

Oregon's Tree Fruit, Nut Crop Below Average

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The year just closed was not a particularly favorable one for producers of tree fruits and nuts as total production was below average and returns for the most part relatively low considering production costs. The combined production of tree fruits and nuts approximated 280,000 tons, a part of which was not harvested.

This is 4 per cent under 1947 and the smallest crop since 1941. Although a part of the fruit crop is not yet sold, the total value of production is placed at about \$32,142,000. While this is 9 per cent above the value of the 1947 crop, it is 40 per cent below the value of 1946, the year when both production and returns were on a high level, the USDA crop reporting service shows.

Exports Disrupted

Significant shifts in the volume and destination of fruit exports occurred during the past season also is shown by the service. Exports of American-grown fruits were disrupted by dollar shortages. In general, the volume of most kinds exported was less than during the previous season but some countries took more.

Among the fresh fruits, apples and pears showed the sharpest decreases in total movement to other countries. The total for apples was only a little over half the previous season. Pears were down about 35 per cent. Sharp increases in exports of apples to the Philippines, Hong Kong and Venezuela placed these countries, along with Cuba, among the country's most important outside outlets.

Less Than Previous

Canada and Mexico still took comparatively large quantities but less than the previous season. It was in Europe that the great loss of export market for apples was suffered. Here the volume dropped from 67,000 tons during the 1946-47 season to only 8,000 during the past season. Sweden took over 80 per cent of the reduced tonnage but less than half as much as the preceding season.

For fresh pears, Brazil, Venezuela and Cuba became important outlets. The British Isles continued to lead all countries but the quantity was down a third or more.

Prunes, benefitting from government aid programs, were exported in larger tonnage. About three-fourths of the season's total went to Europe, mostly to Germany. Exports of most canned fruits also declined sharply. Canned grapes, some berries and other specialty items showed a little increase.

Couple Observe Their Wedding Anniversary

LYONS — Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Berry entertained Sunday honoring their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Berry on their wedding anniversary. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Carr, Gloria, Kathryn and Nadine, Ben Bodeker and Willard Berry.

Detroit — Mrs. F. A. Sikes has returned to her home in Bakersfield, Calif. after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wright. Her father is now a patient in Salem Memorial hospital.



TELEVISION PUPPET — Doris Brown poses with Jolo, the clown, one of the characters in puppet show which is to be put on television in serial form at New York studio.



NEW BOYS TOWN HEAD — Mgr. Nicholas H. Wegner, new director of Boys Town, famous little Nebraska city, holds hand of one of his charges in the gymnasium of the school.

Modern 'Pony Express' Ready to Roll



Shown in the photo is the U. S. mail department's postoffice on wheels which will leave Portland on its first trip through the Willamette valley next Monday morning. The modern "pony express" will make one round trip daily to pick up mail in postoffices between Portland and Corvallis.

Rolling Postoffice Set to Start Daily Portland-Corvallis Run

The U. S. postoffice department's modern version of the "pony express" will hit the trail Monday at 8:10 a. m.

Instead of a lone rider on a sturdy horse, a giant postoffice on wheels—the first in Oregon—will leave the Portland postoffice to collect mail from 22 postoffices in the valley.

The run from Portland will be by way of Beaverton, Aloha, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Carlton, Molalla, Independence, and eleven intermediate post offices, to Corvallis. A round trip will be made daily and stops to discharge and receive mail will be made each way at each of the twenty-two post offices on the route.

A round trip daily, seven days a week is scheduled. Leaving time at Portland is 8:10 a. m. and the scheduled return is 6:40 p. m. This schedule was carefully worked out by B. D. Westfall, Portland district superintendent of railway mail service to co-ordinate the mail service in the valley with train service out of Portland.

Dr. E. T. Hedlund, Portland Postmaster, says, "The inauguration of this Highway Post Office operation out of Portland represents an important milestone in the long and brilliant history of the untiring efforts of the post office department to render the best possible mail service out of Portland."

The coach, which measures 35 feet overall, has 30 feet of working space on the inside, weighs something over 10 tons.

