

# 1954 Spud Estimate Lowered

The 1954 potato crop estimated at 344 1/2 million bushels by the U.S. Crop Reporting Service, is one million bushels less than was indicated at the first of July, and 29 million bushels smaller than last year's crop — is eight per cent smaller than last year and 16 per cent smaller than the 1943-42 average. Except for the short crop in 1951, production this year is indicated to be the smallest in 15 years.

In the 11 Western states, production is expected to be four per cent smaller than last year. In Idaho, relatively low temperatures in some sections near the end of July tended to retard growth, and a hailstorm on July 14 damaged some fields in the Twin Falls area. In general, however, growing conditions were relatively favorable and indicated production in this state is the same as estimated a month earlier — three per cent less than in 1953.

Irrigation water in Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska is short, and yields are expected to average below last year. In Central Oregon and in the Klamath Basin, including Northern California, July weather was generally quite favorable for crop growth and potatoes made excellent progress. However, in some field tops are small for this time of the year and unless a break in the weather appears between now and digging time, some growers feel that many small sized potatoes will result.

Digging of early Russets in the Snake River Valley and in certain areas of Washington has progressed rather smoothly during the past month. Shipments from the three states, Oregon, Idaho and Washington — to the end of July were about a fourth larger than for the same period last year.

Prices have been running higher than a year earlier and this trend is expected to carry over into the late shipping season.



**P.Y.T. MERLAND PHELPS**, son of Mrs. Alpha Phelps, 1957 Auburn Street, is home on a 26-day leave from Fort Ritchie, Maryland. He took his basic training at Fort Ord and recently finished seven months schooling in microwave radio at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He graduated a year ago from Southern Oregon College, Ashland with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education. While in Klamath Falls he will also visit a brother Don Phelps and family.

## Oregon Produce Inspected

SALEM (AP) — Fourteen hundred cars of Oregon fresh fruits and vegetables were inspected during July by federal and state shipping inspectors, the State Department of Agriculture said Thursday.

The Ontario district, with 1,275 cars of potatoes and nine of onions, accounted for most of the month's movement. The Hood River district was next, with 65 cars of fresh cherries.

At Portland, 35 cars were inspected, including 28 cars of fresh frozen strawberries, five of potatoes, and two of tomatoes. Ten cars of coldpack strawberries and two of watermelons were inspected in the Salem district.

## Crater Lake Park Road Bids Asked

PORTLAND (AP) — The U. S. Bureau of Public Roads office here will receive bids until Sept. 3 for grading and surfacing of a half a mile bridge in Klamath County.

The work will be near the junction of the Medford entrance road with the Annie Spring-Government Camp road in Crater Lake National Park. The route is important to tourist and skiers travel.

**FIRE**  
ROME (AP) — Fabled Troy was destroyed again Thursday. Flames blamed on a cigarette butt swept across a two-acre reproduction of the city erected for the multi-million dollar Warner Brothers' movie "Helen of Troy." Only smoking ruins remained when nearly 100 firemen finally extinguished the flames after an hour.

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## BASIN BRIEFS

**Chiloquin**—The Altar Society of Mt. Carmel Church is sponsoring a smorgasbord dinner at the C.I. Clubhouse in Fort Klamath, Saturday, August 21, starting at 5:30 p.m. Everyone invited.

**Lakeview**—The annual Lakeview ride, starting September 1, will be taken by several Klamath Falls horsemen. This annual event is part of the Lakeview Labor Day celebration.

**Files**—County Judge J. Rodney Keating of Medford has filed a certificate of nomination for the county judge's post as a Republican candidate. He assumed the judge post after being appointed by the Republican Central committee following the death of Judge J. B. Coleman. No others have filed for the position, according to the Jackson County clerk's office.

**U of O**—New Student Week at the University of Oregon is September 19 to 25.

**Important Meeting**—of all hard-top drivers will be held at Gem Speedway, Friday night at 7:30 p.m., according to President Bob Crawley, who urges all drivers to be present.

