Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

November 9, 1961

Russet Burbank potatoes were quick sellers for the Crystal Falls Lions Club's fund raising project. 26,000 lbs. were harvested by Lion volunteers from their "Productive Acre" on property donated by the Butler Potato Farms in Mansfield Township. The Butler's tended the acre during the growing season along with about 125 acres of their own in the field located just west of the Howard Butler Home (2788 Hwy M-69). The potatoes were sold in 100# bags at $3 per bag.

Vienna Kenney has opened her new Crystal Café (320 Superior) in the former Osterby Store location. Mrs. Kenney, an Alpha native, formerly operated Vienna's Coffee Shop (220 Superior) from 1954 -57. Vienna will be assisted by Mrs. Russell Smithson, Mrs. Lyle Smithson and Mrs. Wesley Tuominen. The property has long been the location of a grocery business operated under various names by Walter Osterby since 1938 before he relocated to his Super Value Store (11 N. Fifth St.) in September of 1960.



HARVEST COMPLETE — The members of the Crystal Falls Lions Club, who tomorrow evening will market close to 600 bushels of U .S. No. 1 Russet Burbank potatoes, pose at the Butler Potato Farm with the equipment that did the harvesting. The acre of potatoes was donated to the club by the Butlers, and money raised in the sale will go into Lions Club benefit funds. By the time the one-acre harvest was complete, three of the large trucks pictured above, were filled to capacity. Lions Club members pictured include Clyde Henry, seated at the tractor controls, Ed P. Sandri, King Lion Reino Anderson, O. G. Casanova, Ray Chiesa, Tom Williams, Alec Malkin and Howard Butler, standing along the top of the harvester, and Vic Capron, Bob Leonard and Ernest Pretto in the foreground. (Drill Photo)



RUSSET BURBANKS were quick sellers for the Crystal Falls Lions Club last week. The potatoes, 26,000 pounds of them, were the harvest from a single acre set aside at the Butler potato farm for the Falls Lions Club. The crop was put up in fifty and hundred pound bags and sold last week. The final merchandising push was staged at the Miller building across from the Diamond Drill Friday night. On the job for the Lions above are King Lion Reino Anderson, Jack Koski and Tom Williams, whose son, Dennis, is lending a helping hand in the background. Anderson reported this week that close to $800 worth of the potatoes had been sold. (Drill Photo)



NEW RESTAURANT — A new Crystal Falls business opened its doors to the public Monday morning. Pictured is the interior of the new Crystal Cafe, operated by Mrs. Vienna Kenney, Alpha, who operated a restaurant here several years ago and who recently returned from the east to re-enter the Falls business family. The spacious and attractive restaurant is located in the building formerly occupied by Osterby's Super Valu store but vacant for the past two years. (Drill Photo)