

\$700,000 Payroll From Canneries in '35; Producers Profit

Tonnage Down Bit From 1934

Cold Pack Totals Large in Year; Pears Are Less; Prunes Greater

Beans, Carrots, Tomatoes Lead in Vegetables Packed Locally

The best available estimate to date on the 1935 pack in Salem canneries reaches 1,615,000 cases, probably slightly below the actual pack of 1934, due to a drop from the big pear operations of that year.

Conservative figures show that these 1,615,000 cases of fruits and vegetables meant a payroll of between \$600,000 and \$700,000 to the men and women employed placed at over 2400 at the peak of the season, based on 26 days per month for each cannery; and a distribution of between \$2,100,000 and \$2,250,000 to growers of these commodities in valley areas and to orchardists in southern Oregon and southern Washington.

Added to the huge pack of canned fruits are about 29,000 barrels of brine cherries and 15,000 barrels of cold pack fruits, of which 15,000 were strawberries. These figures do not take into account the fresh black cherry shipments to the mid-west and eastern markets or the huge tonnage of dried prunes handled by local dealers.

Through reluctance of some canners to release figures on their pack item by item until the season's pack is disposed of, accurate figures on total of each item packed in the local canneries are easy to get as to get a camel through the eye of a needle. However, reliable sources reach about the same figure on the combined pack for all varieties of fruits and vegetables.

Berry Crop Down Because of Weather

This much is certain: The pear output for 1935 is several thousand cases under the 1934 pack; and prunes made some gain over the 1934 pack, these two commodities being the largest in canned goods; berries, due to the cooking weather at the wrong time of the season, were shorter than in 1934; vegetables probably show some gain over the previous year.

Packing of vegetables was confined largely to the Hillman plant, where about 100,000 cases of beans and a sizeable pack of tomatoes were turned out; to the Paulus plant where carrots were the big vegetable item; and to California Packing, where pumpkins supplied the vegetable phase. Start Fruit company experimented with a small pack of fancy tomatoes.

Experimental peach packs were made the past season by two canneries, Paulus and Reid Murdoch, with probability that each will continue peaches next year. These canneries also handle some apricots, though this pack was not so large as in 1934. Most of the peaches came in from Yakima, though a few local ones were included in the experiment.

While canners in the north are enthusing about possibilities of packing peaches and will probably go in for this fairly extensively next year, there is some feeling here that there may be experimentation locally on the canning of corn in 1936.

Outlet Seen for Big Asparagus Pack

Along the line of vegetables should also be mentioned the small asparagus pack made by Reid Murdoch and company, on which acreage and production probably will increase for the next three years, with an estimated pack of 25,000 cases.

As the new year rolls into view, the general feeling among canners seems to be one of optimism. The 1935 stocks are cleaning up quite well and though some stock remains unsold, it is not considered carry-over in the sense that there are not market prospects. Both canned and dried prunes are still in packers' and dealers' hands, but there is some consistent movement of canned prunes, though at low prices. The situation on pears and prunes is not too favorable for next year, inasmuch as the market now appears against the canner and so naturally against the grower.

Prices to growers showed an encouraging upturn for the most part in the 1935 harvests and with business conditions on the mend, the probability is that the phase of the canner's deal will continue good next season.

Some earlier fear that the heavy freeze of early November will damage crops for 1936 is largely discounted as the year ends. Strawberries, thought at first to have been heavily damaged, were protected by the long-standing snow, and other berries will show no appreciable harmful results, some fieldmen hold. Of course, there are others inclined to be more pessimistic.

