway was hit in the hand and leg by artillery fragments near Venafro, Italy. The same shell, he said, killed three of his comrades. He expects to spend his furlough with his mother, who lives with his sister, Mrs. Juanita Reed, at the Worden avenue address.

**MALIN**—Second Lieutenant Jola Haley, serving in the U. S. army nurses corps as a dietitian at Kennedy general hospital, Memphis, Tenn., is home on a 15-day leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry Haley. Lieutenant Haley flew from Memphis to San Francisco on an army bomber that was being ferried to the west coast. While here she is spending a few days in Portland with friends.

She has just completed a course in dehydration of food in preparation for overseas training at Fort Benning, Ga. Miss Haley has been in the service for a year and graduated prior to joining from Oregon State.

**KENO**—Private Carl Morgan is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Muri Morgan, who reside on the Spencer place. Morgan is expected to leave about June 15 and will go to Colorado for training with the ski troops.

Carl lived in the Keno community for a number of years before entering the army. Private Morgan's wife is with her husband and expects to go to Colorado with him.

**THREE BRANCHES**—The army, navy and Seabees were the three branches of the service chosen by sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Howard, 3531 S. 6th, E. 1/2 James E. "Bud" Howard, 27, is now in North Africa with a U. S. army air corps glider division. Bob is officially known as SK 3/c R. C. Howard, 28, formerly with Copco here, and now stationed in the mid-Pacific with the Seabees. Mrs. Howard and daughter Marilyn are with her parents in Vallejo for the duration. Raymond has just returned from two years' duty with the marines in the South Pacific and on his arrival in San Diego telephoned his parents that he would be on his way to Klamath Falls before long.

**PROMOTED**—Word has been received here that Arthur (Bud) Martin, yeoman 1/c, has been promoted to chief yeoman. Bud is serving somewhere in the Pacific. Young Martin was raised in Klamath Falls. He graduated from KUHS with the class of 1940. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Martin now living in Salem, but who were residents of this city for many years.

One of the most photographed girls in England, Miss Betty Spurling, has had her smile insured for \$5000.

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# Place-Name Expert Tells Of "Klamath Falls' Origin"

(Editor's Note: The following article is from the Western Pacific railroad magazine, "The Headlight," and is one of a series of place-name histories appearing in that periodical from the pen of Mr. Brown. The article followed correspondence between Mr. Brown and Mr. Lewis A. McArthur, Portland, whose revised edition of "Oregon Geographic Names" will appear soon. Mr. Brown also corresponded with The Herald and News regarding this matter, as will be seen from the article, which is copyrighted by Mr. Brown.)

**KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.**—This key city of south-central Oregon, distributing and marketing point for rich lumbering, agricultural, cattle and sheep raising areas, is of especial interest to the Western Pacific because the Great Northern Railway's line extends south from Klamath Falls to Bieber, Calif., there connecting with the Western Pacific's extension north from Keddle station on the main line in the Feather River canyon. Our Mr. Robert R. Taylor is the Western Pacific's ambassador in this territory, being general agent with headquarters at Klamath Falls.

For down-to-date information regarding the origin of the name Klamath, we are indebted to Mr. Lewis A. McArthur of Portland, Ore., who has made available to us galley-proofs of the revised edition of "Oregon Geographic Names," soon to be published by the Oregon Historical Society. Under "Klamath County," created October 17, 1892, by the Oregon legislature, Mr. McArthur writes:

"Klamath county, taken from

Lake county, as it existed at that time, was named for the tribe of Indians called Klamath by the white settlers. The first appearance of the name as far as the compiler knows, is in a letter from Peter Skene Ogden, dated Burnt River, July 1, 1826, which refers to the 'Claminit County.' See Merk's Fur Trade and Empire, page 274. On October 5, 1826, David Douglas wrote of looking into the country called 'Clamite' by the natives who inhabited it, Ogden, who used the form 'Claminitte' on November 5, 1826, reached the headwaters of the Klamath drainage on November 27 of that year, but indicates that McKay and McDonald, of his party, had been there before.

"The theory has been advanced that the name originated with the French words 'clair metis,' meaning light mist, which frequently lies above Upper Klamath lake. The trouble with this notion is that the French style would be 'metis clair' and if these words mean anything, they mean a light colored halfbreed. However that may be, both Indians and white men used the name at an early date, the former for the lakes and the latter for the Indians. The name may be a corruption of Maklaks."

Mr. McArthur follows with references to early journals and historical writings from which we learn that Klamath was variously spelled: Clemmat, Clamath, Klamat, Clamet, Tlamath, Clamath, and Athlamet. He adds that the Klamath Indians, classed as a Lutuamian tribe, living about Upper Klamath lake, also on Williamson and Sprague rivers, called

themselves Eukshikni or Aukshni, "the people of the lake."

Klamath Falls, as Mr. McArthur says, is situated at the falls of Link River where that stream flows into Lake Ewauna, the place having been originally known as Linkville. He says that the Klamath Indian name for the place was Yukalona or Iuana, which referred to the peculiar blowing backward of the waters of Link river during strong south winds, the Klamath name for the falls being Twishkni, or rush of falling waters place. Mr. McArthur says that the town of Linkville, forerunner of Klamath Falls, was founded by George Nourse in 1867.

From correspondence with MR. MALCOLM EPLEY, managing editor of the Klamath Falls Herald-News, and from his column headed "Today's Round-Up" we learn that the Klamath County Star in its issue of April 10, 1891, recorded the fact that Mr. Ira Leskard, local citizen, suggested the change of name from Linkville to Klamath Falls.

"Klamath Falls," says Mr. Epley, "came from the presence of rapids or low falls, in Link river, which runs through the town and which is sometimes called 'the shortest river in the world.' The falls are really just rushing water and sometimes strangers, visiting here, ask to see 'The Falls,' and are disappointed when told they really do not exist. A dam at the head of Link river now controls the flow of the water.

"This river is also interesting because a south wind, backing up the waters of Upper Klamath lake from its head, used to cause the river virtually to go dry. Dam control has eliminated this phenomenon."

Under the sub-head "French Origin?" Mr. Epley said in a recent publication of his column:

"The theory that the name

Klamath originated with the French words for 'light mist' is favored by Rachel Applegate Good (now Mrs. J. G. Swan) Klamath historian, if for no other than poetic reasons. Her father, the late beloved Captain Oliver Cromwell Applegate, liked the theory and Captain Applegate had strong poetic leanings. . . Whether or not this theory is correct, I doubt if anyone who had stood on a hill-top and has seen the morning mists rise in the valley, illumined by the early rays of the sun, will question that 'the land of the light fog' is a most appropriate and beautiful name for the Klamath country."

In the foregoing, Mr. Epley was quoting at the close from the "History of Klamath County" by Mrs. Good. The name of George Nourse, mentioned above, is sometimes spelled "Nurse." We have read that the word "Maklaks" means the uncamped people, but shall await the appearance of Mr. McArthur's revised edition of his authoritative work on place-names for further enlightenment.

Regarding Klamath river, Mr. McArthur says that the Indian

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name for this stream was Koho, the generic name for river. Californians are interested in this name because the Klamath river flows from Lake Ewauna, Ore., across northern California to the Pacific ocean, the mouth of the river being in Del Norte county. There was once a Klamath county, California, but it was eventually divided between Trinity and Siskiyou counties.

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