

FRUIT EXPERTS PAY VISIT TO DOUGLAS

Advice Is Given Growers Regarding Elimination of Destructive Pests.

FIRE BLIGHT IS STUDIED

Excursionists View Knight Orchards, Where Irrigation Has Revived Trees Which Had Long Failed to Produce.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 24.—Co-operating with the Douglas County fruit inspector, several members of the Agricultural College extension service visited the Umpqua Valley fruit sections Thursday and Friday, held a number of demonstrations and gave lectures on the planting, care and growing of fruit.

The demonstration was under the supervision of Professor W. S. Brown, division superintendent of the horticultural extension work of the college, assisted by Professor C. I. Lewis, chief of the division of horticulture; Professor H. P. Bars, authority on all sorts of tree and plant diseases; A. L. Lovett, state college "bug man"; Earl Fearey, fruit inspector for Douglas County; County Agent Cate, of Jackson County, and C. D. Thompson, of Grants Pass, county agent for Josephine County.

The first day was spent in the apple and pear districts in the Southern and Garden Valley sections, where interesting sessions were held in various orchards and practical demonstrations of pruning, cultivation and picking of fruit given. Preservation of fruits and vegetables was also given practical demonstration at the Everfresh plant in Sutherlin. Thursday the excursionists visited the orchard section east of Sutherlin.

Overland Orchards Attract.
At Garden Valley the excursionists visited the Overland orchards, where there are 25 acres in grapes. Talks on subjects pertaining to demonstrations were made by Professor Bars, who discussed tree diseases most common in Douglas County. Professor Bars also talked on codling moth and other insects. Other speakers were C. D. Thompson, of Josephine; C. C. Cate, of Jackson, and Assistant State Agent of County Agents Kaddery, of Eugene. Before leaving the Overland orchards the excursionists were given a demonstration in dry-land plowing by a tractor.

Fire blight and its consequences and a study of methods for eliminating the dangerous menace to the orchards occupied a good part of the time in Garden Valley.

Friday the prune men had an inning. In order to get in touch with the industry here, the excursion went to the famous prune section of the South Umpqua River. Beginning at Myrtle Creek, demonstration was made in one of the oldest orchards in the county, and heart rot was the subject of a brief talk by Professor Bars.

Irrigation Boosts Profits.
The stump of an old prune tree that had been runned by heart rot was used to illustrate the lecture, and was an object of deep interest to all the growers present. At Canyonville probably a hundred or more people were present to listen to the lectures by Professors Bars and Lewis. Short talks by other experts occupied the remainder of the day here. The excursion was sponsored by the Knight farm, where the results of irrigation were shown in an old prune orchard that had failed to be profitable until irrigation was utilized to revive its ebbing life.

Not only had irrigation stopped the prunes in the Knight orchard from dropping, but it had caused a new growth in the old trees, which, according to college experts, would make the property yield bigger returns. Potted plants in the orchard were as large as Italians. Irrigation was highly commended by Professor Lewis.

SOLDIERS GOOD ACTORS

MANAGER OF CAMP LEWIS THEATER TELLS OF WORK OF MEN.

Director Gilbert Says That Whenever Talent Is Desired It Is Secured Among Troops at Cantonment.

Walter B. Gilbert, who will return to his former position of general stage director of the Baker Stock Company the coming season, motored to Portland last week from Camp Lewis, where he has been directing the stock company at Liberty Theater in the cantonment for the summer. He has been busy since his arrival with Manager Benman, of the Baker forces, laying out the season's schedule and preparing for rehearsals as soon as the company assembles at the Baker.

"There is some compensation in managing or directing at one of Uncle Sam's Liberty theaters," said Mr. Gilbert, "and among them is the fact that there are no stage hands or orchestra to pay, in fact, about all the help around the theater was detailed from the Army, and when we got short of actors for a particularly large cast play I went to the Colonel and he gave up all we wanted from the enlisted men, some of them pretty good actors at that, who were glad to get out of other duties and walk before the footlights once more, if only for a week."

Definite announcement of the Baker Company's opening date and the members of the coming season's roster will doubtless be ready in a few days.

POLICE BOTTLE NETS \$155

Traffic Offenders Give Liberally for Relief of Babies.

What is believed to be the largest amount ever collected in one milk bottle for the relief of Belgian babies was obtained at headquarters of the traffic bureau at the police station. The bottle was opened yesterday and 11 pounds of silver and paper money was found to total \$155.

Representatives of the Rotary Club, under whose auspices the funds are collected, were present and after counting the money complimented Captain Harms and his staff for the showing they had made.

Every automobile driver who has appeared at the bureau to report as a culprit or to explain minor infractions of the traffic laws has not escaped without contributing his mite to the relief of the Belgian babies.

Beginning tomorrow a new bottle will repose on Officer Bales' desk. Offending motorists will discover its special object.