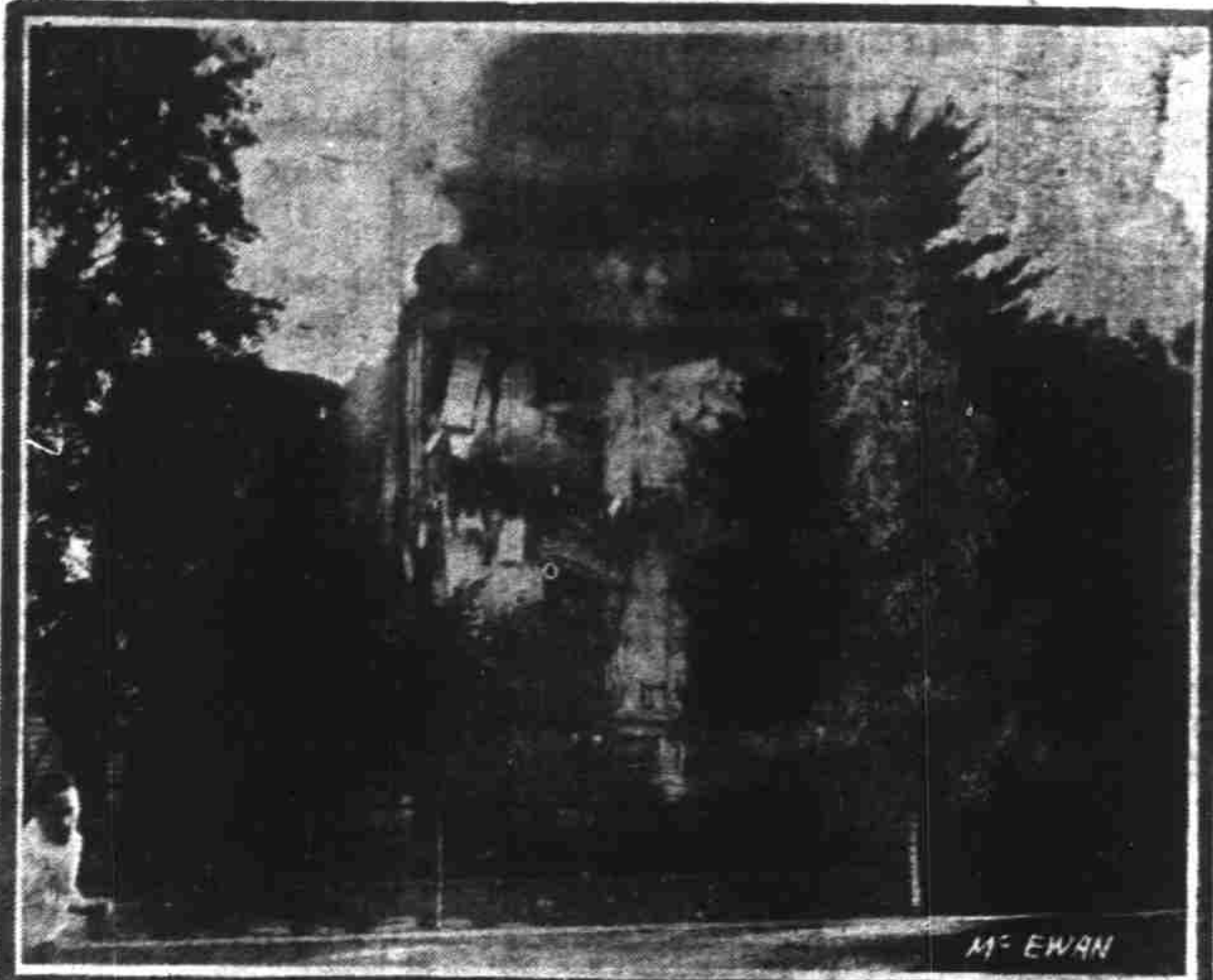
Plenty of Social Life In Rural Districts Is Salem Man's Discovery

A Salem man, visiting a community club meeting in one of the distant parts of the county, was inclined to feel sympathetic with a rural friend, taking it for granted there was nothing to do and no social life.

Little later, the rural friend talking to the Salem friend remarked: "We have had such an active social calendar here the past month and so many dinners and community meetings, that I haven't had a whole night's rest for a week."

Sure, that happened about 20 miles from Salem. What direction? It really could happen in any direction from Salem.

Walls of Old Statehouse are Demolished



Huge charges of dynamite bring the old statehouse walls to earth as onlookers scurry for cover and Willamette's halls are damaged.

Improvements Residential Construction Picks Up Herald Upturn

Scio Business Men Fix Up Properties; Mill to Have New Home

Not One Residence Can Be Had For Rent; Chamber Organized in '35

SCIO, Dec. 31—The year now drawing to a close has witnessed material advancement in Scio. For the first time since the economic full struck, property owners and business men have planned and many have executed improvements that have added much to the value of their properties.

A new home for the Scio Mill & Elevator company, which was destroyed by fire during the late summer of 1935, has been planned on the old hotel property here, which the company recently purchased. Already a considerable amount of money has been expended in preparing a location for water power, which was used until the big fire seven years ago. The company has been operating in a location on Main street since the fire, but a more spacious location is deemed necessary for increasing business. The hotel building will be raised in the spring to give way for the mill buildings, it is announced.

