

By Ross Andersen

## Glimpses by Ross

The curtain is rapidly descending over the stage of the 1957 season here at Gresham Berry Growers. One by one the boys and girls have left their summer jobs in the various departments, heading for institutions of learning from high schools to colleges. Their summer earnings will serve as a material aid in furthering their education. The point is that you never

can tell when passing one of these youngsters if you are rubbing elbows with a future senator or a justice of the state supreme court, because it has happened here. And it all came to pass because, well because this is America! The nation of liberty and opportunity. The land which God held in reserve as His greatest gift to mankind in a material sense. May its name

be blessed for ever and ever.

Norman Lunde has surrendered his job as field man for the cannery and has returned to his former employer, an appliance firm in Gresham. Norman leaves with the best wishes from his fellow workers, his quiet gentlemanly manners win the respect of all with whom he came in contact.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewlett left this week for a trip to the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Hewlett's tour is sponsored by the Oregon Grange, of which she is a representative.

Your reporter regrets to state that Luella Modin, the charming young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Modin, has been a patient for some time at Providence hospital. The young lady is expected to return to her home this week. Here is hoping for a full and speedy recovery.

Rex Scott, our shipping clerk, has just returned from a safari into the wilds of eastern Oregon. Rex returned with a dead Elk. Not trusting him with weight and measurements of the animal, I ques-

tioned Bill Ayilsworth. Said Bill, "it was the biggest Elk I ever saw, dead or alive." Then it came to mind that Bill occasionally assists in the shipping department. We leave the reader to make his own deductions.

Your reporter received special instructions from Herman Olson regarding the proper manipulation of the various gadgets in a new Chevrolet. "Pull here, push there", said Herman. Wish to goodness I had my '37 edition Plymouth back, or even before that, the old model T. One could always tell whether it was in motion or not. Many a cold night it brought me home from the cannery, gas or no gas. 'It' was so anxious to get home to its warm comfortable stall in the barn close to the cows. We had a big police dog who could hear the Ford coming a mile down the lane. He always reported to Mrs. Anderson at the bedroom window that Lizzie and me were in the offing. Eventually the old car fell into the hands of a berry picker for \$35 and Mrs. Anderson went into mourning.

Our friendly affable truck driver, Bill Smith, has in the words of Isaiah "enlarged the habitation of his tent and taken unto himself a wife." Alma Reese, a clerk in a local drugstore, will share her future happiness with Bill in their cozy home in Gresham. We extend our congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds.

And now as we approach the day and season of Thanksgiving, let us remember that the worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and cheerful heart.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Ross Anderson has for nearly 30 years been connected with Gresham Berry Growers Cannery, and for 12 years in charge of the receiving station at Sandy, and as such is well and favorably known among the berry growers of this section.

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The Ladies of Cottrell Aid are all ready for their fancy work sale and silver tea at the home of Mrs. Harvey Watkins on Wednesday, December 4, starting at 1:30 PM. Everyone is invited.

## Prices On Green Fir Lumber Fall

SANDY — Prices received last week by green fir mills for their dimension lumber slipped downward \$1-2 as more of the strictly green producers made plans for 4-6 week winter shutdowns. Random Lengths, the lumber market newsletter, reported price levels slipped generally throughout the industry when November's traditional slump made itself felt.

Only a limited number of orders or inquiries were available and there were still a substantial number of producers ready to bid on them.

Although prices at the green fir mills moved down during the week, green dimension at mills shipping mixed green and dry lumber was relatively firm in price. Kiln dried dimension, however, sustained small price drops in all grades except Utility.

Orders received by the mixed car mills indicate that retail yards in the consuming areas are existing on a minimum inventory, and buying only small quantities in order to fulfill immediate job commitments.

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Several young people of the area attended the YFC regional conference at Vancouver, Washington on Veteran's Day. They were Barbara and Larry Whitlock, Lynn Winchester, Celie Hubbard and Patty Smoke.

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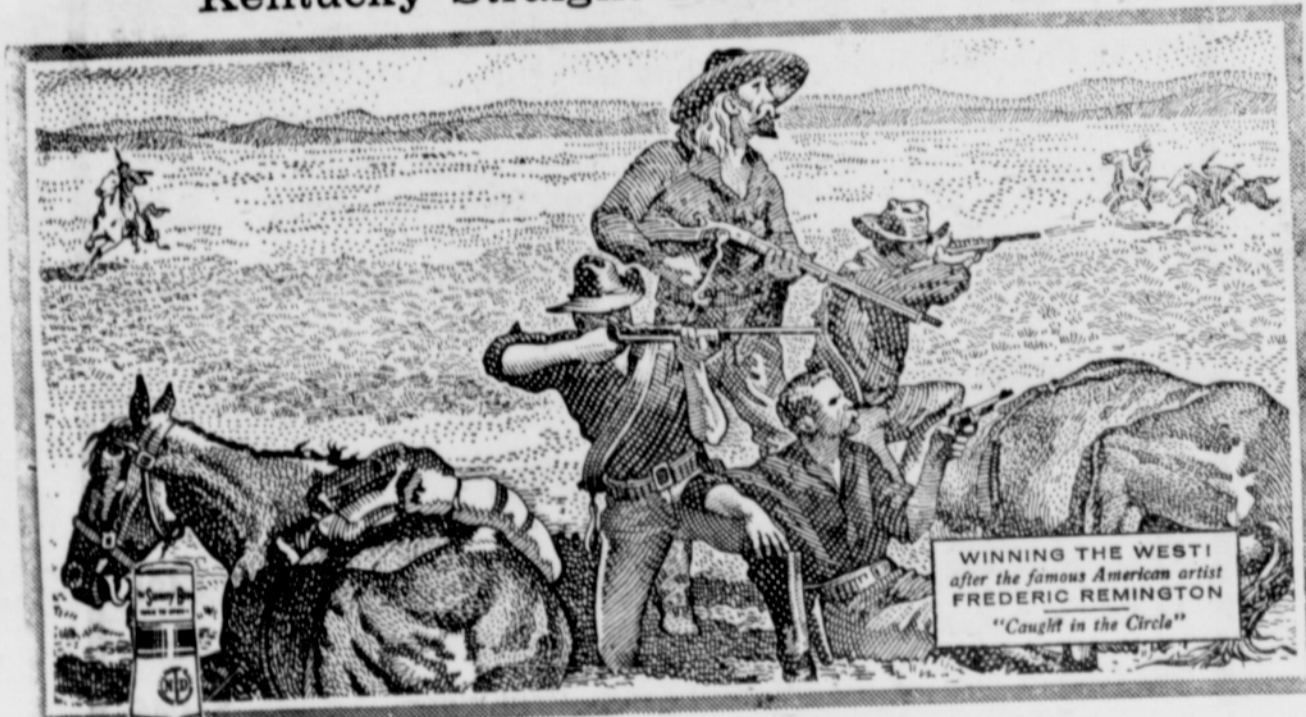
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