

Better State Potato Crop Means Better Chips, Fries

By Cloyd Clark
A potato is a potato, but not just any potato can be processed into a good chip or fry. This fact was realized by Nebraska potato growers in 1956 after ten years of declining markets.

In 1956 specially developed high specific gravity, low reducing sugar varieties of potatoes suited to Nebraska climate were developed by the University vegetable research department and released to Nebraska farmers.

Dr. H. O. Werner, professor of horticulture and spearhead of the University potato research, points out that each year more than 800 cars of potatoes (600 bu. per car) are used by makers of potato chips in Nebraska.

Another 300 or more carloads are required by the "drive-ins" and other public eating places that feature French fried potatoes.

Potato Carloads
"Nebraska grown potatoes comprise probably not over two per cent of these carloads," according to Werner and his assistant R. B. O'Keefe. "Nebraska potato growers have not grown their varieties required or have not used growing practices that produce potatoes suitable for making chips and 'French fries.'"

This "ignorance" of the Nebraska potato growers to the growing demand for potatoes suitable for processing caused the fall of the state's potato industry from 11-12 million bushels in the peak year of 1942 to a low of 1-2 million bushel in 1952.

This year 15,000 acres of Nebraska land are planted with potatoes that won't fall apart or turn black when they are processed for chips or fries.

In addition, a frozen French fry factory has been established in Hastings and a 100,000 bushel storage plant for potatoes has been constructed in potato country at Berea, Nebraska.

Vegetable Crops
The potato is just one of the vegetable crops which can revolutionize Nebraska and its thousands of acres of irrigated land, according to Dr. J. O. Young, chairman of the University's Department of Horticulture and Forestry.

Young, a former employee of Libby McNeill and Libby vegetable processors points out various facts in support of Nebraska's vegetable potential.

"Vegetable processing, including soups, baby foods, potatoes and specialties such as mixed vegetables, now has an annual sales volume of some two billion dollars. If Nebraska acquires a ten per cent share of this business it will mean new business for the state of \$200 million annually."

In addition to this statement, Young adds, "It will mean 10,000 direct jobs plus 10,000 indirect jobs in services."

Eating Revolution
All this is part of the revolution in the American's eating habits, according to Young. Your grandfather and grandmother had a big iron pot, a fire place and a patch of corn and peas. In his time not only was it a job to prepare vegetables for consumption, but there wasn't very much variety. The only thing offered was potatoes and gravy.

"Plastic bags, tin cans, pressure cookers, quick freeze methods—these have all contributed to the revolution which places hundreds of vegetable varieties within the fingertips of every housewife, Young points out.

Cooperation between the

Silly Fish
by *winston blue napier*
A man and woman peered into the aquarium.
"That's the only world he knows, that fish," he said. She nodded, not looking away from the large grey shape lolling in the green fairland.
"If he had any more living space than the aquarium he'd go crazy," he lifted the lid of the aquarium and poised a box of food above the water. The anxious fish leaped out of the water, startled them both and fell back with a small splash.
"He wouldn't know what to do if he could stay out here," he said, closing the top. He picked up the evening paper and sat down. "Rocket Tests Fail Again" shouted the headlines silently.
"Silly fish!" she said.

State and the University have resulted in the present accomplishments which Young and his staff have been able to perform in potatoes and other vegetable crops.

The University vegetable research program is set up on a three-phase system that is designed to evaluate the productivity of all the main irrigated sections of the state.

The first phase involves plots and experiments all over the state; the second investigates vegetable culture in these areas; and the final

phase interprets the Nebraska climate and the production potential from a vegetable processor's standpoint.

Tomatoes, sweet corn, snapbeans, dry beans, potatoes, peas, lima beans, beets, carrots, pickling cucumbers and other vegetables will be investigated under the University-State ag research program.

Nebraska's unemployment, youth exodus, and other problems may have a solution in Nebraska's greatest resource, its land.

Actions of the drivers or riders. The Nebraska Union does not accept responsibility for the drivers or riders. Their role is to aid the students needing rides or riders.

The committee warns the drivers to check their insurance policies and agents to see if the policies provide medical and liability protection for riders.

The riders were asked to also check their policies and with their agents to see if the policies contain medical protection when they are in another person's car.

The board will be available to the students for the rest of the semester.

Other officers are Chuck Wahl, business manager; Dave Wetherell, treasurer; Jerry Indvall, advertising; and Roger Hahn, circulation and promotion.

Hewlett said that this year's Blue Print will have more special feature issues in the eight monthly magazines. The next special issue will be in April and feature outer space. The January issue will be the first one put out by the new staff.

The new editor also said that they are going to have articles on University development, a layout with more variety, and more art work.