**Returned Home**—Dr. and Mrs. William R. Sweetman and children who have spent their vacation with Mrs. Sweetman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peterson, Summers Lane, have returned to their home in Portland.

**New Building**—The Eric W. Allen Hall, the new University of Oregon journalism building, will be completely finished and furnished by the time fall term opens on September 19.

**Order Of Vasa Plans Sale**  
A rummage sale will be held Saturday, August 21, starting about 9 a.m. at the old Roberts location, 127 South Sixth Street. Proceeds of the sale will go to benefit the drill team of the order.

the campus. Formal dedication ceremonies are planned for October 9. It also houses the offices of the Oregon Daily Emerald, student newspaper, and headquarters for ONPA and Oregon State Broadcasters Association.

**Merrill Meeting**—The Friendship Women of the Merrill Moose Lodge will meet in the Moose Hall in Merrill for an all day meeting Friday, August 20, beginning at 10:30 a.m. A potluck luncheon will be served and all members are invited.

**Married**—Herb Brown and Ruth Carr were married recently in the First Methodist Church in Reno. Mrs. Brown is the chief deputy in the county assessors office. The Browns reside at 325 North Third.

**Fishing**—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Geaney, Tulelake, spent last week deep sea fishing at Winchester Bay as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thermo Riggs. They reported an excellent catch.

**Church Services**—The Rev. J. Henry Thomas of St. Clements Church in Berkeley will present the services at St. Barnabas Church in Langell Valley at 9 a.m. August 22. Rev. and Mrs. Thomas are visiting their son Reg and family.

**Meeting**—The Mayflower Circle of the Congregational Church will meet for a picnic lunch at 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Elera Bagley, 5519 South Sixth. Members bring thimbles — for transportation call 6548.

**Guest Preacher**—at Medford Congregational Church Sunday, August 22, will be the Rev. R. L. Larson, pastor of the local Congregational Church.

Mr. and Mrs. George Retherath, Malin.

**Visitor**—The Rev. Hugh Bronson, former pastor of the Tulelake Community Presbyterian Church, now pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Brookings, was a Tulelake visitor Wednesday. He was present for the luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club.

**Visiting**—Mr. and Mrs. Clive Barton and Mrs. Hattie Pate, Twin Falls, Idaho, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gail Ridenour, Modoc Point. Mr. and Mrs. Barton are Mrs. Ridenour's grandparents.

**Bowling**—All women interested in bowling in the Alley Katz, a beginners league, please call Irina Lowe, evenings, Beth Evans, 6681 or the Lucky Lanes Alleys. This group will start bowling September 19.

**Baby Girl**—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Retherath, Merrill, are the parents of a baby girl born August 18 weighing 6 lbs. 15 oz. Mrs. Retherath is the former Mildred Schindl and has been teaching in Merrill and Malin the past few years. Paternal grandparents are

Mr. and Mrs. George Retherath, Malin.

**New Son**—Mr. and Mrs. John Clayton (Jack) Little, Berkeley, are parents of a son, their first child, born Monday, August 16. Mrs. Little is the former Sally Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas L. Thomas, Tulelake. The little boy weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and has been named Michael Douglas. The baby is the first grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and the father's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Little Stockton. Mr. and Mrs. Little leave early in September for Champagne, Illinois where Little will enter the University of Illinois on a national scholarship to study for his doctorate degree in organic chemistry.

**Away**—Mrs. Donald Sharp, 420

High Street is enroute to Victoria Province, Melbourne, Australia by Pan American Airways where she will visit relatives. She was accompanied to San Francisco by her husband an employe of the Southern Pacific Railroad. She will return on the SS Orsova on January 28, 1955. Her trip was arranged by the World Wide Travel Bureau office here.

**Ramnage**—can still be used by the Democratic Women's Club which is sponsoring a sale today and Thursday, August 19 at 127 South Sixth Street, in the building formerly occupied by the Roberts Hardware Store. For pickup call Mrs. Harry Boivin, 5657 or Mrs. Murray Britton, 9968. It may also be left at 235 North Third Street.

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