

# Berry Season Off to Early Start in Nation

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Oregon berry fields are still dormant but the strawberry season is off to an early start nationally. Strawberries from early states will compete with carry-over stocks of frozen strawberries. Many retail stores throughout the

country are reducing prices and featuring the frozen berries in an effort to increase movement. Queries from both processors and dealers Thursday in the mid-Willamette valley area, showed that practically all berries were out of hands of processors. There is still quite a carryover in the valley, however. Not Yet Determined Just what the prospects are for berries in Oregon this spring cannot yet be determined. Fieldmen for canners said Thursday. General estimates were for a comparatively light loss— from 3 to 10 per cent— from winter weather injury. Bearing acreage as a whole, if injury is small, will be considerably larger this season, estimates show.

Fresh shipments from the south so far this season are running well ahead of last year. Strawberries have moved out of Florida since early January, and nine cars had been shipped from Louisiana by February 20, reports released Thursday by the USDA show. This is a near record for early shipments from Louisiana. Due in Mid-March Shipments in volume are expected about mid-March. Last season, Louisiana shipped 80 cars of fresh berries besides large quantities moved by truck and some processed. Surveys on results of efforts to move carryovers as well as the effect of these on the arrival of fresh berries are now being made by the department of agriculture and will be completed within the next two weeks.

Injury to local berry fields will also be known better before the end of March, fieldmen stated Thursday. Some of the injury is in the roots and cannot be seen until actual growth starts, growers say. At present, the outlook for little injury is optimistic, they said.

## Anti-Wallgren Drive Political, Truman States

WASHINGTON, March 3—(AP)—President Truman said today politics was involved in the opposition to Mon C. Wallgren, nominated by the president to be chairman of the national security resources board.

Senator Cain (R-Wash.), who has been battling the appointment, announced today he had protested directly to the president by letter. Mr. Truman told questioners at a news conference he hadn't received the letter and had no comment on Cain's charges that Wallgren had associated with communists. But the president described Cain's opposition as purely a local political matter. Wallgren, a democrat, formerly was governor of Washington state and was one of Mr. Truman's close associates in the senate. The senate armed services committee, which is considering the nomination, decided to delay action on it until next Tuesday.

## Member of French A-Commission Arrested

PARIS, March 3—(AP)—A geologist member of France's atomic energy commission has been arrested and jailed in the government drive against communist spies, security police said tonight. The geologist, eighth to be arrested in the roundup, was identified by police as a man named Pelas, who the police said had been employed for a year with the atomic commission's department of uranium research.

## Union, Employers Join To Promote Shipping

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3—(AP)—Waterfront employers and CIO longshore leaders made history today when they jointly consulted on ways to give the Pacific shipping business a shot in the arm. It was the first of two days of "better business" sessions of coastwise representatives of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union and the Waterfront Employers' association.

1,000 AT RABBI'S RITES  
PORTLAND, March 3—(AP)—A thousand persons attended the final rites today for Henry J. Berkowitz, Portland Jewish leader who was the rabbi of congregation Beth Israel for 20 years. Berkowitz died here Tuesday.

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ZENA, March 3—Five generations are represented in this picture. Portrayed are Mrs. Carrie Penrose, 87 (left front), and her daughter, Mrs. Walter B. Hunt (left rear), of Zena; a granddaughter, Mrs. Ted Burns (right rear), also of Zena; and a great-granddaughter, Mrs. John Noble of Salem and great-great-granddaughter, Cheryl Ann Noble, born last August.

## Amity, Corvallis Men Win Farms in Idaho

Two mid-valley veterans were among the 46 from 12 states to draw farm tracts on the Minidoka reclamation project in southern Idaho Thursday, Associated Press reports. The lucky pair were Robert A. Brutke, Amity route 1, and Robert H. Beach, Corvallis, Oregon led the list of farm winners with 17.

## Tank Explodes in Hospital Basement

PORTLAND, March 3—(AP)—An explosion sent three fire companies racing to Physicians and Surgeons hospital today, but only one person was hurt. That was Fred O'Brien, a workman at the hospital, who suffered minor burns to hands and chest. He was using a torch to open a drum that had contained alcohol, and fumes exploded.

## Businessman Arrested On Tax Evasion Charge

PORTLAND, March 3—(AP)—Another Portland businessman was arrested today on a charge of income tax evasion. Sam G. Marinos, president of the Basket Grocery and Wine Shop, Inc., was arrested by federal officials this morning on a secret grand jury indictment. He was charged with making false income tax returns.

## Woman Second Portland Traffic Death of Year

PORTLAND, March 3—(AP)—Portland's second traffic fatality of 1949 was on record today, after an elderly woman succumbed in a hospital here. The victim was Mary Reznik, 74, Portland, who was struck by a car at an intersection last night.

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## Plane Search Turns West

EUGENE, Ore., March 3—(AP)—A logger's report of a low-flying plane turned the search for two missing fliers to the Triangle Lake area today. Several men working in the woods reported hearing a noisy plane overhead about 2 p.m. Tuesday—the day that Frank Hulme and his brother, William Hulme, disappeared in a private plane. The Menlo Park, Calif., brothers were en route from Kelso, Wash., to Sacramento, Calif. Their last radio report came from near Eugene.

## Scotland Yard Hot on Trail of Human Vampire

LONDON, March 3—(AP)—Scotland Yard detectives scraped up fragments of bone from a London basement today, seeking proof of their belief a human vampire had slain half a dozen rich Britons and dissolved their bodies in acid. They say they believe the killer lusted not only for money, but for actual human blood. There were indications the killer slit the throat of pretty Mrs. Rosalie Henderson and sipped her blood from a glass. Police think her body was later dropped into an acid vat to destroy it and that her husband met the same fate, along with other victims.

## Norway Accepts Invitation to Join Defense Pact Talk

WASHINGTON, March 3—(AP)—Norway has accepted an invitation to join in negotiations for a north Atlantic defense pact, Ambassador Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstjerne announced today. The ambassador told a news conference that he will represent his country at a meeting with the negotiators tomorrow in the state department. In Copenhagen, diplomatic sources said Denmark also had decided to line up with the western powers and take part in the discussions of a North Atlantic defense alliance.

## Girls Win Citation; Keep Horses from Crowd of Children

PORTLAND, March 3—(AP)—The police chief sent commendations to William Wong when you dine at 99 Cafe Chinese - American Dishes 1/2 mile So. on 99E.

today to three schoolgirls who saved a crowd of younger children from being trampled by escaped horses. A herd of horses, loose from a riding academy, galloped down a

street toward where some 20 first and second graders were walking. Three girls, stationed at the intersection as junior patrolmen, herded the youngsters away from the street, and pushed them—

by one—over a fence into a corner lot. Police Chief Charles P. Pray sent citations to the three: Jean VanLoon, 14; Sandra Wiles, 12; and Madelyn Lindsay, 12.

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