

# King Dies, Elizabeth Rules

## OPS Probes Spud Deals Here

### Price Rule Violations Reported

Reported sales of potatoes above ceiling prices in the Klamath Falls area are being investigated by agents of the Office of Price Stabilization enforcement division from Portland.

At least three enforcement officers were here earlier this week, led by William A. West, and two were still here today. West has returned to Portland.

The two are Kermit J. Osness and J. Irvin Borthick. They were in the Hukel area this morning, and are staying at the Cascade hotel.

**NO DETAILS**  
OPS headquarters in Portland today declined to say exactly what type of violations are suspected or under investigation, or name anyone involved, but said that West "has found something."

Earlier West was reported as saying he had found some sales in excess of ceiling prices.

The OPS office said no decision had been made on what enforcement action might be taken.

The current price ceiling (for February) is of one inch and seven-eighths minimum is \$3.75 a hundred pounds, and on No. 1 is two-inch minimum is \$3.85. The January ceiling was \$3.65 and \$3.75.

A grower who takes his spuds straight through to the retail market can get an extra 85 cents per hundred; a grower who does his own shipping can get 15 cents a hundred more.

**BLAME LINES** along the line the OPS may have spotted infringements has not been disclosed, and the Portland office declined to say today.

Growers are reported holding their spuds for a possible increase in OPS ceilings, and the Portland office this morning reported that a decision on changes in potato price ceilings for Oregon and Washington is in prospect after an economic study is completed in Klamath County.

Vernon K. Malberg, business analyst, is here now making the study. Malberg's report is expected in Merrill last night he told growers there would be no further revision of the ceilings except through recommendation to Washington of the OPS office.

Growers left the Merrill meeting with a feeling that nothing immediate is in prospect and they might as well turn their spuds loose.

**SPECULATION**  
Malberg's reports are made and checked, a matter of several days, probably a Washington, D.C. price announcement can be expected, according to the Portland office. What the decision might be is a matter for speculation.

Scott Warren of Algona, who with Louie Lyon of Malin was a member of a delegation of Oregon growers going to Washington, D.C. last month, returned with report of promise that the Oregon base price (and that of nine other Western states) would be upped to equal that of Idaho, which was set 20 cents higher.

## Fire District Annexing OK'd

**TULELAKE**—The Modoc county Board of Supervisors has okayed the annexation of a large area of the Tulelake Basin in the Tulelake-Multi-County Fire Protective District, according to Super. Jim Stearns.

The annexation was moved during a meeting of the board in Alturas Monday, Stearns said.

The area involved, according to the supervisor, includes all the lands in the last three homestead openings.

## Unander Seeks Treasurer Job

**PORTLAND** (AP)—The number of Republicans seeking nomination for state treasurer rose to three Tuesday when Sigrid Unander announced his candidacy.

Unander resigned last week as chairman of the State Central Committee. At that time it was expected he would seek nomination to the state treasurer's post.

Other Republican candidates are State Sen. Jack Lynch, Portland, and Fred Robinson, Medford.

Democrat Walter J. Pearson is incumbent. He said earlier he would not seek the office again.

## Portland Union Case Heard

**PORTLAND** (AP)—A National Labor Relations Board hearing resumed taking testimony here Wednesday in the case of two plasterers who have accused their union of blacklisting them.

The plasterers, Lee E. Parker and Robert E. Holloway, testified Tuesday that they had been refused union clearance to work on a construction project in Salem.

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## Committee Approves UMT

### New Tulana Lease OK'd By Chapman

**By HALE SCARBROUGH**  
The controversial Tulana Farms lease on 2,314 acres of Tule sump land is to be "executed and delivered forthwith" at the request of U.S. Interior Secy. Oscar Chapman.

That stilled phrasing means that Chapman has told the Bureau of Reclamation in Washington to sign the lease and return it here.

In Washington yesterday, Bureau officials told the Associated Press the lease would be signed by Richard Boke, regional Bureau director in Sacramento.

**BEGINNING**  
Tulana contracted with the government for the land in 1944. The land was then under water and the contract stipulated that Tulana drain and prepare the land for cultivation. The firm was to then have crop use of the land for five years. The first crop would have been put in in 1945 but the Bureau elected to flood the land that year as a flood control measure.

A second lease for two years was executed in 1949. It expired last Dec. 31.

Last October the local Bureau of Reclamation office announced the plot would be broken up into 18 small plots for lease on a veterans preference basis.

But Chapman reversed that decision and ordered a new two-year lease for the big grain-growing corporation.

The lease was drawn by the Bureau office here and signed by Dick Henzel as president of Tulana in November. But it still needed Bureau of Reclamation approval and the Sacramento office referred it to Washington.

