REINER BONDE

Dr. Reiner Bonde, widely known plant pathologist of the University of Maine, Orono, since 1924, passed away in his sleep Monday, July 13 at Presque Isle, Maine. He was 63 years of age.

Dr. Bonde was widely known for his research in the control of potato diseases. He first identified bacterial ring rot in Maine, discovered how it was spread and developed methods for its control. He has also developed many ring rot resistant varieties.

His work with control measures for virus diseases has been a prime factor in the development of the huge seed potato certification program in Maine and the State Seed Board Farm where high quality seed stock is produced for Maine seed growers. Reiner Bonde was the first to discover that potato cull piles were a primary source of late blight infection in Maine and developed methods to prevent its spread. He has tested hundreds of fungicides for late blight control and was responsible for the blight control measures recommended in Maine for many years.

Dr. Bonde had been a member of the Potato Association of America for many years and had served as its Secretary and President.

He was elected an Honorary Life Member of the Association in 1957 in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the potato industry.

He was also a member of the American Phytopathological Society, the American Botanical Society, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The science of Plant Pathology and the potato industry of Maine have lost a valuable scientist and the potato growers of Maine a devoted friend.

We extend our sympathy to his wife and family.

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The co-author of the article "A simplified method of isolating single cells of streptomycetes" is L. W. Durrell not L. W. Dirrell as printed in Volume 36, No. 4, page 137.