

County to Realize Over \$1 Million in Peppermint Crop

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CORVALLIS — Peppermint will bring in more than a million and a quarter dollar-wise to Marion County from the 1954 crop, and will cover 82% million to the state, M. D. Thomas, agricultural economist, said Thursday at the sixth annual meeting of the Oregon Essential Oil Growers League convention.

Thursday morning and will close Friday night, following which, those in attendance will go to the Washington State-Oregon State basketball game.

The peppermint market looks promising for the next year or two and thereafter it is likely to weaken again, Thomas continued.

The 1954 market opened at \$5 in September and moved rapidly up to \$7. Buyers at the meeting stated that they were now making a few contracts for the 1955 crop at \$6, which is up \$2 from the opening price of the 1953 market.

Exports Heavy
Thomas laid the recent price rise largely to heavier exports to Europe. Domestic demand also remained strong this year despite a slight rise in production over 1953. However, Thomas believed this new price-rise would likely lead to a new build-up in Oregon acreage, too, which had dropped from a total of 15,000 acres in 1952 to a little more than 12,000 in 1954.

"Five dollars seems to be the balance price," Thomas explained. "When the price rises above this, so does the acreage, and then the price starts dropping again. When the price gets below the \$5, then the acreage begins to drop."

Marion County High
Columbia County was way out in front in peppermint production in the state in 1940-44, when 2,180 acres were grown there, and only 960 in Marion. It was brought out Thursday at the convention. This past year, while Columbia crawled up to 2,500 acres, Marion had jumped to 4,800.

Disease, however, is threatening peppermint, not only in Marion County, but throughout the state. C. E. Horner, pathologist at the state college, and one of the Thursday speakers, told that approximately 10 per cent of the peppermint crop was lost last year by rust alone. The loss has been particularly heavy during the past two years, he added, as the summers had been abnormally wet. Should there be a dry summer in the offing for 1955 rust loss is expected to be considerably less, Horner explained, as he urged growers to turn old plant debris "well under" in ploughing.

Deep Ploughing Advised
"Plough sufficiently deep so that plants have to come up three or four inches through soil. They'll come up without the rust spores then," he said, as he also told the growers to spray, suggesting the use of dinitro weed killer when the plants were two or three inches high—along in April.

Some 30 varieties of rust resistant mint varieties are now on test for flavor and oil content at the college, the growers were told. Another disease, which has shown up in fields in the Jefferson, Albany and Labish area, is verticillium wilt. No satisfactory control for this has yet been found and growers were told to remove from cultivation all acres showing any signs of this disease.

John W. Whipple, president of the league, urged the growers to "maintain a high quality oil here in Oregon. This is imperative in view of the competition which is creeping in," he said as he mentioned that "great interest in mint growing is being shown in California and Idaho recently."

New York Speaker
Jerry Nibler, former Marion County agent, and now with the extension division at the college, was master of ceremonies at the league banquet Thursday night. Featured speaker was Dr. Ernest Guenther, vice president and technical director of the Fritzsche Brothers, New York, one of the largest essential oil users in the world. Dr. Guenther will give his principal address to the league Friday morning at 10 a. m.

Vernon Woods, vice president, will open the Friday session at 8:30 a. m. A panel on mint production will precede Dr. Guenther's talk.

Marion Thomas will give his formal mint oil market outlook at 1:15 p. m. Friday, followed by the election of officers and committee reports.

New Taxpayer Group Holds First Meeting

General consensus of the first meeting Thursday night of the newly-formed Marion County Taxpayers Association was that taxes cannot be decreased and at the same time a progressive community maintained.

The state's program of reappraisal of property for taxing purposes was explained to some 65 persons who packed the Marion County courtroom by Robert Oslund, chief appraisal engineer for the State Tax Commission.

He said glaring inequities had been uncovered in some counties in which such a reappraisal had been made.

"This reappraisal," said Oslund, "won't bring in any more money, but will see those now paying too much paying much less, and those paying too little, more."

Oslund said that the cost of a property reappraisal in Marion County would be about \$350,000. The cost would be split between county and state on a fifty-fifty basis.

Speakers at the meeting, all representing some type of civic endeavor, were Gardner Knapp, Salem public schools; Fred Remington, county schools; Mayor Robert White, city of Salem; Mrs. Louise Humphrey, Oregon Business and Tax Research, Portland, and Judge Rex Hartley, Marion County Court.

Knapp explained that the six mill serial tax levy approved by Salem voters in 1950 was being used for construction of new schools in the Salem School District.

Remington explained the state's basic school support fund to the group. Taxes, and enough of them, are needed to maintain a high standard of teachers, buildings and supplies in county schools, he stressed.

Officers of the new county taxpayers association are James B. Young, president; Lee V. Eyerly, vice president; Conrad Paulson, E. A. Miller and Lee V. Ohmart.

Future meetings are planned.

