Over Two Million Cases in Salem Fruit and Vegetable Pack

Figures Slight

Berry Crops Are Short in Valley, Causing Gloom at Season's Start

By C. GENEVIEVE MORGAN With Salem's 1937 fruit and vegetable packing season at its dead end, pencil sharpening is in order to get a picture of what this industry means to the city and the farmers round about. And that picture will reveal a bread and butter industry of major propor-

It may be said at the outset. that figures on the canning industry are almost as hard to dig out as gold in the Marion county courthouse lawn; the chief reason being that canners (here and elsewhere) hover over their respective figures at reasonable length of time so every possible can of prunes or berries or cherries can go to market in the most favorable light.

In short, the figures, offered here are unofficial, but just the same probably will hit the mark pretty accurately when actual pack figures are officially given

Salem canneries this season have packed 2,030,000 cases of fruits and vegetables! Not Much Decline

That figure is 200,000 cases or less under the 1936 pack, and is something of a revelation in view of gloom which dominated the canning situation as most of the fruits neared the ripening stage. Some there are who hold this figure is way too high for the 1937 pack. One veteran cannery operator here holds that only 1,250,000 cases of fruit and vegetables were put up in the Salem plants this year, or only about half the normal pack.

These two million plus cases, handled by nine canneries, don't tell the whole fruit story, either. For between 15,000 and 20,000 barrels (250 pounds to the barrel) of brined cherries were handled, not to mention increased operations in bottling beverage fruit

Millions Paid out If you don't think the Salem canneries are a bread and butter industry for Salem, open your eyes at these figures (based on the pack of 2.030,000 cases):

About \$2,400,000 (enough to

buy a \$200 refrigerator for every home in Salem and then some) was paid for labor on fruits and vegetables that went into the cans in Salem canneries! Nearly \$1,035,500 was paid for

tin cans in which to pack the fruit. While cans are not manufactured in Salem, they come from Portland and Washington state, and so this money went into northwest channels.

And sugar cost around the half million dollar figure.

Eleven Plants Here (And right here, while those figures take effect, is as good place as any to list the names of the Salem canneries and barreling plants: California Packing company, Hillman Packing company, Hunt Bros., Oregon Fruit Products company, Paulus Bros., Producers Cooperative, Reid Murdoch & company, Starr Fruit Products company, Jory Packing company, W. G. Allen Fruit company and Willamette Cherry Growers

The figures outlined above are only for the pack which went into tin cans, and do not include money for fruit, labor or other items on barrelled cherries, pitting of brined cherries, dried prunes or juice

The cannery industry, as represented in these figures, was virtually a 51/2 month industry here, and closing late in October and from a local orchard standpoint. ing into commercial orchards.

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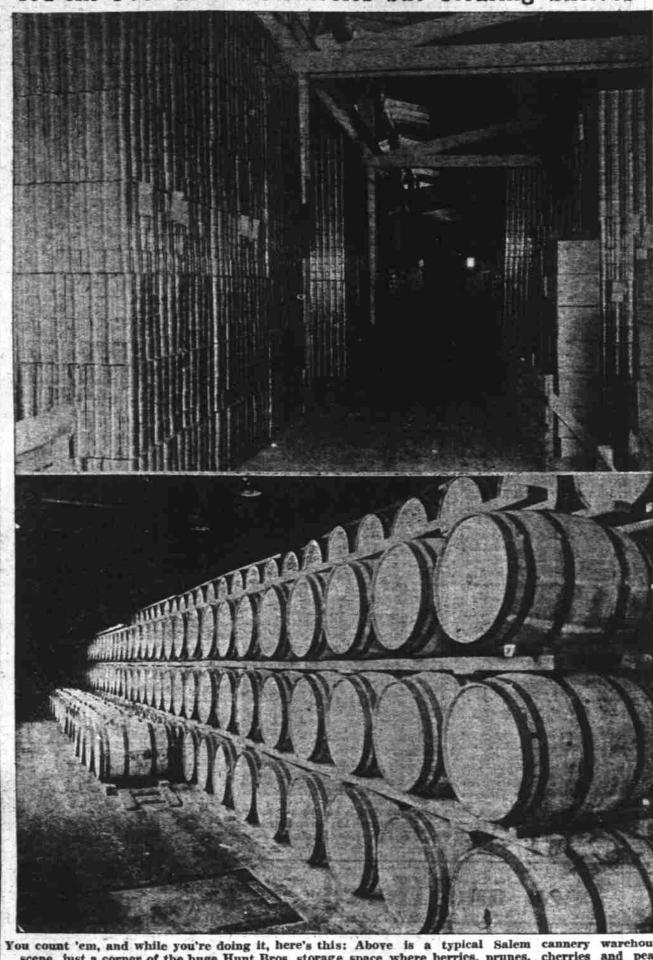
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Drop From '36 It's All Over at the Canneries but Clearing Shelves



