

Nut Growers Blame Poor Crop On Hot Weather, Moisture Lack

By Lillie L. Madsen

VANCOUVER, Dec. 10.—A shortage of moisture in walnut orchards and the unusually hot weather the first two weeks of September rather than too much rain, were advanced as causes of the shrivel that made 60 per cent of the Northwest's 1948 walnut crop unmarketable in the shell.

The theory was advanced by John Painter, federal entomologist at Oregon State college, at the 34th annual meeting of the Nut growers Society of Oregon and Washington.

Painter rated shrivel, which has occurred in lesser degrees down through the years, as the walnut growers' No. 1 enemy. Experiments would be continued, he said, to find a control or a cure.

Robert Warrens, Forest Grove, was elected president of the society during elections at the close of the annual two-day meeting which also resulted in R. S. Durkee, Battleground, Wash., and Harry Pearce, Salem, becoming vice presidents. C. O. Rawlings, Corvallis, was named secretary-treasurer.

Urge Higher Tariffs

The group once more urged higher tariffs on imported shelled filberts and import quotas on all nuts. Federal marketing quotas for filberts also were favored.

William Christensen, Hillsboro, and Washington county grower, estimated that the 1948 crop would bring \$6,000,000 in "eastern money" into the Willamette valley and Clark county, Wash. But little prospect for higher walnut and filbert prices, because of competition from foreign imports and California's huge pecan crop, was seen by Christensen. Growers, he believed, would have to boost net incomes through better quality and higher yields.

Imports Noted

In reference to the import trade, Walter Schrieber, U. S. department of agriculture foreign trade expert, told the growers that about 30,000 pounds of shelled Turkish filberts are being imported each month "at prices you can't compete with," Italy, he said, was seeking a further reduction in tariff from the present 5 cents down to 2½ cents a pound. Schrieber also gave an interesting first-hand report on the Brazil nut industry in the Amazon basin, where the trees grow wild throughout an area the size of the 11 western states.

Roy Ward, Portland, headed a panel discussion on filberts while Ralph Easter, Portland, headed that on walnut harvest methods. Talks were given during the convention on soil management and fertilizers by Karl Bauer of the Western Washington experiment station. Bill Chandlee, Hillsboro, urged "an end to the unharmonious and discourteous feeling between co-ops and independent dealers."

County to Close McKee Bridge

The Pudding river bridge at McKee is closed to traffic for the next several weeks, Marion County Commissioner Ed Rogers said Friday.

A county crew will attempt to repair the sagging span to permit light traffic. If this cannot be done, Rogers said, then the bridge will remain closed until a new one, being constructed there now, is completed within several months.

Salem Policeman Fired from Force

Robert S. Casteel, city policeman on a temporary appointment, was discharged from the city police force effective Friday, December 10, payroll records in city recorder Alfred Mundt's office show.

Reason for the discharge, ordered by Chief Frank A. Minto, was not given Friday. Casteel, a non-civil service city employee, has been on the police force for the past two months.

An adult's skin varies in thickness from 1/25th of an inch on the eyelids to as much as half an inch on the soles of the feet.

HOLLYWOOD

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Santa Claus Visits Garfield Classrooms



Santa Claus made news Friday when he made the rounds of classrooms at Garfield school distributing treats and chatting with the children. He was en route to take up his daily duties at Bishop's Clothing store. Sitting on his knee is first grader Monty Lee Petty, son of Mrs. Iris Petty, 114 Williams ave. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Legion County Council Hears Owens, Wood

Adequate defense is the best safeguard for America, B. E. (Kelly) Owens, state department commander of the American Legion, told delegates to the annual meeting of the Marion county council of the organization at the Senator hotel Friday night.

Owens and Walter Wood, district commander of the Legion, told the more than 150 Legionnaires of the necessity for universal military training to keep the United States strong. Communism and the program of rehabilitation of veterans were also discussed by the speakers. Wood spoke on membership and Legion affairs.

James Turnbull, Salem Capital post 9, was elected president of the council at the meeting. Hartley S. Le Febvre, Woodburn, was chosen vice president, and Mildred Christiansen, Salem, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Preliminary plans for the area conference to be held at the Legion club, January 9, were discussed at the conference. All Legionnaires are invited to attend the 12:30 buffet luncheon and conference.

6 Constables Reappointed

All six of Marion county's appointive constables were reappointed to their offices for four-year terms by Marion county court Friday.

All are incumbents and their new terms begin Jan. 1, 1949. The seventh constable, Earl Adams of the Salem justice of the peace district, was recently reelected.

