

Washington Spud Needs Glamour To Compete With Klamath Basin Potato

By WILL LINDLEY
OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 11 (AP)—What the Washington potato needs is more glamour, State Director of Agriculture Fred Martin said today.

"Potatoes to the east of us, he said, referring to the Idaho and Oregon crops in a slightly dramatic tone of voice as he paraphrased Tennyson.

"The trouble," he went on, "is that in Washington a spud is a spud. In Idaho it is the key-stone of the state, and in the Klamath basin of Oregon it is practically the center of the universe."

Martin pointed to the state's 1945 crop report, which shows Washington spud farmers harvested 54,000 acres last year.

No Small Potatoes
"And that's no small potatoes," he punned.

The 1945 crop was 7000 acres larger than that of the previous year. Yield per acre increased last year, too, from 210 to 220 bushels an acre. This meant 11,880,000 bushels were harvested last year. At an average price of \$1.40 a bushel, this gave Washington farmers an average of \$308 an acre or a total of \$16,632,000 in 1945. Potatoes ranked eighth in importance in state crops.

"People have been enjoying Washington potatoes for years," Martin said. Fried, boiled, baked, scalloped or in salads or potato chips they rank with the best Oregon and Idaho have to offer.

Down in Klamath county,

January 15 Tax Questions Answered By U. S. Experts

By J. W. MALONEY
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1. Assuming I had enough income in 1945 to be required to file a declaration, is there a penalty for failing to file or pay the tax due on a declaration? Yes. The penalty is 5 per cent of the amount due and unpaid, plus one per cent for each additional month—the total penalty not to exceed 10 per cent of the amount unpaid.

2. Is there a penalty for estimating my tax too low? Yes, but only if you underestimate your tax by more than 33 1/3 per cent if you are a farmer, or by more than 20 per cent if you are not a farmer.

3. How much is the penalty for underestimating? The penalty is 6 per cent of the difference between your estimate and the correct tax (but not to exceed the total difference between your estimate and 66 2/3 per cent of the correct tax if you are a farmer, or the total difference between your estimate and 80 per cent of the correct tax if you are not a farmer).

4. Suppose I filed my 1945 declaration last March but now find it is underestimated by more than 20 per cent. Can I avoid the penalty? Yes, by filing an amended declaration or your annual return by January 15 and correcting the underestimate.

5. Suppose I based my 1945 estimate on my actual 1944 income. Does that excuse me from the penalty for underestimating? If you based your estimate on your actual 1944 income and figured the tax at 1945 rates and exemptions, there will be no penalty.

Oregon, Martin recalled, they have a yearly potato festival. A queen is selected and crowned at a big dance. People mark it on their calendars as one of the biggest days of the year.

"Just how they can glamorize such a characterless lump of vegetable I don't know," Martin said. "The way they make great of the potato you'd think you were in Hollywood. The next thing you know fellows at the University of Idaho

will be hanging them on the wall instead of pinup girls."

"I think the Irish started it," he said. "And you know, they didn't discover the potato. It was first found in Peru and Chile and later some colonists who got fed up with life in Virginia took them back to Ireland. So the Irish potato came from America after all."

As far as Martin is concerned, Oregon and Idaho can glamorize their potatoes the year around. But when he says "Pass the potatoes," he doesn't care whether they're glamorous or not.

He wants his Washington spuds.

Nimitz Says Navy Unfit To Fight

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 11 (AP)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz told Associated Press managing editors last night that demobilization had left the navy unfit to fight only five months after Japan's defeat.

"The saving grace is there is nobody who threatens to fight us at this time," said the chief of naval operations.

"You all want your boys home as quickly as possible," said Nimitz. "I am wholly sympathetic with the natural desire, even if it is more emotional than practical. The fact remains, however, that it leaves the navy at this moment unfit to fight."

Firing Squad Slays Traitor

BUDAPEST, Jan. 10 (Delayed) (AP)—Lazlo de Bardossy, former Hungarian prime minister who led his country into war beside Germany, died a traitor's death today before a four-man firing squad.