Approximately \$1,642,214 was You count 'em, and while you're doing it, here's this: Above is a typical Salem cannery warehouse paid here for fruit which went scene, just a corner of the huge Hunt Bros, storage space where berries, prunes, cherries and pears to try again.' Something like that perforated soil with a solution of wait to go to market. Below. hereabouts the past season.

worked on fall vegetables until early this past week.

And there is still some work on pitting brined cherries, as some of the handlers here enter this market with the pitted product in order to afford additional payroll for Salem people, and at a season of the year when canning operations generally have slackened and even through part of the period when the canning equipment

Outlook not Rosy The brined cherry outlook, by the way, is not so rosy due to high labor costs and high cost of the fresh fruit this year forcing the figures running it from 40 to price to the trade so high that the Italian brined cherry can again compete, in spite of a stiff tariff, Due chiefly to a \$10 increase in with the product of this country in the major United States mar-

association, the latter dealing in breakdown of the huge pack here deal on the dried commodity. into quantities of varieties packed. As is already well known, all berries were a poor crop, quan-

titatively speaking, and as a con- slightly larger packs handled than which sounded like the halycon days of the pre-depression era. Cherries Surprise

Cherries, decried as a small this year, operations getting un- ing and ripening days, finally As a result the peach stands alone der steam generally in late May turned out to be the largest crop as about the only fruit tree go-

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early November. Some plants have A virtual freeze-out in the other large producing cherry orchards somewhat from the packers and barrellers' standpoint.

But while the crop was making up its mind what proportions to take here, canners forced the market up to the point that it's still a pain in the neck when prices paid for that fruit are mentioned

in canner quarters. Pears, largely brought in from Medford and Yakima, were the largest item packed in local canneries, with cherries next. There is some dispute as to how large the canned prune deal went, with

Due chiefly to a \$10 increase in the price of fresh prunes over ned product at a disadvantage. 1936, or a \$27.50 price per ton for 1937, and to the short crop, bulk For reasons already indicated, of the prunes locally went into it is not possible to present a the cans with a resultant small

Peaches Advancing the fore in this section, with well before the 1938 season. sequence producers realized prices last year and this fruit being eyed for larger acreages. Oregon grown peaches, until recently ignored favorable position of the Califorcrop due to severe weather condi- nia cling, are gaining reputation that the strawberry picking actions which attended their matur- as of finer flavor than the cling.

tomatoes and carrots represent the of the state saved the situation bulk of the vegetable phase of the canning industry, but with acreage of sweet corn greatly increased in this valley in the last year, it is considered likely that corn will enter the canning line of more than one local plant.

Apple Pack Fewer The apple pack this year, going into large tins for the restaurant, hotel and bakery trade, branched out some but the total pack was considerably short of last year when only one plant

canned apples. Apple canning locally is hinderd by two important factors: First, the labor schedule here is so much higher than in east coast apple canning sections; and secondly, freight costs put the Oregon can-

Canned stocks have enjoyed a good movement from here until recently when the usual seasonal iull came on. Canners, however, seem optimistic about prospects for next year and expect to see Canned peaches are coming to shelves cleared of their stocks

Of the individual fruit prospects for next year, canners have nothing to say and that, too, is the from the cannery picture due to year. Figures of the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics indicate reage next year will be 17,000 acres, or 23 per cent larger than

Scioans Enjoying Southern Journey

SCIO—"Having a glorious trip," ays a card from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bilyeu, Scio farmers, who have been touring western California for three weeks. They visited at Fresno, Sacramento, Los Angeles other points of interest in California, and later at Baja Caliornia, Mexico.

Alice Davis has returned to her work in Albany after spending a at the Scio home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Davis.

