

TWO BELATED INTERVIEWS ON THE PRUNE INDUSTRY BY THE LEADERS

Walter T. Jenks, Manager of the Willamette Prune Association, Recently Returned From a Tour Abroad—County Fruit Inspector Van Trump on Present Tendencies.

There are two belated interviews with leaders in the prune industry that were secured late last evening, and must be made much shorter than their deserv-

Walter T. Jenks has recently returned from a tour of Europe, in which he interviewed many men in the prune trade.

He found the Germans decidedly favoring the Oregon prune; the Italians, the tart-sweet kind. He found the Rotheria-Servin crop this year very short. The French crop (sweet prunes) is about normal. They do not dry them as we do. The French practically cook them, in an oven process.

Mr. Jenks interviewed men in the trade in the United States, as well as Europe. The fact that the prices for Oregon prunes have started low is favorable; the same is true as to the California crop. The dealers have a chance to realize a profit, on a little rise. Half the Oregon crop of small sizes is sold in hands of dealers. The prices now range at an average of around four and a half cents a pound to the grower, perhaps slightly higher. Of course, the small sizes are lower than that. The low prices will allow the re-

tail dealers to push prunes; to specialize on them. The big chain stores are doing this, featuring prunes, as the lowest priced of any fruit to the consumer. This will help. It may clean up the crop. It may help in years to come.

The Other Side
But there is an enormous crop of prunes. In California they have saved perhaps 400,000,000 pounds. The output in that state has doubled since 1917. And they had a carry-over of 60,000,000 pounds from last year. Fortunately, the Oregon crop is only about 40,000,000 pounds; half of last year's. This means the Willamette valley and southern Oregon and Clark county, Washington crop.

Mr. Jenks fears we have too many prunes. He says a bumper crop with us would mean 140,000,000 to 150,000,000 pounds; if it could all be taken care of. Some trees are being taken out. But new orchards are coming on. Mr. Jenks and his partner, Mr. Gile, are also growers. They have 300 acres in prunes, and saved most of them this year. But he is not telling of any considerable profits in growing prunes at present prices. Cleared a little on two or three of their orchards.

Mr. Jenks found a favorable thing. The differential against Oregon prunes in favor of the California prune is about wiped out. Some German dealers spoke of a 10 per cent differential, instead of one to two cents a pound or more. Mr. Jenks has an idea that California prunes of small sizes are now being sold at lower prices in some markets than the Oregon prunes of the same sizes.

County Fruit Inspector S. H. Van Trump was seen last night. He has little new, over what he has been saying in former annual prune slogan issues. He still thinks the best prune lands are on the low grounds; the loamy soils. Or the first bench lands. In the high hills, growers are finding it difficult to get large sizes. Mr. Van Trump has the same ideas as last year on fertilization, spraying and pruning. There should be thorough pruning.

He thinks favorably of the sweet prune. He has seen several of the large sized new sweet prunes tried out. He still thinks a great deal of the Noble French, though it was a shy bearer this year. It had before this year

shown persistency in heavy bearing. He said there are 12,000 acres of prunes in Marion county, and 8,000 in Polk county. The Marion county orchards, all properly tended, might produce in a bumper crop year 24,000,000 pounds of dried prunes, and the Polk county orchards 16,000,000 pounds.

Mr. Jenks and Mr. Gile have been trying out all the new big prunes, including the Burton, originating in California, and the Noble French. The O. A. C. people are favorable to the Noble French variety. Noble Andrews, originator of this new big sweet prune, as will be seen elsewhere, sold his dried crop both last year and this year at 25 cents a pound.

Spring Valley Community Club to Meet October 28

SPRING VALLEY, Oct. 12.—(Special).—The Spring Valley Community club will hold its first meeting of the season on Friday evening, October 28, the date being changed from October 14 on account of construction work on the school building. The program committee consists of Mrs. J. P. Sohn, Mrs. H. N. Alderman and Mrs. L. F. Matthews.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Windsor and children, Vernon and Doris, returned home Monday after spending several days fishing near Waldport. They returned by way of Siletz, Taft and Neskowin.

Mrs. J. P. Sohn and children, Elaine, Ella Belle and Jesse, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Childers.

Mrs. George Holman and son, William, of Salem, spent several days with Mrs. Holman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Danm.

A. L. Williamson of Rainier spent Saturday with his brother-in-law, Newt Simkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teeple and son, Howard, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sohn.