His last fanatical words—"God save Hungary from these bandits"—nearly started a riot in the jail courtyard where the watching crowd shouted back: "Long live democracy."

The silver-haired Bardossy originally was sentenced to hang. The supreme national council demoted a firing squad "more honorable."

He entered the gloomy Mark street jail courtyard at 8:45 a. m. Bullets from rifles of four jailers thudded through his body two minutes later.

Provoked by the doomed man's last words, a crowd of on-lookers stormed against the police-held barriers but drew back as Bardossy half turned, sagged and crumpled after the crack of execution rifles.

Whiskey Deal 'Good Business'

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—A legislative investigating committee upheld the 1943 Oregon-Washington distilleries purchase today as a good business deal which kept the citizenry from guzzling bad liquor.

The final report, filed with Governor Earl Snell, held that the state liquor control commission acted entirely legally in buying, jointly with Washington, the Waterfall-Frazier and Shawhan Distilleries.

The committee, headed by State Sen. Paul Peterson, said Oregon expects an eventual profit of \$5,500,000 to \$6,000,000 from the deal, and has "prevented a great deal of illicit traffic in inferior whiskeys."

Chelan Bus Had Faulty Drag Link

CHELAN, Wash., Jan. 11 (AP)—The 25-mile Creek grange issued a report yesterday saying that a badly worn and incorrectly assembled drag link was recovered from the steering gear of the school bus which plunged into Lake Chelan last November 28 drowning 15 children and the bus driver.

The grange, located in the area where most of the children resided, said in the report, "The state patrol presented the broken front spring and part of the steering apparatus. The opinion of the inspector was that the spring was broken after the bus left the road."

The statement added that a state patrol report on the accident gave a heavy snowfall and driver failure as cause of the accident, "and no mention was made in regard to the condition of the drag link."

"The drag link was found disconnected when the bus was recovered from the water. It was the opinion of those present that it was impossible to determine whether the drag link became disconnected before or after the machine left the road."

The statement added that "present school bus inspections are not thorough enough to reveal the presence of a worn drag link."

57 Lumber Firms Still Strikebound

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11 (AP)—The AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers reported today that only 57 plants remain strikebound in the Pacific northwest.

Some of these, snow-blanketed logging operations, would not be operating at this time of year in any case. No exact count of still remaining strikers was available, but a spokesman estimated it would not be over 10,000.

The disputed pine operations include 17 in Montana, 16 in the Spokane district, three in the Inland Empire district, 10 in central Washington, four in central Oregon, four in the Klamath district, and three in the Blue mountain district, the union said.

Improving—Mrs. Fid Ralston of Henley, who suffered second and third degree burns on her body when a woodstove she was polishing exploded Thursday morning, was reported improving at Klamath Valley hospital.

Confab Held On Steel Dispute

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (AP)—Six men representing the U. S. Steel corporation and the CIO United Steelworkers union conferred for the second day today in an effort to avert an industry-wide walkout of 700,000 workers.

Philip Murray, president of the union and the CIO, arrived 25 minutes late for today's session and said "I'll have something to say later." He is the leader of the union's three-man delegation. Benjamin Fairless, president of U. S. Steel, is head of the company's group.

The men were in conference for three hours yesterday, but

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adjourned without giving any indication of making progress in settling the union's demand for a 30 per cent wage increase.

Child Better—Larry Poole, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Poole of Walton drive, is improving gradually at Klamath Valley hospital where he has received treatment for critical injuries sustained two weeks ago when he rode his bicycle into a logging train at the Homedale crossing.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL—Lebanon's strawberry festival will be held May 31 and June 1, directors announced today. The show, suspended during the war, again will feature a giant strawberry shortcake.

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Cows And Phone Strike Mixed Up
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 11 (AP)—Dairy cows and the telephone strike got mixed up here today.
When a dairy official tried to telephone an ad to the Jacksonville Journal, he was told that only emergency calls were being handled.
"This is an emergency," he said. "These cows just have to be milked."
The call was put through.
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