School Gymnasium Undergoes Many Changes

The school gymnasium has undergone changes calculated to enhance its value for school activities. The floor has been sanded and rows of seats about the walls will not accommodate spectators in much larger numbers. Improvements at the school grounds include racks and housing for bicycles.

Considerable money has been spent on Scio street and further improvements are contemplated as soon as weather conditions will permit.

Not a residence is available in the city, all having been occupied for some time. New work and remodeling of residences have been more active during the last year than for several years.

Organization of a chamber of commerce a few months ago presages activity of a civic nature that will redound to the progress of Scio and vicinity.

Schools and churches have made progress. With a view of promoting educational interests here, there is a strong desire on the part of leaders in the work for a new and modern high school building. Advocates of the plan point out that the present building, erected 40 years ago, could be remodeled for grade purposes, as it is rapidly outgrowing its usefulness for best high school work.

West Salem Nearer

You may not know it but the greater part of West Salem is nearer the city hall than about half of the city of Salem.

Residential Construction Picks Up 49 Dwelling Units are Begun During 12 Months December Best Month of Entire Year

The residential construction industry in Salem stirred from a four-year slumber during 1935. Forty-nine dwellings were started, nearly five times as many as during all of 1934, and their total estimated cost amounted to \$87,045.

House building gained momentum toward the close of the year with October and December leading all other months in number of permits for this type of construction issued by the city building department. Nine of the 49 permits of the year just past were for court type bungalow units; the remaining 40 were for private, non-apartment type homes.

The average house for which permits were taken out here in 1935 cost \$1776. Eight cost between \$2000 and \$2900, three cost \$3000 to \$3900, two cost \$4000 to \$4900, and one \$5000. The final cost of a house ordinarily is considerably more, however, than the amount required for listing on the building permits.

Month by month permits were issued here last year for new home construction as follows:

Month	Permits	Value
January	2	2,250
February	2	1,600
March	4	3,700
April	4	12,315
May	5	7,250
June	2	1,750
July	3	9,550
August	3	5,500
September	6	15,739
October	2	1,000
November	16	20,100
December	49	\$87,045

Lansing Moved to Post of Captain

Accident Prevention Hobby of Local Man; Has Fine Record

The major change in the state police force of interest to Salem citizens last year was the promotion November 1 of Walter Lansing to the position of captain in charge of Salem headquarters district. He succeeded W. H. McClain, who resigned.

Captain Lansing is probably one of the best known peace officers in Oregon by virtue of his specializing in accident prevention. Ever since he was appointed sergeant of the old state patrol September 1, 1930, and given a free hand by the late Secretary of State Hal Hoss in organizing, writing and forming organizations to encourage safe driving, Lansing has traveled widely over the state. He has delivered several series of radio addresses on law enforcement and accident prevention, played a leading part in forming school boy traffic guard patrols and been in charge of recording accident statistics for the state.

After two and one-half years as

deputy sheriff in his native county, Baker, Lansing joined the state patrol in June, 1925. He carried over into the new state police organization as a sergeant in Baker county August 1, 1931, and was transferred to the Salem district and promoted to the position of lieutenant January 1, 1932. He continues in charge of statewide accident statistics and devotes what time he can spare from his duties as district captain to the accident prevention movement.

The district which Lansing supervises consists of Marion, Polk, Linn, Benton, Lane and Lincoln counties.

Nature Was in Reckless Mood When Salem Region Was Built Says Weizen

Albert Richard Weizen, novelist and story writer, was asked several years ago to write about the Salem district, to be used in a folder to be issued by the Chamber of Commerce. He wrote in part as follows:

"They say that here grows the finest fruits and berries in the world. They say the dairy herds here are beyond comparison. It is not hard to believe. Nature was in a reckless mood when she spilled herself over the Willamette valley."

Cherrians Are Kept on Move

Many Appearances Made by Marching Group; Uniforms New

Extensive Aid Given to Salem Fair; Boise is King Bing

Outstanding event in the history of the Salem Cherrians during the year 1935 was the reorganizing of its marching body and the purchase of 44 uniforms.

After several years of discussion as to the right kind of white uniform, the pattern and cloth were finally selected and beginning with the strawberry fair at Lebanon, the Cherrian marching organization has been representing the capital city at various celebrations.

And of course, closing the active year, the Cherrians brightened the downtown business district by lighting the now noted Cherian tree in the courthouse yard.

Since the year 1913 when the Cherrians first lighted the tree during holiday week, the example of the Cherrians has been followed by almost every city and town in the United States.

