

# Cherry Outlook Still Doubtful Say Growers

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Cherry growers are this week considering quite seriously the economic situation regarding this particular fruit. And in the meantime they are going ahead completing their harvest.

"We have to harvest to help pay for cultivation and dusting; they are almost unanimously agreed.

Most of the cherry growers visited this week said they were getting about 5 1/2 cents a pound for their cherries in the open cash market and those selling to cooperatives admitted they might "get somewhat more but we aren't banking too heavily on it yet."

Dave Schlag, who has cherry-farmed for 20 years in the Salem vicinity and now has nine acres of cherries in the Clear Lake area, said he "rather expects the cherry grower will come out a little on the short end this year," adding that "everything seems to be a bit unsteady in price, so the cherry growers are apt to take somewhat of a rap."

## Clark Needs Pickers

Schlag was paying three cents for picking and has had no difficulty in obtaining sufficient pickers. However, he said he has heard some growers are. Among the larger growers, Roscoe Clark stated he has been short of pickers throughout the season. William H. Baillie, Salem manager of the state employment office, stated other growers are short as well.

However, a number of growers made the statement this week that unless they specifically advertised for pickers, they wish would-be pickers would report at the employment office as that is the place most of the growers obtain their pickers. Frequently, some of the smaller orchardists reported, carloads of transient pickers toured the country stopping at various orchards looking for work. Much time could be saved, the growers said, if the pickers would go to the office and then report to the orchards desiring help.

## Cherry Survey Made

Three years ago the farm management department of Oregon State college made a survey of cherry growers throughout the state. This survey showed that it cost 8.33 cents per pound to produce cherries.

Louie H. Gross, county agent in Yamhill where some of the records were made points out that machinery and fuel have gone up since the survey was made three years ago. The price of picking and man labor on the farm is about the same, but taxes have almost doubled during that time.

The prune situation is somewhat similar, Mr. Gross continues. Rumor has it, he tells, that canneries may offer \$25 to \$30 a ton for green prunes. This price, he explains, is also below the cost of production as figured by the farm management department, who turns out an unbiased calculation for the purpose of pointing out to the farmer why his checking account is pretty low some years after harvest.

## Prunes No Better

Mr. Gross states further that there is one prune grower in Yamhill county who has publicly made the statement that his prune orchard owes him \$20,000, and adds that "let's all think about this situation a little and either quit raising these fruits or figure out some way where we get more than cost of production for raising them."

The peak of cherry picking will be passed by Sunday, most growers believed, although picking will continue well into next week in some orchards. Pickers are making very good wages in the orchards, surveys showed, with many averaging from \$9 to \$11 a day.

Rain over the weekend caused little or no damage to the fruit, growers state, with only a very few complaining of cracked fruit. Processors report that the percentage of damaged cherries is low and no more injury is expected, barring further rains.

# THE VALLEY NEWS COLUMNS

From The Oregon Statesman's Valley Correspondents

## CBI Employs Swing Shift On Detroit Dam

MILL CITY — A swing shift has been put to work at the Detroit dam site as work on the gigantic project stepped up in tempo this month.

Excavation has been started on the diversion tunnel at the site where the North Santiam river will be diverted while the dam foundations are being set. Shea Construction company is the subcontractor in charge of drilling a diversion tunnel through solid rock. The upstream bridge was completed last month.

Excavation is also underway to make space for the main office and machine shop for Consolidated Builders, Inc., contractors in charge of the project. The CBI engineers are now located at the Mill City firehall and the general offices in the Presbyterian church. The company now employs about 300 workers.

Due to the current mill workers strike, work on the CBI housing unit in Mill City has been delayed. Some 22 houses, due for completion June 1, probably will not be finished until September 1.

## Elm Beetle Control Suggested for June

June is a good month for applying a protective lead arsenate spray for control of the elm leaf beetle, says County Extension Agent D. L. Rasmussen. The recommended spray contains 3 to 4 pounds lead arsenate plus a spreader sticker in 100 gallons of water.

Good control with the lead arsenate spray has been reported by Max Klemm of the Keizer district near Salem. Klemm has sprayed elms on the capitol grounds in past years. He has found that a single spray at this time of year has protected elm leaves from the damaging feeding habits of the leaf beetles.