"White Collars" Selected As De Molay's Fifth Play

"White Collars" the De Molay play to be staged at the Elsinore theater, Tuesday night, November 1, will be the peak of amateur dramatic efforts in Salem, if the industrious practices indulged in by the cast, directed by Mrs. Brazier C. Small, are any indication. The De Molay boys feel that they have an added responsibility in this, their fifth dramatic venture, in view of the fact that Anne Nichols' comedy of American life plays, having enjoyed a record run of three years in Los Angeles besides a year in New York. Last summer, the Henry Duffy players presented the play in Portland to packed houses.

SHOWER OF VOTES COMING IN DAILY

Big Results Expected Before Contest Ends; Final Period Under Way

Honor Roll Today.
Edmund Weisner, No. 1.
Leon Mickenham, No. 2.
Kenneth Lewis, No. 3.

(By Radio Contest Editor)

Yesterday brought a big shower of votes from the various candidates. Several contestants stated that they didn't know they had so many friends until they got into the contest, as friends came from every quarter volunteering assistance. Contrary to expectations no one has the prize won yet. No one has a lead that cannot be easily overcome between now and the close of the contest. The work done between now and the close of the contest will undoubtedly determine the grand prize winners. All the wide-awake candidates are strongly figuring for the prizes in the election contest but they realize that the final results depend almost entirely on what is done the next few days.

This is a real race and real candidates are competing. Just look over the list of candidates. Are they not representative boys and girls? Winning in this election means more than merely winning the first grand prize. It means victory over one of the most formidable assemblages of boys and girl candidates Marion and Polk counties have ever seen competing for truly extraordinary prizes.

All Marion and Polk county is watching this campaign. Watching every candidate waiting to see who can command the greatest support, who has the friends and ability to carry on. No candidate will admit defeat. All are claiming victory and as close as the race now stands anyone of the list of candidates can walk away with the biggest prizes.

The Statesman's Radio Contest is now narrowed down to the point where only the live ones remain, each of whom is going at top speed to get all the subscriptions in before the close of the contest on October 22nd.

Such enthusiasm and energy was never before seen in any juvenile contest as is being shown daily in this race for the radios, bicycles and other prizes. There seems to be no limit and every candidate has started up for the finish which is but a few days away. Candidates who have for-

merly been the hardest workers are still going at it, as though they had saved all the energy for the big finish. This indicates that every single candidate on the list has plenty of fight left. It also shows that the candidates who look harmless now will be among the strongest when the end comes. They are all watching the other fellow and arranging and planning to go them one better. This much is certain, whoever wins any one of these prizes, probably will do so by a very narrow margin though the winning figure will doubtless be large.

If the present leaders figure their leads are ample they are due for disappointment when the winners are announced. In such a field of energetic workers it is certain that some of the most spectacular work of the contest is yet to come. That "Never say die" spirit was never more in evidence than it is right now. It is quite sure that some of the contestants who have appeared less active in the past few weeks will be the very ones who will do the best work in order to get under the wire with every possible subscription before the end of the great contest.

Saturday night, October 2nd, the great list of prizes will be closed forever. Three radios, three bicycles and other prizes will be distributed as announced at the beginning of the competition and there are just ten days left until the contest is over and the winners are enjoying their prizes.

Candidates who wish advice should make it a point to call at the office and are invited to consult the election management on matters pertaining to the contest. Ed Weisner is one of the keenest of the contestants today and is surely making a wonderful effort.

Robert Payne is another candidate who has suddenly shown marked activity and he is going strong.

Clarence East, as his name would indicate is one of the fastest candidates and expects to come under the wire at the close a winner.

Floyd Maddy, one of the steady kind but never the less sure, is making good progress.

STATESMAN RADIO CONTEST LIST OF CANDIDATES		
Name	Address	Votes
Howard Adams	R. 2, Box 80	89,200
Vern Adams	236 S. 18	48,900
C. E. Almsby	R. 1, Bx. 4B	126,200
Dale Archer	517 Capitol	307,025
James Beall	1040 Norway	189,225
Walter Bodley	R. 4, B. 13A	402,300
Gen. Causey	1016 N. 20th	155,250
Kenneth Coffey	1355 Marion	394,275
Robert Connell	975 Front, West Salem	92,475
J. Delawood	Auto Park	97,250
Alfred Dowan	880 N. 21st	102,025
Albert Elder	Nonmouth, Ore.	406,300
Howard Elliott	1444 Center	408,275
Ralph Eyrre	870 N. 17th	404,300
Clarence East	1330 D	66,025
Alfred French	Route 4	66,025
Miss Bernis Godsey	875 N. 14th	315,650

