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**Potato Seed Lots Tested For Disease**

By BILL JOHNSTON  
SPOKANE, April 8 (AP)—Producers of next season's huge northwest potato crop already have taken out a major insurance policy against one of the greatest threats of the industry—parasitic disease.

In winter test plots at Ocean-side, Calif., the best potato seed lots of western growers have been checked for disease in a selective preview of 1946 potato production.

Certified seed producers from 10 states, including Idaho, Utah, Oregon and Washington, and from British Columbia, sent seed to the California plots. Tubers from pre-tested lots were planted last December. In February the plants were checked for disease.

58 Discarded  
Of the 405 Idaho lots of certified stock, 58 were discarded because they revealed too much bacterial ringrot or other parasitic disease. The remaining lots had been classified thoroughly. Summaries of the tests to be distributed through county agents will give farmers a complete case history of every seed lot they buy. Growers whose seed failed to meet requirements are able, under the winter test plan, to replace the defective lots before planting time.

A program to supply tested potato seed is of major importance to northwest farmers. From the famed "spud belt" in Idaho through the potential potato center of Washington's big Bend country and elsewhere in the northwest potato production is a major factor in agricultural economy.

Costly Program  
Control of parasitic potato diseases, which might claim one-fourth or more of a crop is recognized by bacteriologists as one of the most difficult and costly of crop disease programs. Some 16 to 18 parasites affect the North American potato, of which bacterial ringrot is one of the worst in the northwest. The process of multiplying carefully selected index tubers to provide disease free stock is complex and expensive.

For these reasons, northwest farmers will welcome a prediction by John R. Robertson, extension potato specialist at the University of Idaho, that tested potato seed will be plentiful this year.

Farmers are learning there is no production substitute for certified seed.

Classified Ads Bring Results.

**Promoting Western**



Inga Arved (above) public relations representative of Selznick studios is promoting a new western movie, "Duel in the Sun," and will visit rodeos this year.

**Film Notables Seek Material**

A special train of delegates from Selznick studios, headed by Inga Arved, Danish actress and public relations representative will attend the Rodeo Association of America convention in Pendleton, April 7, 8 and 9.

The group will tour western states, visiting rodeos for material for the western picture "Duel in the Sun" to be presented by Selznick.

The itinerary includes the Pendleton Roundup, Pendleton Oregon Trail rodeo, Baker, Jantzen Beach rodeo, Portland, Buckaroo Days, Klamath Falls.

**Merger of School Districts Approved**

THE DALLES, April 8 (AP)—Merger of eight school districts in southern Wasco county have been approved for a Union high school district by the county board.

Consolidation will be effective May 20 and involves high school students now transported to Maupin.

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**Horton Buys Serruys Ranch**

Sale of the William Serruys ranch in Langell valley north of Lorella, to Lawrence Horton, well known Klamath county rancher, was made known this past week.

The 1000-acre ranch will be used by Horton to raise purebred Hereford stock. The purchase price was in the neighborhood of \$35,000.

Serruys operated the ranch for some time but sold his purebred stock a year ago to Lee Murphy of Point Reyes, Calif. He then leased the ranch to Horton for a year prior to the sale.

**Registration Will Close On April 16**

Registration of voters for the coming primary and general elections will close at 5 p. m., April 16, but the county clerk's office in the courthouse will remain open in the evenings from April 11 to April 15 inclusive to take registrations.

This is being done to allow persons who do not have an opportunity to get to the courthouse during regular business hours.

Clerk Charles DeLap estimates that there are over four thousand eligible electors in the county who have not registered. Two years ago, before the last presidential election, there were more than 20,000 qualified voters in Klamath county.

**Park Snow Depth Now Over 16 Feet**

Snow depth at Crater Lake national park is now 16 feet, eight inches at the Crater rim, deepest since 1938, Park Superintendent E. P. Leavitt reported today.

He reported the deep snow has delayed bears coming out of their winter hibernation.

**Truck Damaged When Door Fails to Open**

BAKER, April 8 (AP)—The city fire department reported \$500 damage to one truck and a smashed fire house door today as the total cost of answering a Saturday alarm.

An automatic door failed to operate and the truck, already in gear and moving, smashed through it en route. The fire truck collided with a city-owned truck.

Firemen reported the fire at the Lyndale hotel involved a kettle of prunes that were burning and had filled the kitchen with smoke.

**Oregon AKC Meet Slated Sunday**

PORTLAND, April 8 (AP)—The Oregon Retriever Trial club's first AKC license meet will be held at nearby Blue Lake park Sunday, President Charles E. Snell announced today.

Snell said more than half the dogs will be eastern and mid-west entries. The all-age stake will be the major event with pheasant work on live ducks and water work in the nearby orchards.

**OSC Student Hurt In Crash**

REDMOND, April 8 (AP)—Dick Houck, home from Oregon State college studies for a weekend visit, suffered a fractured leg late Saturday when the airplane he was piloting crashed north of here near the Crooked Creek bridge.

George A. Edwards Jr., a passenger, escaped with minor hurts.

Houck reported he had flown over a canyon and was "flying lower than I realized, when a wing clipped the top of a tree." The airplane, owned by Dick Ballantine, Roberts field operator, was demolished.

**HER TURN NOW**

LOS ALAMOS, N. M., April 8 (AP)—Sgt. S. Randolph Rushing, army signal corps, arrived at the Los Alamos atomic bomb project to work in the technical area telephone office.

He reported to the non-commissioned officer in charge of the office, T/Sgt. Nellie M. Rushing—his daughter.

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**Red Bluff Roundup Slated April 27-28**  
The 18th annual Red Bluff roundup will be held this year, April 27 and 28, it was announced today by Charles E. Stover, president of the Round-up association. The famous northern California show, known as America's biggest two-day contest, was not held during the past four war years but this year's revival is planned to surpass all previous shows. Advance entries have been received at the roundup headquarters in Red Bluff including leading cowboy contestants throughout the nation with hand to compete for purses. Three famous rodeo stock, have been provided mounts of championship caliber. The Red Bluff is a member of the Rodeo Association of America, and won at Red Bluff county the national championship.

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