



Land Of Potatoes

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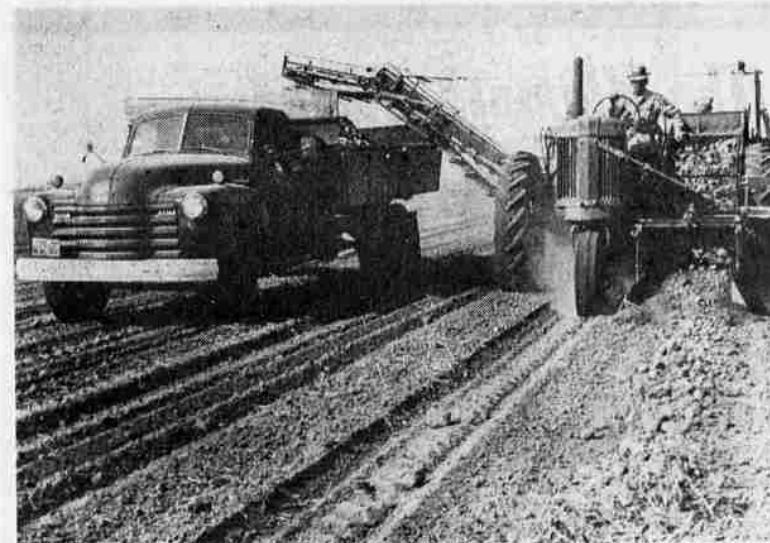
POTATO PRODUCTION in the Klamath Basin has risen from a small 230 acres producing about \$3,515 worth in 1916 to more than 20,000 acres producing a crop valued in excess of seven million dollars in 1960. Here, a four-row planter is busy seeding some of the potato acreage.



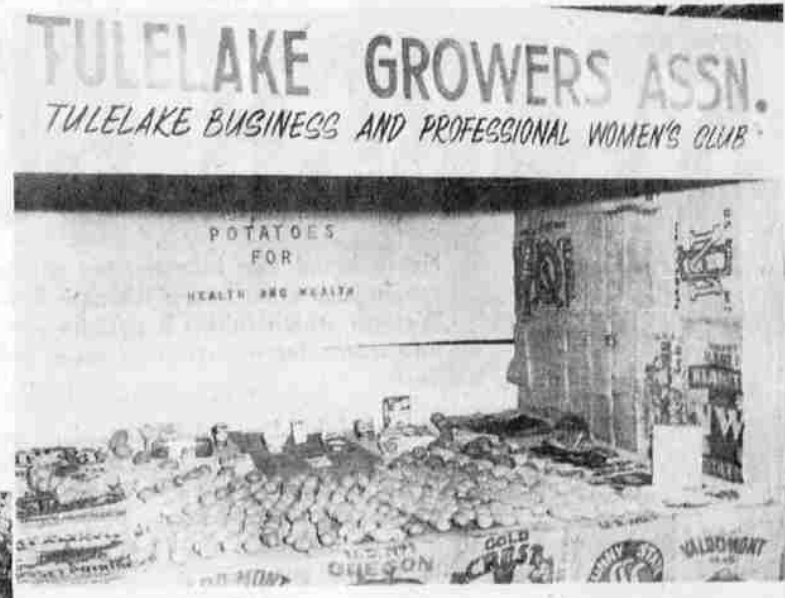
A TWO ROW digger is busy at work laying the potatoes on top of the ground where they can be gathered. The telltale clouds of dirt mark the digging operations each fall in the potato fields of Basin.



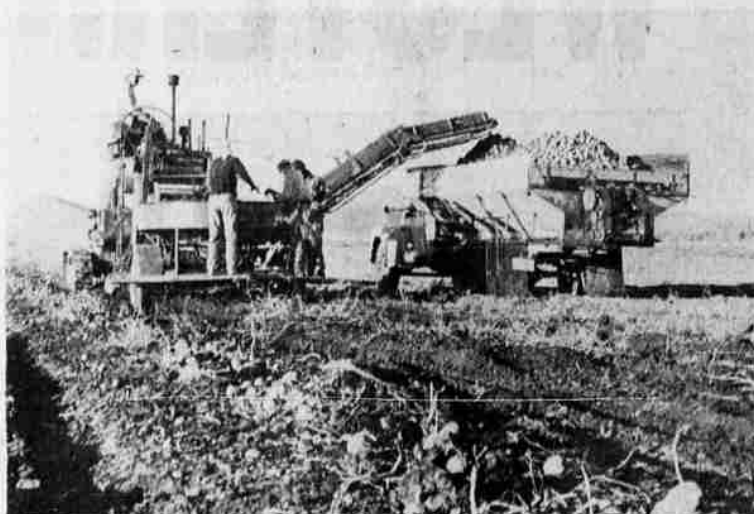
ONE OF THE STAFFS of life is the lowly potato. Here, a youngster enjoys the feel of newly-dug potatoes. He's Brad Coulson, son of a Basin potato farmer.



A BULKER moves along the rows of potatoes, loading them into a truck for transport to the potato cellars where sorting and grading takes place.



ONE OF THE MANY booths at the festival was this one at the 1960 showing, presented by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Tulelake, and making an excellent display of potatoes grown in the Basin area.



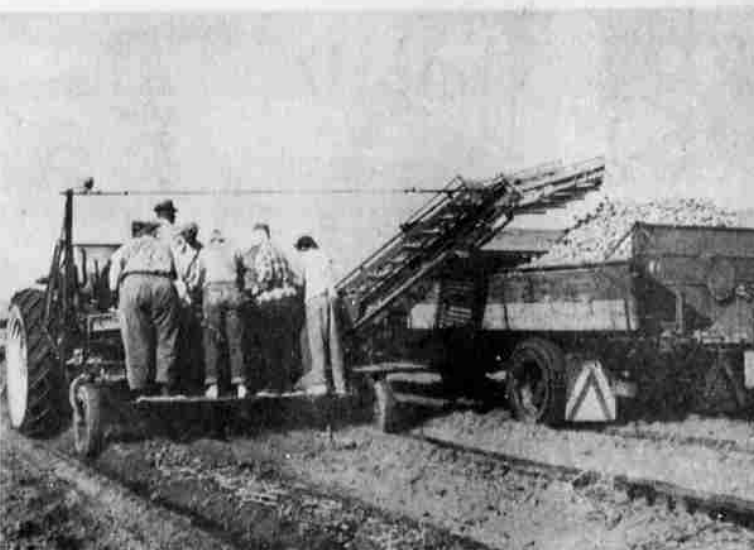
ANOTHER VIEW of potatoes being bulked into a truck where they move to cellars for special handling. This is a special truck body for potato use.



THE HIGHLIGHT of the Basin potato season is the Merrill Potato Festival. It's an occasion of celebrating the potato harvest. Here, the 1960 queen, Donna Micke, is shown on the beautiful float that was included in the big festival parade.



TWO YOUNGSTERS give a big potato a careful going over at one of the many displays during the Merrill Potato Festival.



THIS SPECIAL MACHINE provides room for workers to sift out the vines and dirt as potatoes are lifted from the field and bulked into trucks for transit to the cellars.