Lawrence Almsby Grimes, 1933	261,275
Dale Grimes, 1046 N. 17th	104,000
Bert Halseth, 1595 Lee	375,800
Wilbur Harnes, 1910 N. Sum	400,800
John Hanson, 614 N. 24th	401,525
John Hays, Route 2, Woodburn, Oregon	94,275
Donald Hewitt, 1911 N. 4th	407,455
Lawrence Hildreth, 1250 Perry	441,800
Walter Kipper, 1840 Sacinaw	111,075
Kenneth Lewis, 1429 Lee	689,200
Robert Long, 2060 S. Cottage	401,450
Floyd Maddy, R. 3, Box 106	282,675
Byron Meiss, 2995 D	201,675
Leon Mickenham, 1295 S. 12th	409,700
Herbert Morley, 793 N. 17th	407,425
Mace Morford, 1926 N. Cottage	408,275
Robert Payne, 708 N. 21st	406,200
Robert Pickens, 845 N. 17th	999,425
Willis Pearey, 2156 South Church	74,425
Johnnie Perrine, 1096 N. 17	890,250
Harold Persey, 1815 Shipping	59,000
Mildred Peters, R. 1, Sublim, Or., Oregon	404,325
Ronald Rasmussen, 1899 Walter	86,650
Robert Rammage, 613 Market	79,400
George Self, 870 N. Liberty	308,125
Jim Sehon, 1645 Mission	38,300
Maxon Shunt, 701 N. 14th	120,675
Robert Skewis, 1967 Center	583,550
Eldon Slaven, 1098 Thompson	148,600
Robert S. Stallings, 1140 N. Front	262,500
Paul Toowa, 275 N. 20th	68,750
Sidney Van Lydegraf, 1225 N. Summer	872,325
Kalman Vadney, 481 S. Cottage	279,250
Lois V. Walling, a. 1, Bx. 258	71,400
Edmund Weisner, 1072 Union	888,725
Maxwell White, 3010 Oak	405,000
Walter Wines, 1481 N. Cottage	204,525
Chester Wilcox, 1895 N. Winter	886,400

SINGING ADVERTISER

CARLSBAD, N. M.—An El Paso company making clothes for cowboys offers a new wrinkle in advertising. It is sending out Jules V. Allen, former ranger and peace officer, with his guitar to sing old cowboy songs at lunch-rooms and other get-togethers in the southwest.

PICK OREGON CITY

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CLOSE MEETINGS HERE

Oregon City was chosen as next year's meeting place for the Willamette association of Congregational churches and Rev. Bomarth of the Oregon City church was elected moderator at the closing meeting of the association in Salem Tuesday.

Eight Oregon congregational churches besides Salem were represented with their pastors and laymen at the meetings which occupied Monday and Tuesday. All meetings were held in the Knight Memorial church, with Rev. H. C. Stover, moderator, presiding.

The meeting is held annually for consideration of matters common to all the Congregational churches and for the various members to become better acquainted. Klamath Falls, Eugene, Corvallis, Silverton, Oregon City, Monitor, Smyrna, and Elliott Prairie were represented, in addition to the local churches.

Women of the Knight Memorial church served lunch and dinner Tuesday to the 75 delegates present. In the evening, Rev. Harold S. Tuttle, of Eugene, and Mrs. Ranney, of New York City, director of foreign missionary enterprise, made short addresses. Music was furnished by the Knight Memorial church vested choir. The church was tastefully decorated with autumn leaves, and mixed flowers.

Other officers elected for the

coming year were Rev. W. G. Kantner, of Salem, registrar, and Mrs. White, of Oregon City, scribe.

Thomas Childs of Salem Editor of OAC "Cruise"

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Oct. 12.—Thomas Childs of Salem has been appointed assistant editor of the Annual Cruise. This is an illustrated magazine published each year by the forestry club of the college.

The objects of this publication are more closely to unite the forestry and lumbering interests of the Pacific northwest, to advance scientific forestry and lumbering and to promote forest interests in every feasible way.

Articles of technical value are contributed by members of the faculty and by graduates, expert in their respective fields of effort.

SWEEPING REMEDY

RALEIGH, N. C.—To the voters of North Carolina former State Senator L. N. Johnston offers a solution of the prohibition and farm relief dilemmas. His platform provides that "the national government buy all surplus grains and fruits at a fair price to the producers, that good liquor and excellent wines be made by the government from these grains and fruits, and that the liquor and wines be distributed by parcel post to bona fide householders at actual cost of production plus transportation charges."

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