Some persons in the Tulelake area raised hearty objections to giving Tulana a lease extension, holding that the land ought to be broken up for leasing to smaller units, and Washington was bombarded with phone calls and telegrams against the lease. Rep. Clair Engle, who represents most of Northern California in Congress, took a hand and requested a hearing. He said he "had an audience" with Chapman but the latter did not change his mind.

**SPORTSMEN**  
Last month the Associated Sportsmen of California and the Klamath Modoc chapter of the Izak Walton league got into the squabble generally on the side of Tulana—against breaking up the sump land which is used each year by thousands of migratory waterfowl of the Pacific flyway—and their entry into the picture seemingly impeded the argument to a conclusion.

The 2,314 acres in question is not considered eligible for homesteading until at least 1956, according to the Bureau of Reclamation, since it is still subject to flooding as a water control measure. Additional flood control work is to be done before it is homesteaded.

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**TRUMAN KEEPS 'EM GUESSING**  
By The Associated Press  
The big question—will Truman run?—was toyed with but left dangling still, by the President Tuesday night when he talked politics briefly with some veterans.

Addressing the Veterans of Foreign Wars' annual Congressional dinner in Washington, he touched on the 1952 presidential campaign. With a smile he said:

"When the time comes, I am going to try to tell you what the right result is. That is not an announcement."

Earlier, the President had said he will, after all, oppose Sen. Ke-fauver, (D-Tenn.), in New Hampshire's March 11 presidential preference primary. This reversed a previous statement that he would not stay in the race.

Frank McKinney, the Democratic party's national chairman, said he hopes the President will decide "within 60 days" whether to stand for a new term.

McKinney said Truman delegate slates could be filed in states where the candidates consent is not required. The other states? He left that question up in the air.

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### Cops Felled By Flu Bug

Police Chief Orville Hamilton sat in his office this morning, fervently wishing the flu bug would leave town and Feb. 19 would hasten along.

Hamilton's force has been riddled with resignations and sickness to the point where only 17 or 18 men of the 26-officer staff are on duty.

Results of civil service exams to be held Feb. 19 are figured to replenish the lack of City Police officers.

Actually, Feb. 19 is only the starting point for hiring of new police personnel.

Civil service exams are checked in Salem—a process of 10 or more days—and then returned to the Civil Service Board here. Recommendations on exam results are then made to the Police Department by the Civil Service Board.

References and background of the prospective officers are then checked, their hiring must be approved by the City Council and certified by the Civil Service Board.

In the meantime Chief Hamilton is endeavoring to nurse a cold of his own and figure how his depleted force of 17 men can police a 15,000-plus population during three 8-hour shifts.

### Sports Next Forum Topic

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### Accidents Kill 3 Oregonians

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Accidents in Oregon claimed the lives Tuesday of three persons.

Two died from injuries suffered in traffic mishaps and the third was killed in a logging accident.

Joe Thomas of Astoria died from injuries suffered in a two-car collision near Hillsboro Monday. Mrs. Ruth Helen Will, driver of the other car, died Monday night.

Robert Sullivan, 31, of Forest Grove, was killed outright when a motorcycle on which he was a passenger collided with a car just outside Forest Grove Tuesday. Driver of the motorcycle, Walter Jones, 24, Forest Grove, suffered minor injuries.

Edward Irwin Bingham, 30, of Springfield, was killed in a logging accident at Drain. A log rolled off a pile crushing him.

### VA 'Regrets' Turned Down

**ISLAND TREE, N. Y.** (AP)—Mrs. Ruth Bogen read the letter from the Veterans Administration, then glanced at her husband drinking his breakfast coffee.

"Dear Mrs. Bogen," the letter started. "We have learned with regret of the death of your husband, Harold . . ." Then it suggested she fill out the enclosed forms to claim his \$11,000 VA life insurance.

Mrs. Bogen, 26, sat right down to write VA officials that her 27-year-old husband was just starting out on his bakery truck delivery route.

The postman knocked Tuesday. Bogen said, just as she had received his regular VA partial disability check.

Bogen said he had no idea how the VA might have made his mistake.

**KUHS Artists Win 12 Keys**  
**PORTLAND** (AP)—Two hundred Oregon high school students won Gold Key awards in the Seventh Annual Scholastic Art Contest here with girls Polytechnic of Portland winning 26 of them.

Klamath Falls with 12 winners topped upstate schools, followed in order by Salem and Grants Pass. There were 4,501 entries.

