

Winning A Radio Jackpot Isn't All Milk And Honey, Here's What Can Happen

By JACK QUIGG
 LOS ANGELES, June 23 (AP)—Ever wonder what happens to people who win those fantastic assortments of prizes put up by radio shows? Does hitting the jackpot put them on easy street? And how do they pay their income tax?

Mrs. Marie Spangler, 25-year-old wife of a Glendale, Calif., engineer, cleaned up \$26,000 on the "Hit the Jackpot" program only a few weeks ago. Her problems—such as what to do with a \$3000 gold-plated lawn mower—are just beginning.

The other winner qualifies as a veteran. The "People Are Funny" show handed her \$20,000 worth of prizes more than a year ago. Her life is just now settling back to normal. She is Mrs. Ward George, 33, of Chatsworth, Calif., and if they ever meet, she could probably pass on some good advice to Mrs. Spangler.

Seeking Ways
 Mrs. Spangler is still in the excited stage. But although she has yet to receive her new sedan, diamond-crusted wrist watch and \$1000 worth of dancing lessons, she is already mulling ways to get out from under the deluge.

She's worried, too, about income tax. The bureau of internal revenue told her, she says, that it will be at least 20 per cent of her winnings. Mrs. Spangler hit her jackpot via

telephone. But Mrs. George got the full Hollywood treatment. She was flown to filmland from her Lebanon, Ore., home and quartered in a plushy hotel. On her big night she answered the \$20,000 question to the pop of flashbulbs and the click of press agents' typewriters.

Here's what the program glowingly termed "a complete new future."

It was to include: A three-bedroom home, \$4600 worth of furnishings, double, a \$3000 lot of her choice in Los Angeles, a new car and her pick of a job in any of a score of Southern California industries.

In Lebanon Mrs. George had lived with her husband in what she described as a 16 by 20-foot shack built of lumber rejected by a nearby mill. They were \$600 in debt on the \$850 purchase price.

Her husband suffered from malaria and a nervous condition contracted overseas and was listed as 100 per cent disabled, she said. Though they had long wanted to come to California for his health, they had been unable to afford it.

Mrs. George got her house, a production line job in a large tract in the San Fernando valley. But she didn't have it long. She learned that gifts, even the radio variety,

are classed as earned income and are taxable.

House Peddled
 Uncle Sam's share was \$6800, says she. And she had to peddle her home and furnishings to raise the cash.

"Most people look on our having to sell the house as a stark tragedy," says Mrs. George. "However, we do not consider this the case. There are a great many factors besides the dollar sign."

It is these other factors, she says, that make her a contented contest winner despite the loss of her major prize. They are:

1. They salvaged enough to make a down payment on a smaller home which they can more easily afford.
2. A winter of sunshine has improved her husband's health. Mrs. George says his disability was recently reduced to 60 per cent.
3. They still have the car and

have rolled up 20,000 miles on vacation jaunts.

Although both were offered jobs as part of the prize, neither accepted. Mr. G., who wants to be an ornamental horticulturist, takes courses at an agricultural college. Mrs. G. keeps busy making a home for him.

Would she enter another contest? "Why should I be a glutton. I like to see other people get the break I got. And besides—I think I'll let somebody else pay the taxes this year."

Take over, Mrs. Spangler.

School Board Won't Accept Election

UNION, June 23 (AP)—Union school district voters turned down a \$12,899 school levy but the school board just won't have it. The board announced that they

would hold the election all over again July 15, campaigning in the meantime.

"The school system cannot operate without that money," said School Superintendent Albert Hopkins. "I believe that those who defeated the budget 132 to 143 yesterday were not thinking about its importance."

Astoria Refuses Naval Hospital

ASTORIA, June 23 (AP)—The city of Astoria decided "reluctantly" that it couldn't afford to take over the surplus naval hospital for housing. The coast guard had appealed for housing for 125 families of its employees, and the city wanted to do something about it.

But architects reported that to convert the hospital into living

Santiam Road To Be Improved

PORTLAND, June 23 (AP)—The last 13 unimproved miles of the North Santiam pass highway will be up for surfacing bids July 7.

Construction on the route started more than 20 years ago and for years there has been an oil-surfaced highway extending east and west of the unimproved section between Detroit and Niagara. But only recently was the heavy grading completed to permit the entire highway to handle through traffic from Salem into Central Oregon via Stayton and Mill City.

W. H. Lynch, public roads administration division engineer, said units would cost \$300,000, more than the city can spend. As a result, the hospital will be sold for demolition

that in addition to providing a major cross-Cascades route, the highway would be a useful access road to Detroit dam and to timber resources.

La Grande Votes More School Funds

LA GRANDE, June 23 (AP)—La Grande and Cove voters gave overwhelming support to added tax money for schools in this week's special election.

La Grande's \$46 to 206 vote will raise some \$600,000 from a 12-mill tax for building a new high school and improving existing buildings. It is a 7-mill increase.

Cove, whose voters never have turned down a school tax increase, voted 63 to 8 in favor of adding \$8235 to the levy. The money will be used in financing a school bus, heating plant and higher salaries.

68th DAY
 FAIRBANKS, Alaska, June 22 (AP)—In this northern country, where nature operates on a grand scale, the longest day of the year, brother, is a long day indeed.

These parts had 21 hours and 41 minutes of daylight. Fairbanks and Ladd air force base played the traditional midnight sun baseball game, with the umpire calling "play ball" at 10 p. m. and there was not a light-bulb burning for miles.

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