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GERVAIS — Harold Lenhardt was re-elected director of Gervais school district 76 in the annual meeting Monday. Other members of the board are Bert Knowles, and Mrs. Henry Steger. B. B. Barner, clerk of the district for a number of years, has resigned and Mrs. Stanley Elke will replace him.

PEDEE — Voters of the Pedee school district Monday night approved a 1949-50 budget \$3,557 in excess of the 6 per cent limit, and elected Glen Robinson to the board. He replaces Rufus Dodge whose term expires. Eldon Cates was elected to the board of the rural school district from zone 3.

GATES — Elmer Klutke was elected a director of the Gates school district Monday, succeeding Fred Butler who submitted his resignation to his two-year term. Gale Carey was chosen for the three-year term, replacing Elmer Stewart, whose term expired.

## St. Louis Catholic Church To Hold Dinner July 17

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Catholic parish will hold its annual old-fashioned chicken dinner and picnic at the parish hall Sunday, July 17. Dinner will be served starting at noon.

In charge of the dinner are Mrs. C. I. Grassman, Mrs. James Leith and Mrs. L. G. Ferschnweiler. Games, refreshments and an entertainment program will take place on the parish grounds.

Prizes will include a homemade quilt, an aluminum roaster, white chenille bedspread, an aluminum coffee maker and sheets. On sale will be a large selection of fancy work. The kiddies will fish for surprises in the pond.

## Marion, Polk County School Districts Elect New Directors

Results of annual school district elections through Marion and Polk counties were announced Wednesday when officials completed a check of votes. Some of the results as reported by Statesman valley correspondents.

JEFFERSON — Rural schools held their annual school meeting Monday night.

At Talbot, Keith Allen will be chairman of the school board, with Ed Lambert named for two years to fill the unexpired term of George Potts, jr. Delmer Davidson was re-elected for three years. Mrs. Bertha Jorgenson is clerk. Edwin Swartz was chosen a member of the rural school board. Mrs. E. B. Henningsen's name was written in for non-union high school member.

Scravelhild district patrons discussed modernization of their school district and voted to obtain estimates on work to begin immediately. On the school board next year will be Francis Grenz, chairman; Mrs. Harold Crocker and L. L. Hilliker, with Mrs. Orrin Smith continuing as school clerk.

Jack DeVaney will be chairman of the DeVaney school board with other members Mike Helms and Kenneth Ellis. Mrs. William Uppstad will be the new clerk.

At Sidney, Ed Zehner is chairman with other board members being Harold Super and Lloyd Marlett. Mrs. Lawrence Finlay is clerk. Edwin Swartz was voted on as member of the rural school board and Delmer Davidson's name written in on the non-union high ticket. Sidney will call a meeting as soon as a speaker can be obtained to discuss consolidation and unionization with Jefferson district.

POPCORN — Harold Anderson was elected director for a three-year term in the Popcorn school district Monday, replacing Guy McDowell. Steve Bauman was chosen for a one-year term. The voters also approved a budget slightly outside the 6 per cent limit.

## Valley Births

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## Gates Cemetery Group Elects 1950 Officers

GATES — Velma Carey was re-elected director of the Fairview Cemetery association for a three-year term in a meeting at the school Monday. Mrs. M. G. Rambo was elected for a two-year term, and Mrs. Glenn Henness was chosen secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Carey presided during the business session. It was reported that a mower has been purchased for use in the cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rebhan of Dallas spent Friday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Norman Garrison.

Mrs. Sophia Chittick of Salem is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Rush.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Henness, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Major Baughn of Detroit, were fishing recently at Diamond Lake.

Helien Wilson entertained Saturday with a dinner party at her home. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hill and Don Carey, Gates.

Mrs. Minnie Everton, Yakima, Wash., arrived Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Burrell Cole. Mrs. Everton has been ill recently.

Keith Henness left this week for Forest Grove where he will be employed in the logging industry.

Mrs. Tillman Raines visited this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joe Toepfer at Coon Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schultz, Wheeler, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Heath.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards are in Bellingham, Wash., this week attending an Edwards family reunion.

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