Special activities of Salem's uniformed marching organization were as follows during the year 1935, led by William Schlitt, King Bing and Carl D. Gabrielson, captain of the uniformed Cherrians:

May 21. On invitation of officials of the annual Lebanon strawberry festival, the uniformed Cherrians not only took part in the parade, but were given the seats of honor during the exercises of the day which included the crowning of Queen Alice by King Bing William Schlitt.

Cherrians Take Part in Rose Festival

June 7. As usual, Cherrians to the number of 40 were represented in the main parade of the Portland rose festival and were guests of honor at luncheon of the festival entertaining committee.

August 12. Cherrians in uniform attended a joint meeting at McMinnville of the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis and Rotary clubs. Senator Douglas McKay, F. G. Deckerbach, Jr., and Sheldon F. Sackett, spoke at the luncheon, calling attention to the Oregon State fair.

August 15. Cherrians met with the Kiwanis club and chamber of commerce members, again telling of special events and doings of the state fair, scheduled to begin Labor day.

King Bing Schlitt and others were called on for short talks.

August 16. At the invitation of the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, uniformed Cherrians attended a luncheon and made several social calls in Eugene, carrying information relative to the state fair.

August 22. At Corvallis, uniformed Cherrians were the guests of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary club, Lions, American Legion, Triads and O. S. C. college faculty. Solon T. White, director of the department of agriculture, delivered the main address, telling of new features of the coming state fair.

August 30. Luncheon with the Dallas Chamber of Commerce and other civic bodies. W. M. Hamilton, mayor of the Portland Electric Power Co., was the principal speaker, carrying good will of Salem and an invitation to attend the state fair.

August 29. Attend the annual hop festival at Independence to the number of 36, taking part in the parade and festivities following the parade. Cherrians had been invited by the Independence officials and responded by enjoying themselves during the afternoon and evening of August 29.

September 5. Cherrians in uniform greeted members of the Portland Rosarians at the entrance to the downtown district, properly entertained and returned to the fair grounds.

September 14. Uniformed Cherrians attended the West State harvest festival, King Bing William Schlitt spoke briefly at the evening program in the school house and the musical program was presented by the Fred Broer family.

At the annual election December 10, the following were chosen to lead the Cherrians during the year 1936: Breyman Rose, King Bing; Dr. Frank V. Fry, Lord Governor Wood; C. E. Wilson, chancellor of the rolls; A. A. Guettroy, keeper of the orchard; Gardner Knapp, king's jester; John Caughell, Duke of Lambert; Ralph N. Allen, Queen Anne's consort; L. V. Benson, Archbishop of Rieksell; Loren Schmidt, Marquis of Maraschino; and Harold Busick, Earl of Waldo.

The annual installation of the Council of Nobles and crowning of King Bing and also initiation of new members will be held at the Hotel Marion Tuesday night, January 7.

Thumbnail Sketch Shows Diversity of County's Resources

SQUARE miles, 1193.
Population, 1930 census, 60,541.
Center of the fertile Willamette River Valley.
Home of eight state institutions.
Paved roads, 239 miles; macadam and gravel roads, 1449 miles.
Rural electric power lines, 575 miles.
Rural telephone lines, 915 miles.
Rural postal delivery routes, 846 miles.
Rural electric power users, 2970.
Thirty-nine miles of the paved Pacific highway No. 99 are in Marion county.

Berry, fruit, nut and vegetable center of the northwest.
Canning center of the northwest.
Climate: Not so warm in summer nor so cold in winter as St. Louis or Kansas City or other Mississippi valley cities.
Only two hours drive to the Pacific ocean.

Marion county, Oregon, will produce about everything grown in the Mississippi valley, and then one may add:
Long fibre flax, filberts and English walnuts, Italian prunes, loganberries, Bartlett pears. Also the big Oregon Royal Anne and Lambert cherries, hops, peppermint, lettuce and celery.

Altitude: Along the Willamette river, 130 feet above sea level. At Breitenbush Hot Springs, foot of the Cascade Mountains, 2,225 feet above sea level. Or you may climb Mt. Jefferson and view the Cascade mountains at an altitude of 10,495 feet.

Public Library Serves More People And Increases Usefulness in Past Year Despite Limitation of Funds

Shows Free For Aurora Traders Community Ends Year With Only Two Vacant Residences Listed

New Warehouse Required to Handle Output; Dividend Paid

AURORA, Dec. 31—Aurora bids adieu to a busy and prosperous old year. Looking back to the beginning of 1935, one finds several new families have moved into town. Now there are just two vacant houses inside of the city limits.