The appointees and their districts include James Fowler of the Breitenbush justice of the peace district; Peter J. Burger, Mt. Angel; Henry Smith, Stayton; Emory J. Jackson, Silverton; W. C. Miller, Woodburn, and George F. Armstrong, Jefferson.

The court also appointed Harley De Peel as deputy constable of the Silverton district. A. W. McCoy was granted a license by the court for a motor wrecking company located at Woodburn route 1.

West Salem Packers to Add Hatchery

WEST SALEM, Dec. 10.—Expansion of Willamette Packing Co. was forecast here today in reports of the firm's purchase of the Lutler L. Folsom cabinet shop building on 9th street just off Wallace road in the area recently voting for annexation to Salem.

The turkey killing firm will use the new building, 28 by 100 feet in one floor, exclusively for a turkey hatchery—a new development in its business, according to Walter Musgrave, realtor, who represented both parties in the transaction. Price paid for the property, including a 70 by 125 foot lot, was not disclosed.

Willamette Packing Co., which has been in business here seven years, is operated by George A. Rhoten, Sam F. Speerstra and Stanley S. Smith. The seller, Folsom, is doing carpentry work at present.

Word was received today by the firm that it won first places in the recent Montana Turkey show, for both New York dressed tom and hen. A Willamette Packing 3½-pound oven-dressed bird, exhibited by a Billings woman, won a grand championship. Eggs came from the Rhoten & Speerstra turkey farm and were hatched by Yellowstone hatchery in Billings.

Dallas Resident Waives Indictment

DALLAS — Phorval William Tattee, Dallas, charged with assault armed with a dangerous weapon, waived indictment by a grand jury Friday. Folk County District Attorney R. S. Kreson announced.

Tattee is charged with beating H. O. Pomeroy, Dallas with a steel hook arm last September 9.

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'Flying Service Stations' Boost Bomber Range

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP) Flying service stations will enable bombers to make non-stop flights around the world, the air force said today in announcing a 9,400-mile round trip test hop from Texas to Hawaii.

The flight was made Dec. 7-8 by a four engine B-50 bomber. "Tanker" planes refueled it three times on the 40-hour trip that started and ended in Fort Worth, Tex.

It was the first major demonstration of a new refueling technique to stretch the range of strategic bombers.

At the same time the B-50, something like the war - tested B-29 but with longer range, bomb load and speed, was making the hop a huge six - engine B-36 was making a non-stop flight over virtually the same route without refueling.

Air Secretary Symington revealed the B-50 flight in an address before the executive club in Chicago.

HONOLULU, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Hawaii's military commanders suffered a new embarrassment today.

They admitted that a B-50 bomber, on a non-stop refueling round trip from Texas to Hawaii was as completely undetected as the B-36 whose flight was disclosed Thursday.

Both planes made the flights from Fort Worth on December 7, seventh anniversary of the Japanese sneak raid on Pearl Harbor.

Woman Struck By Automobile

Mrs. O. E. McCrary, 545 N. 23rd st., was treated for minor injuries at Salem General hospital Friday after she was struck by a car while walking across the street at the intersection of 19th and Center.

Police identified the driver of the car as Huglet P. Magee, 1965 Breyman at Magee told police he was attempting a turn into 19th street from Center and did not see the woman. He was cited for no operator's license.

Ontario Senator May Hold Key to Senate Presidency

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The race for the state senate presidency may be settled this week end.

Senator-elect Elmo Smith, Ontario, one of the four unpledged senators, arrived in town today. He said he hoped the affair would get settled quickly.

Smith said he would go to Salem to try to line up a place to live during the legislative session, and would meet William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, one of the candidates for the presidency.

Walsh and Carl Engdahl, Pendleton, each claim 13 pledges. Smith was reported favoring Engdahl, who also is expected in town this week end.

Others unpledged are Frederick S. Lamport, Salem republican; Austin Fiegel and Richard L. Neuberger, both Portland democrats. Neuberger has said he will abstain from the voting.

10,186 SCHOOL TEACHERS

PORTLAND, Dec. 10.—(AP)—The number of public school teachers in Oregon exceeds 10,000 for the first time in history, the Oregon Education association reported today. The total at grade and high schools is 10,186 this year, 672 more than last year.

Crayfish periodically shed all their skin in one piece.

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Moeller Wins Corn Contest

CANBY, Dec. 10.—(AP)—George Moeller, Ontario, again won honors today as the seventh annual Oregon state corn show opened to the public.

Moeller, who won the Eastern Oregon corn-growing championship in judging before the show's gates opened, won the sweepstakes award ribbon in the Hybrid contest today.

Judging also began in the 16-car exhibit. There were 188 entries. Unexpectedly large crowds moved through the exhibits at the Clackamas county fairgrounds today. The show will continue two more days.

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