Sage of Salem Speculates By D. H. TALMADGE

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dent, irreverent ribbing, sometimes kindly, sometimes brutal, often very funny, and all delight-

Irens Dunn - Cary Grant film, "The Awful Truth," which has been showing at the Grand thea-tre since Wednesday. I liked "The-adora Goes Wild" better, possibly because of its theme, perhaps because Miss Dunne's "Theodora" was so delightfully unexpected. But Miss Dunne, engaged in bringing a jealous husband, who is childishly silly in his imaginings ord is not above some slight reproach, is as entertaining as a three-ring circus. And the dog in the cast, "Mr. Smith," helps a heap in the way of making the film one to be remembered pleas-CONTRACTOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY OF THE P

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should be removed either by a

ed with a tooth pick dipped in al-

Birds Robbing Shrubs
I have had complaints about

birds robbing berried shrubs,

rhododendrons are all suitable.

The laburnums grow to only

care for Brown Patch.

yellow.

The Raemo-

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

Volume's Title Changed to "Last Flight"; Is Issued Thursday

By HAROLD K. MILLS NEW YORK, Nov. 27. -(AP)-Through the gay pages of Amelia finest of the Earhart's last book—a narrative rock garden of her globe-girdling attempt group. It is an runs a tragic thread of prophecy, born out by the disappearance has pink flowers which changed the volume's title in early spring. from "World Flight" to "Last Flight."

"Last Flight" as published today (Harcourt, Brace & Co.) pictures a life of bright adventure against the darker backgrounds of ubiquitous hazard. It was com- 18 inches to two feet high and has piled by Amelia's husband, George pink or carmine flowers. Palmer Putnam, from the cables, the telephoned reports, the cribbled log-books, and the letters tional rhododendrons in that it she dispatched as the unfinished does not object to limestone. To trip progressed.

shape is anathema. The book ends, as abruptly as did the ill-starred flight, with this portion of a letter she left for her flowers are yellow. husband as she started an earlier erial adventure:

"Please, know that I am quite revival af parasitic diseases to the ware of the hazards.

"I want to do it because I want inquiries reaching me. Fairy Ring to do it.-Women must try to do has the largest number of comthings as men have tried. When plaints against it. This is a fung they fail, their failure must be due to mushroom, toadstool, and but a challenge to others."

"Because I want to - - -." That outside the ring of mushrooms is was the explanation Miss Earhart likely to be stimulated and begave for attempting to fly around come darker, while inside or over the earth near the equator, when the ring there will be a zone of she first announced her plans in dead grass. As the ring increases New York less than a year ago. Saw First Airplane At Age of 10

The book skips swiftly from the perennially. ime she, as a girl of 10, saw her first airplane at the Des Moines, Ia., state fair, through the ocean lawn. Treatment has to be perflights which made her the sistent. First carefully pull up all world's No. 1 airwoman, to the fungi and put them into a sack or

beginning of her world flight. paper box to be burned. Next, The first attempt, westward, perforate the soil to a depth of ended in a takeoff crash at Hon- about eight inches and apply borolulu, and Miss Earhart wrote, "I deaux mixture immediately over think it was not more than two and in advance of the ring. You minutes after we emerged from must apply enough to penetrate ment in about two weeks and rethe crack-up that I knew exactly the soil thoroughly. what I wanted to do-if ways and means could be devised for doing rate of two ounces to five gal-

"My own desire, I am sure, was mended. set almost before the slithering slide along the concrete ended. " 'If we don't burn up, I want gon State college is to drench the flashed through my mind. Mirac- Potassium sulfide, one ounce to

Last Flight" tells of the rebuild- tervals. This same treatment will ng of her twin-motored plane, of the second takeoff: this time east- about. ward from Miami.

"I have a feeling there is just about one more good flight left in smaller lawns: my system," she fold a close Prunus Blire friend, as she prepared to leave Miami. "And I hope this trip is it. Anyway, when I have finished this job. I mean to give up longdistance 'stunt' flying."

Off on her last flight, Miss Earhart dispatched one note which

"Push through. I find myself ties, with lime-sulphur. writing these words almost resentfully. We're always pushing through, hurrying on our long ering crabs. The first has pink way, trying to get to some other buds to recommend it and the othinstead of enjoying the er has a rosy red flower, bronzy place we'd already got to."

Chapter by chapter "Last Flight" takes the aviatrix and her about 20 feet in height and bloom navigator, Capt. Fred Noonan, when very young. It must be refrom Brazil to Dakar, South Af- membered that all parts of the rica; across Africa, and on to plant, including the fruit, are poi-

The last completed flight of the tousle-haired woman and the small lawn would include the Japplane of which she was so proud anese quince, spirea prunifolia. Of was to Lae, New Guinea, reached course, V. Carlisli and the laurus-

wrote on July 1, "and Lae attractive and unsusual as it is, appears to two flyers just as confining, as should be examined for mealy the Electra is poised for its long-est hop, the 2,556 miles to Howland island in mid-Pacific. . . . a wind blowing the wrong way conspired to keep her (the plane) on tooth pick or they may be touchthe ground today.

