



THE FIRST QUEEN of the Klamath Basin Potato Festival was Martha Robison who is shown here on her float in the parade with her court gathered around her. Members of her court were Arlene Durant and Frances Mahoney, Klamath Falls; Ardyce Brown, Tulelake; and Pauline Suty, Malin. This was 1937. The festival was begun in 1934, but no queen selected until this year.



THE SECOND QUEEN of the Klamath Basin Potato Festival, chosen in 1938, was Ardis Brown of Tulelake. She is shown here, center, with her court members who were Geraldine Manning, Henley; Betty Sparks, Bonanza; Marjorie Hartlerode, Merrill, and Margaret Victorine, Malin.



TOM CHATBURN takes a good look at a few beauties from the pile of Klamath potatoes just turned out of the field you see in the background. The potato yield was reported somewhat spotty this season due to frost troubles.

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Netted Gems seed is shipped out of the area, growers concentrating efforts on keeping enough disease free seed for local use. Growers are, however, developing a market for White Rose seed, but up to the present time only a few patches have been certified.

Klamath County's potato industry has grown from the first experimental plot grown by Henry Semon of the Henley District about 1916 or 1917 to the present vast acreage. As late as 1922 the acreage varied from 250 to 400 acres, plantings being widely scattered. Probably the highest price received for potatoes here was 10 or 12 years ago when they sold for a few cents higher than the peak price of \$3.55 last year.

Potato growers in the Basin occupy a particularly advantageous position in that potatoes may be moved to terminal markets of California faster than from any

other district on the Pacific Coast producing similar potatoes.

Local growers thus are able to take advantage of market rises. Quality of the Klamath potato is unexcelled with factors contributing to its excellency, the light sandy loam, ample water for irrigation and reasonably stable climate.

Planting time in the valley has been boosted ahead a week or 10 days, assuring growers of better fall weather for harvesting, planting dates now being between May 10 and May 25.

Potatoes brought a total income of \$4,050,000 to the Klamath country last year.

The 1959 figures from the Klamath County Agent's office indicate that there were 20,000 acres planted to potatoes in the Basin area of Oregon and California combined.

This acreage produced a total income from potatoes in 1959 of approximately \$12,500,000.

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3 large diced potatoes
6 hard boiled eggs
4 medium small diced Kosher dill pickles
2 medium sized chopped onions
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2 cups chopped boiled chicken
salt—pepper to suit taste
3 tbsp. vinegar
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