The railway mail service is making surveys looking toward the use of additional highway post offices out of Portland and points in the northwest. This is being done in an effort to give top flight mail service, both first class and parcel post, to the cities and towns in the northwest, the department said.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Konzelman and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Withee, Jr. and Stanley spent New Year's with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Rutschman.

Arnold Braat was a guest at the Fred Withees this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Steingrube and family spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hastay in Salem and Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Ed Allen in Salem.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clow and family were guests of her mother, Mrs. Mary Hennrichson in Salem Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dickinson spent the holidays in Seattle where they visited their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Church spent the holiday visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lorenzen spent the holidays with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lorenzen in Amity.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Asher and family of Corvallis were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Warren accompanied their daughter, Mrs. Wilbur Baker to Gleneden Friday where they visited Mrs. Warren's sister, Mrs. J. E. Emerson.

Elephants, when pressed by fright, can easily outdistance a horse.

Meters Suggested As Revenue Source For Silverton

SILVERTON, Jan. 4—That Silverton is being run "most economically" for its size and progress, was the opinion of city council members Monday night at their first meeting of 1949. Surveys were read showing that only one other city in the state cost its citizens less to run than does Silverton.

However, said George Christenson, former mayor and serving as chairman of the Monday night meeting, "We are going to have to expand and to do this we are going to have to look for financial expansion as well." Christenson suggested parking meters as a "possibility."

Lloyd Fry, who had been sworn in as councilman earlier in the evening said it looked to him as if the "choice lay between parking meters and a special tax. It has come to a point where we will have to have more money to run the city."

Parking space on city streets was also discussed with Fry suggesting that if buses were taken from the streets considerable more parking space would be provided.

An ordinance was passed on its third reading providing for two-hour parking on First and Second streets from Oak to High. Another ordinance was adopted permitting minors to enter pool halls where no intoxicating liquors are sold.

Application of Johnny Olson to sell package beer at the Valley Co-op lockers was also approved and will be forwarded to the state commission for final action.

Phone Firm's Hearing Set

Hearing of the proceeding involving a proposed budget under which the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company would pay to the American Telephone & Telegraph company part of its gross receipts under a so-called service contract has been set for January 31 before Public Utilities commissioner George H. Flagg.

The service contract would include 1 1/2 per cent of the Pacific company's gross revenues up to last October 1 and one per cent after that time. Flagg previously rejected the contract on the ground that the Pacific company should restrict its payments to the American company on the basis of service actually received rather than on a percentage of gross receipts.

Pending an order of the Utilities commissioner the Pacific company has asked the Marion county circuit court to stay proceedings in a suit filed in the court involving a similar question. Arguments in the latter proceeding were heard here Monday.

Liberty—The Liberty Woman's Club will meet Thursday January 6 at the Paul Scharms on Vista Springs Road.

Members will decide whether the club is to have a booth at the carnival and if so to make plans.

Dallas—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Damon, 428 Monmouth ave., Monmouth, a daughter January 4 at Dallas hospital.

Jobless Pay at 2 1/2 Year High In December

Unemployment insurance to Oregon's covered workers reached \$1,113,109 in December for the highest monthly figure since April, 1946, but the year's payments of \$7,744,168 were \$8,367 lower than in 1947 and less than half the 1946 record total of over \$16,000,000, the commission reported Tuesday.

Readjustment allowances to unemployed veterans also rose considerably last month to \$562,677, but again the 1948 total of \$5,134,740 fell short by \$847,602 of the previous year's figure.

December's payments of \$1,675,786 to civilians and veterans was 27.3 per cent higher than the combined figure for December, 1947 and more than doubled the \$764,932 paid in November, 1948.

Self-employed veterans, also paid by the state agency under arrangement with the veterans administration, were paid \$785,301 last year, only about half the \$1,815,376 sent out in 1947.

Looney Butte to Join Jefferson School District

JEFFERSON, Jan. 4 — Consolidation of Looney Butte school district with Jefferson was approved by residents of the two districts Monday, a survey of the results here today indicated.