"In addition, Fred Noonan has been unable, because of radio difficulties, to set his chronometers. Any lack of knowledge of their fastness or slowness would defeat the accuracy of celestial navigation. Howland island is such a small spot in the Pacific that every aid to locating it must be

The next day they took off on the jump that was never completed-from Lae to Howland island, which she had described before as 'a fantastically tiny tar-

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for some other use, you might the box is quite wide, two rows of take the tops and bottoms of shiny tin cans, punch holes in them and hang them on the shrubs just as we used to decorate Christmas trees when we were children. Hang the discs on eightinch strings about two feet apart. If you use a green string, the sight won't be quite as unattract-

in your garden, you have a ber-

Start With Fall; Remedies Given

A newcomer from the midwest tells me she has a lily pond in her garden and wants to know how health. she can protect the water lily roots during the winter. I suggest just leaving them where they are. Hirsutum is one of the excep-Unless they are the very tropical ones, and few people plant them here, they will winter in the pond. Complains About Ivy

most rhododendrons lime in any Mrs. J. M. of Stayton complains that her ivy dies in water. The Keiskei is variable, but usually stays below three feet. tIs ed variety.

It should grow very well. Do The fall has brought a strong least not for all the 24 hours of than others. the day. Run fresh water over the lawn it would seem, to judge from roots occasionally and wash out the container thoroughly once a Thanksgiving Day week. Some suggest placing a piece of charcoal in the water to keep it sweet. cuffballs. The grass immediately

Creeping Charley is a perennial weed which is difficult to eradican. It pulls up comparatively eas- Mrs. Scott, sr., all of Union Hill year by year, weeds grow in the ily right now. dead zone and grass dies. The

roots of the fungi live in the soil of Silverton? Well, I notice that he has neither creeping Charley icate if it gets a firm hold in the or any of the fungi growths in his lawn. Rock salt may be added to the lawn now. Mr. Jack said, you may remember, to throw it over the lawn in about the thickness of a light hail storm. This rainy weather is ideal for the treatment. Give it another treatpeat again in March.

Keeping Up Window Boxes Organic Mercury applied at the When the window boxes become unsightly, and some of them ions of water is also recomhave already become so, pull out the plants and put in their steam small evergreens from 10 to 18 Another suggestion from Ore-

home. An assortment of 12 little evergreens, if you don't insist on the fancier sorts, won't cost you any more than you put out for window box plants in the spring. Approximately five or 51/2 months will pass before you again set out was really of the opinion that the include Norway spruce, Mugho Last week I was reminded that berried shrubs were as much to pine, Douglas fir, Pyramital Ar-

porch plants. Evergreens suitable had promised to list a few of the keep the birds in the garden as barvitae. To estimate the number of trees lower growing rhododendrons and for any other reason. However, if required, figure about one tree ried shrub you want to protect per foot of window-box length. If

> Plant in fertile soil and keep well watered. To Keep Plants Healthy

trees should be planted.

Things you should do to keep our houseplants healthy: Air your rooms thoroughly ev-

ery day, but do not allow a direct cold draft to strike the plants. Remember a temperature above 70 degrees is not conducive to good plant growth-or your own

Provide proper humidity by placing the flower pots on the new water mats or put sand beneath

the pot, Keep the foliage of your plants clean. Spray foliage with water frequently and keep dead or damaged leaves picked off.

Watch your plants-particular-She wants to grow the small-leaf- ly ferns and coleus for mealy bugs.

Water your plants judicially. not have it in too hot a place, at Remember some take more water

Hosts Entertain

LYONS-Mrs. L. C. Trask had cate. Sodium chlorate will kill it as Thanksgiving day guests, Mr. but will also kill other vegeta- and Mrs. V. D. Scott and two tion. Dig up as much of it as you sons Guy and Keith, Mr. and and Mrs. Jessie Pendleton of Do you remember the rock salt Mill City. Mrs. Pendleton and advocated for lawn by W. S. Jack Mrs. V. D. Scott are Hrs. Trask's daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Johnston entertained at dinner Thanksgiving day Mr. and Mrs. Donald Huckabee and three children of Stayton and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnston and two daughters, Carroll and Shirley of Lyons.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Humphreys and their daughter. Betty, left early Friday morning for a trip to Longview, Wash. Their small son, Leland, remained with his grandparents Johnston.

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