Among the winners:  
Eugene—George E. Schultz, Jack Gray, Marvin Brabham, Marjorie M. Wood and Sylvia Halligan.  
Grants Pass—Shirley Wildby, Byron Newman, Jerry Whitsett, Bill Culhane, Donna Ray, Betty Jean Reed, Una May Kenyon, Dennis Dunham, Peggy Martin.  
Klamath Falls—Dennis Todd, Jim Matteson, Shannon Oldham, Tore Janson, Kim Morris, Wayne Angel, Jane Darton, Roger Long, Doris Campbell, Sally McMahon, Carl Stewart, Richard Parker.  
Roseburg—Gary Briggs, Arthur Daly, Roger Steeck.  
Salem—Dick Richardson, Jack Stryffeler, Jerry Slatum, Jack Eversly, Pat Rath, Nancy Lindbeck, Janet Smith, Jane Fromme, Betty Grimm, Martin W. Southwick.

**OREGON JOBLESS**  
**SALEM** (AP)—Fifty thousand Oregon residents are unemployed, compared with 45,000 a year ago, the State Unemployment Compensation Commission said Wednesday.



ELIZABETH

## New Queen Carefully Educated for Throne

**LONDON** (AP)—The death of King George VI Wednesday brought Britain its first reigning queen since Victoria died 51 years ago.

And the coming to the throne of serious gray-eyed Elizabeth revived a mild superstition—that Britain waxes fat and prosperous with a woman's reign.

The belief grew out of the founding of an empire by another Queen Elizabeth 350 years ago, and its rich expansion under Victoria in the 19th Century.

The new queen, only 25 years old, was in far-off Kenya, an East African Colony, at the beginning of a five-month tour of Africa, Ceylon, Australia and New Zealand.

With her was her 80-year-old husband, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, who cast aside princely Greek titles and became a British citizen to wed her amid great splendor November 20, 1947.

They had intended to complete their empire-cementing journey by continuing around the world, with side visits to the Panama Canal and to Bermuda, British Colony off the Atlantic Coast of the United States.

**RETURN**  
Now they must return at once. Their son, three-year-old Prince Charles, born Nov. 14, 1948, now becomes first in line to succeed to the throne.

The line of succession, in order, then is Charles' year-old sister Anne, and Elizabeth's 21-year-old sister, Princess Margaret.

Death of the king brings back several traditional royal titles. Two of them, the Dukedoms of Cornwall and Rothesay in Scotland, automatically fall to or come to Prince Charles.

The courtesy title of Queen Mother may pass from King George's mother, Mary, to his widow, Queen Elizabeth.

Another title—and the most important one—is waiting for young Charles.

He is expected someday to be crowned Prince of Wales, a title reserved solely for male heirs to the throne. The title is not passed along automatically, but must be conferred specifically by the reigning monarch.

When Charles eventually is taken in great splendor to the historic ruins of Caernarvon Castle in Wales, he will be the 21st to hold the title since Edward I inaugurated it in 1301.

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His daughter Elizabeth, 25, immediately became England's seventh queen ruler.

Tired and spent by disease, George VI died in his sleep at Sandringham, the royal estate where he was born. He had suffered from lung cancer, but apparently a blood clot was the immediate cause of death.

More than half the world—the bits of England that lie around the globe and the peoples that are skin-powdered flags in respect to the man who became King against his will but developed into just the steady sort of monarch Britons love.

The new queen, namesake of her mother and of the "Good Queen Bess" who ruled England almost four centuries ago, received word of her father's death while she was on a projected around-the-world tour, now called off.

Elizabeth was with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, in Kenya, East Africa.

She received the news tearfully, and then started planning her return home. She and the Duke will fly here Wednesday. The formal coronation likely will be in the early summer, but she already is queen.

The King's body is expected to lie in state in Westminster Hall, the great hall of the Houses of Parliament, for several days next week.

The funeral will take place at Windsor Castle, on a date to be determined after Elizabeth consults palace advisors and the government.

The Duke of Windsor, whose abdication-for-love in 1936 brought his brother to the throne, plans to come home for the funeral. He is sailing from New York Thursday.

George VI was the youngest king to die since William of Orange died in 1702 at the age of 51. George VI's father, George V, was 71 when he died.

At 25, Elizabeth is the second youngest queen in history. Victoria was 18 when she began her 63-year reign. She was the last queen, dying 1901.

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HEADING FOR SCHOOL this morning when caught by the camera were Joseph Kee, 1864 Derby, and Wesley Ridgley, Route 3, Box 421, who are freshmen at Klamath Union high school.



WHOOPI! As the 20-30 Club held a novel dinner meet at the Willard last night, barrel-house "belles" of the evening were three clubmen shown above. They are (l to r) Ed Maurman, Terry Tennant (20-30 president) and Freddie Hadlock. The women ruled last night and entertained their husbands and male friends as "Ladies Night" guests.

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