Jefferson approved the consolidation by a vote of 28 yes, and no negative votes. Looney Butte voters cast 22 for the consolidation and four votes against it.

Effective date of the consolidation depends upon the Marion county boundary board. Residents of Looney Butte have expressed a hope that Jefferson might be able to accommodate some of the 29 Looney Butte pupils who are scattered through the eight grades under the direction of one teacher.

Begonia Club To Organize

Salem begonia growers have been invited to a meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. in the YMCA for the formation of a Salem branch of the American Begonia society.

The group's purpose will be to stimulate and improve the growing of begonias and other shade-loving plants, such as African violets, orchids and fuchsias. All interested are invited to the meeting, and additional information is available from Al Clark at D-Vista Gardens, 3225 D st.

The chapter will be the first in Oregon of the national group.

Nurses Added to Health Department

One new nurse and a post graduate nurse have been added to the staff of the Marion county department of health, it was reported Tuesday.

Jean Wright, the new nurse, formerly practiced nursing in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Susan Dove, completing a year of public health nursing at the University of Oregon, is here for a three months training period. She is formerly of Rhode Island and graduated from Providence hospital there in 1944.

Newbury Asks Federal Taxes Against Motorists Be Abolished

A campaign to eliminate federal excise taxes against motorists is underway today, initiated by Oregon Secretary of State Earl T. Newbury. One aim is the possible gain of new funds for state highway programs without increased taxing of motorists.

Newbury has already sent letters urging repeal of the taxes to the state's delegation in congress and will soon dispatch more to other states' leaders and to various organizations of highway users.

Taxed Accessories

During the depression, starting in 1932, the federal government levied the excise tax against gasoline, oil, tires and tubes. According to Newbury this was an emergency measure but has been continued beyond the emergency for which it was intended.

The federal collections, which go into a general fund, rose from about \$57,000,000 in 1932 to more than \$1,000,000,000 in 1947, said Newbury. This included about \$13,000,000 last year from Oregon motorists. That amount is \$2,000,000 more than the estimate of the state's requirements for carrying out the highway building program outlined by the 1947 legislative interim committee.

Facing Serious Needs

The secretary of state reminded that all states are faced with serious highway building needs and the undesirable problem of levying new taxes to pay for such programs. In 1942 Oregon amended its constitution to prevent diversion of highway revenues to non-highway purposes, yet, he noted, one of the largest tax collections from highway users is used by the federal government for non-road purposes.

Newbury's plea for congressional repeal action is being directed to all secretaries of state, the Highway Users conference, Auto Manufacturers association and American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, of which Newbury is first vice president.

Scene Set for Wood Industry Pay Rise Plea

PORTLAND, Jan. 4—(AP)—A demand for another post-war round of wage increases in the lumber industry appeared in the making today.

The region's two big lumber unions disclosed conferences were scheduled for Portland in the next two weeks.

Sources close to the situation said the AFL Lumber and Sawmill Workers union would ask a 17 1/2-cent hourly boost. The CIO demand was expected to be similar.

The CIO may disclose its plans first. The International Woodworkers' regional negotiating committee will open a two-day session here Thursday on proposed changes from the 1948 contracts.

The committee will lay its recommendations before the annual conference of the northwest IWA locals here Saturday when about 210 delegates are on hand.

The AFL conference will come January 15, attended by 50 district council representatives.

The AFL demand for 17 1/2 cents would be that portion of an increase not won last year. The union sought 30 cents then, and got a 12 1/2-cent increase.

Prevailing minimums are \$1.45 in the fir industry and \$1.42 1/2 hourly in the pine region.

TURKEY RAISERS ON TRIP

PORTLAND, Jan. 4—(P)—Nineteen Oregon turkey breeders and hatcherymen were enroute today to the National Turkey federation convention in Des Moines. Among them were Felix Wright, Silverton, and Frank Lewis, Molalla. The convention opens Thursday.

More farm machinery rusts out than wears out.

Mayor



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