

POTATO COMMITTEE MANAGER'S JOINT DISPOSITION REPORT, 1960 CROP SEASON WITH 1959 CROP COMPARISONS
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	Ore.-Calif.	Washington	Idaho-C. Ore.	Snake-Val.	No. Colo.	Bad River	Maine	Total 7 Areas
	1959	1959	1959	1959	1959	1959	1959	1959
1. Fresh Market								
By Carrier	2514	3028	7534	9171	17986	25773	2594	2628
Truck	1211	1225	4334	4424	2283	4177	1425	1321
Total	3725	4253	11868	13595	20269	29950	4019	3949
2. By Grades								
U. S. 1	4117	5192	8776	11249	14343	20955	6861	5819
U. S. 2	1110	1502	2925	2030	2973	3089	303	986
U. S. Com'l.			67	85		895		
Mixed					3121	4008		
Total	5227	6694	11768	13355	20739	28852	8059	6805
3. By Varieties								
Reda	92	79	421	547	232	610	540	490
Whitea	205	382	1437	1907	572	1865	303	245
Russeta	5250	6333	9910	10911	19764	20082	2126	1620
Mixed					171	295		
Total	5527	6791	11768	13355	20739	28852	8059	6805
4. Non-Food								
Starch	245	58	1520	360	2219	4778	268	258
Livestock Feed	1892	2428	2001	2737	2459	2422	268	258
Total	2137	2486	3521	2797	2678	2700	536	516
(365) (334) (405) (306) (404) (445) (255) (258) (248) (285) (238) (247) (426) (453) (428) (348)								

Good Penmanship Is Still A Key

By LESLIE J. NASON, Ed. D., with HARRY KARNS

Don't kid yourself that good penmanship is no longer important in this world of typewriters, dictaphones, and tape recorders. It's just as important to you as it was to your grandfather when he went to school.

Poor handwriting is one of the major reasons why students fail. The student has no typewriter or recorder with him in the classroom when taking notes or answering exam questions. If he writes well, he stands a better chance of making good grades.

Writing happens to be a complex chore.

First, you must form a concept or picture in your mind. Then you must put this into words and arrange the words in sentences. Next, you must write all the necessary letters and symbols on the paper with the capitals and the punctuation marks in the right places and with the words spelled correctly.

Writing is a muscular as well as a mental operation. If the writing muscles are poorly trained and too weak to work very long, you are handicapped almost as much as you would be by a damaged brain.

We never really understood what a severe block poor writing habits can be until we met John. He came to us complaining of low grades on essay type exams. His penmanship was terrible. We suggested simply that he practice writing. We hoped his grades might be raised by what is called the "halo" effect. That is, the teacher might grade him higher because his paper looked good, not necessarily because he had more to say.

John practiced, his penmanship improved, and he got better grades on essay questions. The old halo effect was working!

We glanced at some of his new papers and received a pleasant surprise. The answers were greatly improved in meaning and content as well as appearance.

This improvement was linked with his new muscular skill in writing! Having gained that skill, he was able to think of what instead of how to write.

To check that conclusion, we repeated the experiment with student after student—always with the same results.

There was, for example, Ed. He brought us two exam papers from his sophomore economics class at the university. One had been graded "D," the other "D-minus." Ed felt that an injustice had been done. He had worked



hard, and he deserved better grades.

"What the heck am I doing wrong?"

An analysis of the papers showed that Ed didn't write easily. The further he went in the exam, the worse his writing got, until finally it deteriorated into a meaningless scrawl.

The physical chore distracted him from the subject matter. We advised him to train his writing muscles and exercise them. We gave him a brief paragraph of three sentences and told him to write it over and over again.

Try the following procedure, which we suggested to him:

1. Sit at a desk or table of comfortable height.
2. Get your arm in a comfortable position.
3. Hold your pencil in a comfortable manner, without cramping your hand or fingers.
4. Write several trial words. Remember that style of penmanship doesn't matter. The important thing is to form letters reasonably well and move the pencil easily on the paper.
5. Write three brief sentences over and over again. By the third writing you should have the material you are copying so clearly in mind that you can center your attention on the task of controlling your hand.
6. Now insist that your hand make well-formed letters and words without lifting the pencil from paper.

Practice in this way 20 minutes each day. Use different materials for each day's practice.

Quit While Ahead

Caution: Don't practice too long at any one time. Your muscles are tiring when your penmanship starts deteriorating rather than improving. Quit for the day.

Ed practiced thus for 10 days, took another exam in economics, and hiked his grade to "B." The pen, provided you know how to hold it, is mightier than the sword.

If you are used to writing in English and you try to write in a foreign language, you face new problems. Some letters are shaped differently. You run into marks that normally appear in English only as pronunciation aids in dictionaries.

Practice writing the foreign language in the same way suggested for muscular training in writing English. Select three sentences containing the strange new letters and markings. Repeated writings will develop skill and accuracy.

Phyllis was discouraged by poor grades in French. We discovered she was losing points because of errors in small details—an accent mark omitted, a word misspelled, a letter incorrectly formed. By exercising as outlined above, she got to the point where she could think of subject matter and still do a good job of writing.

Henry's problem was slightly different. His teacher read in Spanish without attempting translation. Henry couldn't write fast enough to keep up, and he had a hard time reading his own work, in Spanish or English. A few days of practice 20 minutes a day resulted in substantial improvement.

We want to warn you about something with regard to writing exercises. They need to be writing exercises only—nothing more. It's not sufficient to pay attention to your penmanship while writing letters, taking notes, or making entries in your diary. The fact that your mind is centered on some other activity defeats your purpose.

Tomorrow: How to listen.

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Winning Rules Battle Puts Demos On Spot For Pushing Legislation

By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Kennedy administration and the Democratic Party confront their greatest challenge now in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The President and his party are on their own. The political battle over control of the House Rules Committee was widely publicized. It was explained to the voters in simple terms. The explanation was like this:

Bad guys, some Democratic, some Republican, were joined in partnership to control the Rules Committee. This combination of ten was able to prevent the House from considering certain New Dealish legislation. The Kennedy administration and the House Democratic leadership considered this bottleneck intolerable. They broke it last week with a House vote authorizing Speaker Sam Rayburn to add two Democrats—both good guys—to the Rules Committee.

The fact is, the administration's victory is not likely much to change the House legislative routine this year. For self protection, the House Republican leadership would have supported the Rules Committee good guys in

the addition of good guys to the Rules Committee. It is a fact, however, that the House Republican leadership and Republicans generally, were fearful of what the consequences would be if they won. Halleck and his associates were determined that they would not put their party on the hot seat. It occupied in 1948 when Truman was able to blame everything, including bad weather, on the Republican Party in Congress.

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One Republican Added

House Republican Leader Charles A. Halleck at the same time was authorized to name one more of his party to the Rules Committee. This new Republican is to be a bad guy but Rayburn's two additional members will give the good guys committee control.

So, the good guys have it. Unlike the Roosevelt and Truman administrations, the Kennedy administration will not be able to blame the House Rules Committee for any legislative setbacks. Harry S. Truman made a lot of hay in 1948 with his campaign against the Republican 80th Congress as the worst, ever.

When the House Rules Committee successfully challenged FDR in 1936-37-38, Roosevelt moved against the Democratic Rules Committee chairman and kicked him in a New York City congressional election. The Kennedy-Rayburn challenge to the Rules Committee was on a broader front. The margin of victory was narrow; however, so narrow that a shift of three House votes would have defeated the President and Rayburn.

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