FRUIT ENTHUSIASTS AT CANYONVILLE ON MISSION OF LEARNING.



BRIEF REST IS TAKEN ON HILLSIDE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTION ON SOLVING OF HORTICULTURAL PROBLEMS.

YANKEE VALOR WINS

Battle of Chateau-Thierry July 1 Notable One.

DRIVE SWIFT AND PRECISE

Schedule of Action Planned and Executed by Americans Followed to Dot and All Objectives Aimed at Attained.

Dispatches concerning the battle of Chateau-Thierry on July 1, which was the first complete military operation planned and executed by the Americans, have been amplified by letters from Portland boys, members of the old Third Oregon, who with Company M, 25d Infantry, went over the top that day, captured their share of Germans, advanced 1000 yards on a front a mile and a half wide and captured the village of Vaux and surrounding woods.

Among the Portland boys who were in this engagement were Sergeant Kirby Ross, Lieutenant Lambert Wood and Sergeant Fred T. Merrill, Jr., who have since been killed in action; David Loring, Jr., Sergeant Grass, Sergeant Schnell, Corporal Schafer, Sergeant Wheaton, Corporal Laughlin, who was wounded, and Corporal Jayne, who was killed in action.

In comparison with other engagements of the past four years this first operation of the Americans was not large, but few have surpassed it in precision and clock-work execution, say military authorities. The first artillery preparation for the attack began at 6 o'clock Monday morning. The men were told to be in Vaux 25 minutes after 6 o'clock on Monday evening. They were there to the dot. They were told to be at Bois de la Roche at a certain time, and they were there.

At two minutes after 6 o'clock in the evening, after 12 hours of steady artillery preparation, a barrage was started on the German front line. This was the first barrage ever thrown over by the American artillery. At 6 o'clock the infantrymen, in thin skirmish formation, started up a gentle slope to an eminence overlooking the village of Vaux, as well as through fields which run up to the Bois de la Roche.

Meanwhile the German artillery was dropping shells both on the slope and on the fields and machine guns were directed with more or less accuracy on the battle area. The Americans followed their barrage, keeping the required distance behind it, and thus escaping severe losses. They went over the top of the hill and disappeared on the other side, with Vaux but a few hundred yards before them. When they reached the village there was less fighting than they had expected. The American artillery had terrified the Germans. What resistance they met with was quickly overcome. Thirty Germans were found cringing in a cellar. They had their hands up and were taken prisoners and sent back.

"I got a few of those Germans—just what I wanted," writes Kirby Ross to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ross. "Sweeping through the village according to programme, the Americans con-



Walter B. Gilbert.

GOOD COUNSEL AIM

Citizens Will Give Soldiers Helpful Instruction.

Y. M. SPONSORS SCHEME

Organization, Working With Others, Will Follow Plan Tried Out in Cleveland—Work Highly Important to Government.

Registrants under the selective draft are to receive instruction of much importance from a board of 66 prominent business and professional men under auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in cooperation with the Knights of Columbus, the Jewish Welfare Board, Oregon Social Hygiene Society and the State Council of Defense.

This work will be of state-wide scope, radiating out of the Portland "Y" under the direction of Barclay Acheson and C. A. Steele, secretary and assistant secretary, respectively, of the service department. The plan of instruction to be followed here was first tried out in Cleveland, O.

"So splendidly has the plan worked out here that the War Department office says it saves one month in camp or cantonment training of selectives," said Mr. Acheson. "If we can do that for the Oregon boys it will be a work of vast importance to the Government."

Points to be emphasized by members of the advisory volunteer board will be those having to do with family relationships, such as property interests, life insurance, what the Government and Red Cross will do in the way of support, mortgages, debts, etc.

As it is necessary that men go to their respective camps or cantonments thoroughly clear, the advisers will give the full message of the Oregon Social Hygiene Society to them. Nothing is emphasized more strongly by Army officers than this, and it will be the aim of the instructors to make it entirely clear.

In addition, the instructors will make clear the reasons why this country is in the war, why the allies must win and the personal relationship of each man to his country.

Dr. W. G. Elliot, Jr., A. F. Flegel and Dr. R. C. Coffey constitute a committee

Pasadena Man to Speak.

Rev. D. F. Fox, of Pasadena, will speak at Sunnyside Congregational Church, East Thirty-second and Taylor streets, at 11 o'clock this morning.

Ashland Boy Visits Here.

Russell Frost, young son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Frost, of Ashland, is visiting with his aunt, Mrs. L. K. Moore. He will return home in a few days.

FISH DEALER IS ARRESTED

Joe Connor, of Malarkey Company, Accused of Violating Law.

Newspaper Sales Are Large.

