

Certified Seed Potato Growers Are Listed by OSC

The list of Oregon growers of certified seed potatoes in 1940 has



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been compiled and is being sent free to all those who request it says E. R. Jackman, extension farm crops specialist at OSC.

About 300 acres, the most ever entered for certification were inspected in spite of increased fees for the work. Of the total area 2054 acres passed the field inspection for certified seed.

Nedded Gems led with 834 acres, the largest acreage being in Klamath county. White Rose followed with 655 acres, the bulk of which were in Multnomah county. Burbanks followed with 476 acres and miscellaneous varieties contributed the remaining 89. The leading counties in acreage were Multnomah, Klamath, Lake, Clackamas and Deschutes.

OSC Engineering School to Give Defense Course

The school of engineering at Corvallis has been selected to give an emergency defense short course in aeronautical engineering to prepare men for work in airplane manufacturing plants. As this is an advanced technical course it is open only to men already holding an engineering degree.

The course is to continue for three months with all fees and tuition of students accepted to be paid by the federal government. Those who complete the course successfully are guaranteed employment in the Boeing aircraft plant at Seattle.

A call has been issued to all engineering graduates of this or any other college to communicate with Dean R. H. Dearborn if they are in

terested. Time of starting the course will depend on how soon a minimum number of applicants are accepted.

Sugar Beet Allotments to be Cut This Season

Definite information that American sugar beet acreage this year will be cut substantially compared with the last two years has just been received from AAA headquarters in Washington, D.C. In 1940 all restrictions were removed and the acreage produced became the growers allotment.

With increased supplies of sugar in storage a reduction in acreage was deemed necessary for 1941 to hold supplies within bounds according to AAA officials. The national allotment just announced is for 820,000 acres. Substantially the same formula used in 1939 to divide this national allotment among the various beet-growing districts and individual producers will be used again.

The government exercises no absolute control over sugar beet acreage any grower being free to produce as much as he wishes. Under the sugar act of 1937 however, benefit payments are made only to those growers who stay within their individual allotments.

Draftees Register for Employment

All unemployed draftees who were recently called into service in Oregon City and Estacada have been registered for employment by the local office of the Oregon state employment service in the court house, Oregon City. These registrations are taken with that that should these unemployed draftees not pass the final medical examination or should thru some cause be taken out of the army or having completed their army training should be available for employment, the state employment service will endeavor to place them in suitable employment. Also in addition to this, trainees is the national defense program will also be registered so that when they have completed their course they can be directed to suitable jobs. This is according to instructions of Director L. C. Stoll of the state employment service and is a step forward to coordinating the out let for employment of trainees who have finished their course.

Recently some of these trainees have been placed with the Boeing Aircraft corporation in Seattle and other industrial organizations. There are several national defense training programs now in operation in Clackamas county. One is under the national defense vocational training classes another under the NYA vocational training and also the CCC at Zig-Zag camp.

The Oregon state employment service acts as an outlet for these students in obtaining suitable employment. Any inquiries regarding these training programs can be answered at the employment office, room 8, court house, Oregon City, Oregon.

Rex Wheat Found High in Vitamin Content by USDA

That both chemical analysis and baking tests show flour made from Rex wheat to be of superior quality in many respects is shown in official reports of the federal bureau of plant industry received at Oregon state college.

Among other qualities Rex is shown by these tests to have the highest caroten content of any western wheat with the exception of Jenkins club, the favorite winter wheat of western Oregon. Carotene is the basic source of vitamin A and unless bleached out gives flour a slightly yellowish color.

Although Rex wheat has tested consistently high in carotene content flour made from it bleaches white without difficulty when desired the report adds.

Officials of the Eastern Oregon wheat league concerned with recent milling discounts against Rex wheat are pointing to these federal reports as indicating the superiority of Red flour. Rex, a hybrid originated at the Moro branch experiment station has become the favorite winter wheat in most parts of the Columbia basin because of its high yields, smut resistance and hardness.

Millers have discounted the wheat after reporting difficulty with it in certain milling processes.

In baking tests the federal bureau has reported Rex as unusual in that it combines a long "doughball" time usually associated with hard wheat, with large particle size characteristic of soft wheat.

Rex or the Rex selections are listed among the varieties that made

the best cookies and cakes, while as to bread the report says that "it is of interest to note that Rex and the two Rex selections were highest in loaf volume even though they were inferior in grain."

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The Augusta (Ga.) Gazette notes that somebody or other was "the out-of-town guest at a coffee." While it sounds odd why not? If a hostess can give a tea it's as logical for her to give a coffee and in no time at all we expect to be reading in the society columns that Mrs. Soandso entertained with an ice cream and cake and that Mrs. Whatshername was a guest of honor at a lovely lemonade.

The Princeton (W. Va.) Observer published by Kyle McCormick had an interesting column, "Public Affairs" in a recent edition. It all began because the Red Book magazine is publishing a serial story which has a partial background of and characters from West Virginia mountain districts. A local subscriber wrote to the Observer editor and asked something be done about the Red Book story which depicted feudings, moonshiners, unfriendliness and broken (hill-billy) English language as being typical of the Mountaineer state.

The Princeton editor then showed that the feuding is gone, the moonshining is not quite gone but decreasing but there are some West Virginians left who speak hill-billy English even though most people of West

Virginia are more friendly than other states.

But, noted the editor, the hill-billy English is not something to arouse shame. It is an interesting his-

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