Extortion Try For \$200,000 Told in Canada

VANCOUVER, B. C. (AP) — Attempts to extort \$200,000 from Harry F. Reifel, Vancouver millionaire, and wealthy William Vincent Astor of New York were disclosed by police here Thursday.

Heinz Adam, 43, Vancouver, charged with "unlawfully sending a letter" to Reifel demanding \$50,000, and a similar one demanding \$150,000 for Astor.

Police said the letter did not threaten physical violence. Adam was described as an immigrant in Canada two years, and married with two children.

City police, RCMP and postal authorities have been investigating the case for some weeks both here and in New York.

Postal authorities started investigating after Astor disclosed receipt of the letter in New York.

Mill Worker Injures Head

A Salem man was hospitalized Thursday after suffering a head injury in an unexplained accident at the Oregon Pulp and Paper plant.

The injured man, Albert Cox, 1290 N. Commercial St., was treated by first aidmen and taken by Willamette Ambulance to Salem Memorial Hospital. He later was pronounced in satisfactory condition.

An employe of the mill's paper division, Cox reportedly was found lying on the floor of the wood room by fellow workers.

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When he first came to Salem, Lee went into the abstract business, then was in the county assessor's office in charge of property valuation and assessment, and for many years was on the directorate of the savings and loan firm he helped organize. The family home was at 1515 State St. for many years.

His wife, the former Linnie M. Atwood of Onarga, Ill., to whom he was married in 1893, preceded him in death three years ago. Survivors include two sons, Lloyd A. Lee of Salem, and Paul A. Lee of Portland; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held at the Rigdon Mortuary at 1:30 p. m. Saturday with the Rev. Brooks Moore officiating. Interment will be in the Brooks City View Cemetery.

Extension of Draft Backed In Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Compulsory military training for all draft-age youths and a four-year extension of selective service were proposed in Congress with powerful backing Thursday.

Without waiting for the administration to offer details of its own proposals, Chairman Russell (D-Ga.) and six other members of the Senate Armed Services Committee introduced a broad-fermed measure in that body. They included Sen. Jackson (D-Wash.).

An identical bill was offered in the House by Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.), of the House Armed Services Committee.

The "military manpower training bills" were sponsored by the American Legion and other veterans' organizations which have been pressing Congress for universal military training for several years.

The measures were introduced shortly after President Eisenhower had delivered his State of the Union message. In it he promised to send Congress details of the administration's proposals next Thursday.

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Views Vary to Ike's Call for Cooperation

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While there was the usual political skirmishing on the sidelines, Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, new majority leader of the Senate, said:

"The President's various recommendations will receive reasonable consideration by reasonable men. In some instances, they will be accepted; in others they will be rejected; and in still others, there will be substitutes. But the attitude of the Democratic Party will be in keeping with his call to subordinate partisanship, pride and prejudice to the nation's welfare."

House Speaker Rayburn of Texas called some of Eisenhower's recommendations "very good" and said he thought the President's State of the Union message was "well organized and delivered."

Some other Democratic leaders emphasized that political cooperation is a two-way street, and said they would be governed accordingly.

Republicans generally applauded the President's program as a moderate, middle-of-the-road course which the Democrats would be well advised to follow: There were a few GOP dissenters, mainly on tariff reductions and farm price supports.

The one thought that appeared uppermost in the minds of most legislators as they talked it over in Capitol lobbies was national defense. Administration farm and tax policies dominated the discussion of domestic issues.

At least two House members, Reps. Albert Thomas (D-Tex.) and Steed (D-Okla.) viewed Eisenhower's message as an announcement that he intended to seek reelection two years hence, while Sen. Monroney (D-Okla.) termed it "one of the least political" speeches in recent history.

Sen. Knowland of California, Senate Republican leader who has called for a blockade of Red China to force the release of imprisoned Americans, said:

"The President's message pledges our nation to work for the creation and preservation of a free world of free men. No appeasement or policy of waiting for the dust to settle is contemplated by the message."

Here is the way some Congress members reacted to Eisenhower's proposal that any further tax cuts be put off until next year:

Rep. Daniel A. Reed, of New York, senior Republican on the House Ways and Means Committee: "I am gratified that the President believes further tax reductions may be possible next year."

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"RICOCHET ROMANCE," with Marjorie Main and Chill Wills

HOLLYWOOD
"LITTLE BOY LOST," with Bing Crosby
"MIGHTY JOE YOUNG"

Portland Given Taste of Smog

PORTLAND (AP) — A combination of weather conditions gave Portland a taste of smog for a while Thursday.

Weather forecasters said a high pressure area in this region was in part to blame. There was a slight northeast breeze, but the city's West Hills formed a barrier that combined with warm air overhead to trap fog and smoke in the downtown area through much of the morning.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TAKEN
Mrs. Mary Shelley, 891 N. Winter St., told city police that three strings of outdoor Christmas tree lights were stolen Thursday from her premises. The woman blamed juveniles for the theft.

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