Daily sales of old newspapers at the Red Cross Salvage Bureau ranged last week from one-half to six tons per day. The newspapers should be tied, neatly folded and clean. They sell at \$20 per ton, provided they are tied in bundles. If the papers are loose they bring but \$4 per ton and even at that are almost impossible to handle. Papers may be left at the district receiving stations or at Third and Oak streets. Owners of machines may do the bureau service by offering to transport the bundles to the central depot. Rags are not sorted, but are sold in bags at the Salvage Bureau.

Joe Connor, of the Malarkey Fish Company, was arrested yesterday by S. L. Rathbone and E. H. Clark, officers of the Oregon Fish and Game Commission, charged with violating the state fish laws. The company, it is said, placed on the market catfish not properly tagged by the Fish Commission.

The tagging law was adopted by the State Fish Commission some years ago with a view to keeping track of the amount of fish being caught and the methods employed in catching them. Mr. Connor was given a hearing before Judge Bell. He asked for time to plead, and was given until 3 P. M. Monday.

Double Chin

years of high school work or equivalent, in addition to having four years of college or university of recognized standing, or four years in normal or other school of college grade, in either case, specializing in economics, statistics, mathematics, or business administration. Women interested may call at the National League headquarters in the sixth floor of Meier & Frank's.

Bootlegger Gives Assumed Name.

Because George Knowlton, a self-confessed bootlegger of 255 North Twenty-first street, chose to tell Deputy Sheriffs that his name was George Noltner, he has created some little embarrassment for George Noltner, of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Building. Mr. Noltner has been annoyed by the confusion in names which Knowlton started. Giving the name of Noltner, Knowlton was arrested early last week by Deputy Sheriffs and later paid a \$100 fine in the District Court, after pleading guilty to bootlegging charges.

Examinations Being Held Now.

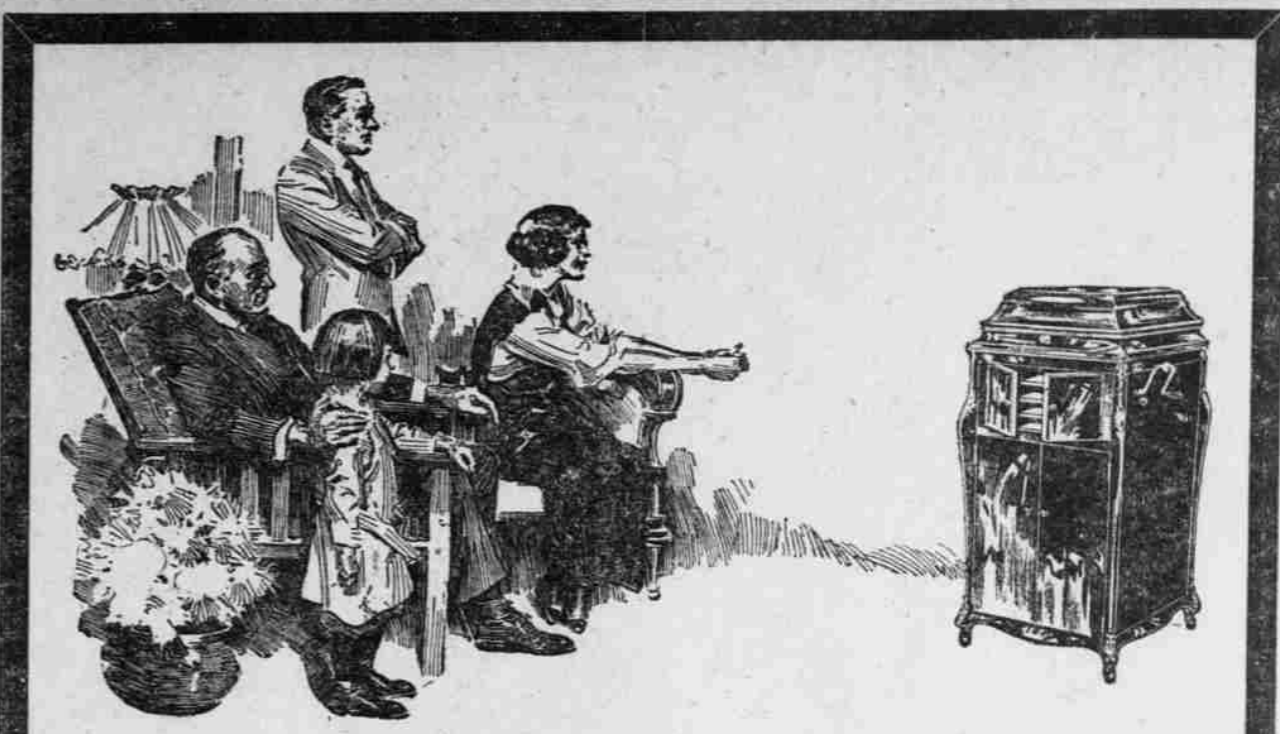
Examinations are now being held for the position of auditing clerk in the United States Civil Service. Those wishing to take this examination must have the following qualifications: Four

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