

Redmond High School Girls Aid in Harvest of Potatoes

Miss Nettie Gem? No Petite Doris McDaniel

Looks Like Peggy Held the Sack



A Bulletin photographer who was instructed to go out into the fields and get some pictures of netted gems returned with this gem—dalnty Doris McDaniel at work picking potatoes in the Tumalo community. Doris wasn't far from home—she merely crossed the newly-surfaced Tumalo reservoir road and there she was, in the R. E. McLean field with other Redmond high school girls.

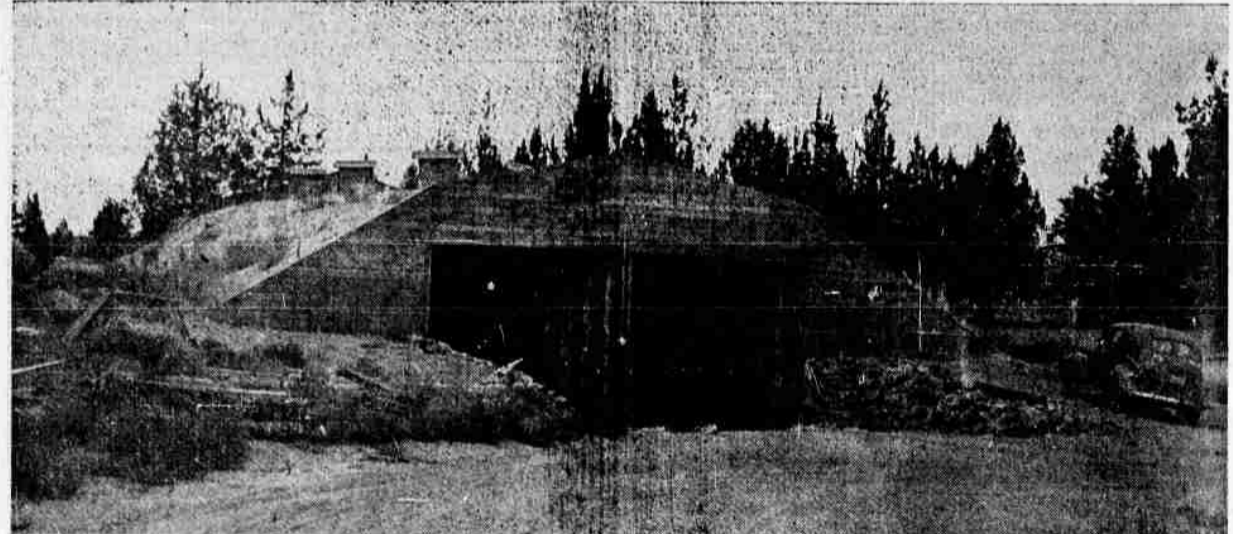
Here's more evidence that The Bulletin photographer*just couldn't keep his eyes on the spuds, Patsy Hartford, Redmond union high school girl, is dumping the netted gems into the sack and her sister, Peggy is holding the sack. Their footwear is the approved type for locating stray potatoes.

This Field Produced More Than 500 Bushels to Acre



One of the high producing potato fields in the Bend area was that of Frank and Bertil Nelson, near the Butler road. The yield was in excess of 500 bushels to the acre. Here is a busy corner of the field, with pickers at work. Warm Springs Indians joined in the harvest of the big tubers.

Storage Plants Filled to Capacity With Big Yield



Potato storage cellars in central Oregon will be filled to capacity when the harvest season ends, for most growers are holding their 1950 crop, hopeful that market conditions will improve. Cellars similar to this big one, on the Nelson brothers ranch east of town, are being filled these October days.

Mechanized Diggers Harvest Potatoes



This surely is a vast improvement over the old style potato digger, a shovel powered by man. In one sweep across the field, this outfit can uncover more potatoes than a crew of men working with shovels a full day. Bertil Nelson is at the controls of this motorized potato digger.

Freda and Mitchell Take Rest



Freda and Mitchell Wallulatam from the Warm Springs Indian reservation were just too tired to pose when the photographer strolled by, as the evening shadows of a mid-October day grew long.

Potatoes Quickly Moved to Shelter



With late October weather always carrying a danger of frost, potato growers do not take any chances in leaving tubers in field overnight. Here is a truck being loaded with half sacks on the Nelson Bros. farm, east of Bend as evening comes to the Deschutes country. Wet weather also caused some picking trouble.