The volunteer fire department as is customary, gave its annual ball to raise funds to carry on its important work during the year. This ball is always well attended as the department answered more calls into the country last year than in town.

The merchants, realizing the benefits derived from advertising, decided to present a series of outdoor free shows. The largest attendance at one show was estimated at 1200 people.

Aurora can pride itself upon the fact that only one crime was committed during last year and that supposedly by a transient, when a grocery store was entered. The city jail has been opened only to harbor an occasional transient during the year.

Postoffice Has Largest Business in Years

A girl scout troop was organized last spring with a membership of 30 and held an active camp during the summer. Upon the death of the postmaster, Mrs. J. W. Seider was given temporary appointment. Mrs. Lester Reed, in appointment this fall for four years. The postoffice reported the largest Christmas business in several years.

The outlook for Aurora for 1936 is very bright and its inhabitants look forward to a happy and prosperous New Year.

Golf Tourney Put On by Activians

Members of the Salem Active club, which received its charter in December, 1934, sponsored during the summer months the first city-wide golf tourney. In cooperation with a group of local merchants, "Bob" Taylor emerged city champion, and he and other winners were awarded their trophies at an Active club sports dance held in the fall.

An early December event was the trustee's dance at the Salem golf club, and other social events have marked the year, including a "bosses' night" in December. A Christmas fund was raised and used to assist a needy family.

The club has given considerable study to the city manager form of government, and now has in process of preparation a booklet dealing with this matter.

W. W. McKinney was first president of the Activians, with Steve McClain holding that post until the past week, when books were turned over to the new officers: B. K. Graybill, president; Marian Simpson, vice-president; and Walter Lamkin, secretary-treasurer. Officers are elected every six months.

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Prune Output Less For '35

Below Last Year's Figure But Higher Than '34; Pear Crop Gains

Total Oregon production of prunes, both fresh and dried, aggregated \$2,142,000 total farm value for the year 1935, a decrease of \$580,000 from the total for 1934, \$2,722,000, but greater than the 1933 total, \$1,526,000, by \$616,000.

These figures are obtained from the crop reporting board of the United States department of agriculture from the latest information available, including data furnished by crop correspondents, the Portland office of crop estimates, and cooperating state agencies.

Total production of fresh and dried prunes was 46,139 tons for 1935, a decrease of 17,179 tons from 1934, and less than the 1933 production by 3,129 tons. In 1933 the total tonnage was 42,000 tons.

Dried Prunes Drop

During 1935, the total value of dried prunes produced on Oregon farms was \$1,732,000, compared to \$2,057,000 in 1934 and \$1,050,000 in 1933. There were 31,500 tons of dried prunes raised in 1935, compared to 24,200 in 1934 and 15,000 in 1933.

The aggregate value of fresh prunes was \$410,000, compared to \$665,000 for 1934 and \$476,000 for 1933. The total tonnage of fresh prunes was 14,630 during 1935; 39,100 a year ago and 28,000 the preceding year.

Pear Crop Larger

This year's pear crop was larger than for 1934 and brought in more money. About 3,000,000 boxes, worth \$1,650,000 were harvested. In 1934 the crop was 2,470,000 boxes valued at \$1,482,000. In 1933 2,738,000 bushels were produced at a total value of \$1,232,000.

Less percentage of apples lost by cold weather was noted in Oregon than in Washington, but there was a shrinkage of 290,000 boxes, leaving the commercial output at 2,050,000 bushels. The total crop had a farm value of \$2,808,000 as against \$3,442,000 in 1934. Shippers expect to move 2010 cars for the entire season.

Last year 3131 cars were shipped. The total commercial apple crop for 1935 was 1,800,000 bushels, valued at \$390,000.

A total of 297,000 bushels of peaches were produced this year at a total value of \$342,000, as compared to a year ago when 314,000 bushels were produced valued at \$330,000; while in 1933 the total peach crop was 227,000 bushels, valued at \$261,000.

Hoyt Street Is South City Limit Although Many Homes on Beyond

For the benefit of those traveling south on Commercial street and who would like to know whether they are in the corporate limits of Salem, it may be said that Hoyt street, end of the 2200 block, is the city limits.

Of course there is a lot of the city south of Hoyt street but folks living in that part of the city are entitled to no fire protection from the Salem fire department. Nor are they entitled to police protection, as any one living south of Hoyt street is living under Marion county protection and not the city of Salem.

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