The Blue Print magazine is a member of Engineering College Magazines Associated.

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'Rides' Project Matches Vacation Bound Students

Rides project, sponsored by the Union Personnel committee, will be offered again for students wanting riders or a ride home for Christmas vacation.

On the right bulletin board inside the "R" street entrance to the Union is a map of the United States. If you want a ride place a plain straight pin on your destination. If you need riders, place a pin with a small car on the end on the place of your destination.

Other directions include: filling out an information card and signing the policy on the back, depositing it in the map container checking back for riders or rides in the Program office, contacting these students, and then contacting the Program office so your card will be pulled.

The policy on the back of the information sheet states that the University, the Nebraska Union, and/or any of its departments shall not be held responsible for the following:—Any accidents, personal injuries, or loss of property incurred by participants.

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Brochure Outlines Law Courses

"Law, Your Future," a brochure aimed at high school students outlining the law program at the University of Nebraska and Creighton University, is now being distributed throughout Nebraska.

Approximately 1,500 copies of Professor Richard Harnsberger of the University College of Law, and Professor Lee Bloomingdale of Creighton, are being sent to all high school and college counselors, and lawyers throughout the state.

The brochures will also be used in Bar Association careers day programs, and by University Builders in their promotion activities.

Ed Hirsh, assistant director of the University Public Relations Division, edited the publication.

The brochure, a program of the State Bar Association and the two universities, was partially financed by Nebraska trust companies.

The introduction to the pamphlet is written by Nebraskan Roscoe Pound, former dean of Harvard Law College, and dean of the University of Nebraska College of Law from 1903-1907.

The brochure answers questions students might ask, and describes the overall operations of the two colleges of law.

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Campus Houses Share Pre-Yule Joy With City's Orphans, Aged

by Wendy Rogers
You're on your way to meet little Joe.

You know how old he is—the orphanage sent the statistics on all the children to your house last week.

Everyone thought it would be a nice thing to do; underprivileged children can always use a little brightness and cheer, especially at Christmas time.

So, you planned a Christmas party for the youngsters from a local orphanage.

But now its time to meet

little Joe — he's no longer a vague conception of a poor little child, he's bright-eyed, pint-sized Joe, a real terror at the orphanage, and they all love him.

Joe's a little cool to you at first. He's just six, but has already had his share of hard luck. You can see it's not going to be easy, but you want him to have a wonderful time at the party and he's your responsibility.

Joe doesn't know it, but Santa is going to give him a model airplane for Christmas. You picked it out last week. Will Joe really like it? Maybe he believes in Santa Claus.

It's party time, and the house is in a turmoil. The hosts and hostesses and all their young guests are having a wonderful time. Here, there, and everywhere, one young character runs, pretending he's a fire engine. "Whoooooo!" "Look out for the fire truck," he yells as you and Joe dive out of his road.

"That was a close one," says Joe as you both pick yourselves up. He seemed rather above it all for a while, but he's starting to loosen up a little.

Right in the middle of everyone's version of "Jingle Bells," a rosy-cheeked Santa burst in with his bag of toys.

You know Santa pretty well, he's your friend's roommate. Glancing around the room, you note that all the children are spellbound — except Joe. He can't quite figure it out, there must be a gimmick somewhere. When Santa starts to hand out gifts, little Joe's face grows sad. He's heard of Santa before, but he only visits other kids, not Joe.

Santa slowly works his way across the room, stopping to whisper a "Merry Christmas" to each wide-eyed youngster.

He approaches where you're

sitting — Joe looks down at his feet.

"Gee Whiz! For me, Santa? Wow!"

Little Joe received his Christmas gift, and who knows, maybe a little more faith in people was an added gift.

You, too, received a gift. Perhaps, it is the best gift you'll get this year.

You saw Joe's grin of happiness, and you felt warm inside.

Maybe it's true, that old cliché — "SHARING IS THE BIGGEST PART OF CHRISTMAS."

This Christmas season, many organized houses on the campus are having parties for children from orphanages, and others go caroling at local hospitals and rest homes.

Among those participating in such activities are:

Friday (Dec. 16)
Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, caroling.

Saturday (Dec. 17)
Kappa Alpha Theta Delta Upsilon, orphans' party.
Kappa Kappa Gamma Phi Delta Theta, orphans' party.
Sunday (Dec. 18)
Alpha Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon; Sigma Nu, Alpha Chi Omega; orphans' parties.
Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Tau Omega; Alpha Omicron Pi; Chi Omega, Kappa Sigma; caroling.

Monday (Dec. 19)
Kappa Delta, dinner for three orphans; Alpha Gamma Sigma, caroling.

Wednesday (Dec. 20)
Zeta Tau Alpha pledges, visit orphanage.

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