

Crest of Harvest Now Reached; Worker Shortages Not Serious

Crest of the late hop, bean and fruit picking in Northwestern Oregon is passing with but minor worker shortages. The spotlight of seasonal farm labor demand is shifting to Medford and Hood River areas, where nearly 2000 additional pickers can be used for several weeks in pear and apples.

Late beans and miscellaneous vegetables and fruits will keep thousands of families busy for the remainder of September, while the potato harvest in about two weeks will engage many workers in Central Oregon.

In a weekly survey of farm labor demand and supply, Earl R. Lovell, state employment director,

Monday called attention to the combination of excellent weather and a well worked out informational system between 23 local offices that has kept available workers busy all over the state and has prevented serious shortages.

Here is the mid-September outlook in the most active farm areas:

Albany—Picking of late beans will continue into October. Pickers with camping equipment needed.

Bend—Adequate labor for hay and grain, but 500 more potato pickers wanted about September 27. Camps now available, but equipment necessary.

Eugene—About 200 more needed for hop harvest ending September 25.

Hood River—Late pear picking starts September 15 with 1500 outside workers asked. Cabins available for long season but campers should have bedding and utensils.

McMinnville—About 50 corn pickers wanted. Farm camp shelters now vacant. Prunes and nuts coming on.

Medford—Urgent need for 325 more pear pickers. No break in demand until after October 15.

Portland—Hillsboro farm labor camp can accommodate many families, who are needed for late beans.

Salem, Ontario, Corvallis, Grants Pass, Oregon City, Lebanon and Freewater areas also busy with a variety of crops, but no shortage expected except at Klamath Falls, where potatoes will be ready late in September.

Jet Fighter Planes Crash

FRANKFURT, Germany—(AP)—Two U. S. F-80 jet fighter planes crashed Monday near Kaufbeuren while en route to England to take part in "Battle of Britain" day, Sept. 15.

Another F-80 jet is missing, the U. S. Air Force headquarters announced.

Pilots of both the crashed planes were believed to have been killed. The cause of the mishaps was undetermined.

All three planes had taken off in a formation of eight from the Fuerstentfeldbruck Air Base in Bavaria. The other five were reported to have landed safely at Manston, Eng.

West Financial Leader Dead

ASTORIA, Ore.—(AP)—William L. Thompson, 69, retired chairman of the Board of the Columbia River Packers' Assn. and a prominent Northwest financial leader, died Sunday.

He had been ill for over two years but had kept in daily contact with the affairs of the fishing industry from his apartment home over the firm's offices on the waterfront here.

CRPA Post
Thompson acquired control of the CRPA in 1924, served as its president until 1929 and was chairman of the board until his retirement. He had continued to meet with the board, although his interest was sold to trans-America Corp. in 1946.

Prior to entering the fishing industry, he had been associated with Northwest banks. He was a member of the Oregon Highway Commission from 1917 to 1919 and a member of the Port of Portland Commission from 1923 to 1928.

Career Noted
A Wisconsin native, he came west in 1900 and worked with the First National Bank of Lewistown, Idaho. In 1904 he went to Pendleton, organizing the Commercial National Bank, and in 1919 to Portland to become assistant vice-president of the First National Bank.

Survivors include the widow, the former Aletta Baumeister of Olympia, Wash.; a son, Edward, now president of the packers association; a granddaughter, and a brother, John, all of Astoria.

Thurston School Enrolls 197 Pupils

THURSTON—Classes began in the local grade school Monday, Sept. 13, with 197 students in the first six grades. Registration by grades shows: first grade, 31; second, 26; third, 42; fourth, 40; fifth, 26; sixth, 32.

Principal Hugh Hassell states, "This is a considerably increased enrollment over last year, when about 180 students attended here, including seventh and eighth graders who this year go to Springfield Junior High School."

Antonie Mosnetts

Antonie Mosnetts, 84, died Sunday in Eugene. She was born at St. Paul, Minn. June 10, 1864, and lived in Eugene the past 17 months. She was the widow of Roman Mosnetts who died in Portland in 1942.

Surviving are three children, Mrs. J. R. Mumma, Portland, George F., of Albany, and Mrs. G. A. Metzger, Eugene; a sister, Mary Spadino, St. Paul; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Wednesday at 9 a. m., with the Rev. Francis P. Leipzig officiating. Recitation of the Rosary will be at Poole-Larsen Mortuary Tuesday at 7 p. m. Interment will be in the Portland Mt. Calvary Cemetery at 3 p. m. Wednesday.

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Poll Scheduled for Junction City Consolidated School District

Voters in the six school districts making up the Junction City consolidated grade school district will be polled Friday from 8 to 9 p. m. at their respective school houses on the question of re-establishing the district which was dissolved in circuit court Sept. 1, in order to clear up a legal technicality.

A previous consolidation election in June had been found to be null and void and the new election has been called so that the district could conduct business without further legal difficulty.

Districts
The districts making up the consolidation are No. 10—Franklin; 15—Lancaster; 17—Union; 108—Swamp; 77—Goldson; and 69—Junction City. All had joined Junction City last June before tax rolls and budgets were completed with the purpose of making the consolidation effective when school starts Sept. 20.

It was while plans were being made for a bond issue to build a new grade school for the combined district that legal faults in the previous election were discovered.

Technicality
The names of six petitioners were not on the tax rolls, a technicality.

Mt. Vernon Counts Many

MT. VERNON—With a considerably increased enrollment over last year's 192, the local school began Monday with 231 registered and more expected.

Mrs. Myrtle Clark, principal, states the division of students by grade is as follows: first, 43; second, 51; third, 36; fourth, 39; fifth, 33; sixth, 30.

Monday's large enrollment surprised everybody by running high over the pre-registration of Wednesday, Sept. 8, when only 172 students were counted. Vacations and field work were credited with the difference.

Obsidians Receive Foodstuff by Plane

Professor Frank Sipe led 13 Obsidians up Mt. Scott Sunday, by way of the Scott Trail. A CAP plane dropped ice cream and fruit juice to the hikers, part of whom visited Tenas Lakes for swimming.

Making the trip were the leader, Blanche Beckett, Anne Elston, Mary and Bailey Castelloe, Thelma Watson, Bertha Deckmann, Bob Ritchie, Pat Walder, Mildred and Margaret Vaughan, Bill Schalleck, and Bayard McConaughy.

Waitress Shortage Said Alleviated

The waitress shortage in Eugene has been greatly alleviated by a good response from women in and out of town, Walter King, secretary and business agent for the Culinary Alliance, announced Monday.

The union reported a shortage last week, but few, if any, positions remain now to be filled, he said.

Jessie McAlexander

Jessie McAlexander, Harrisburg, died Sunday in Eugene. She was born April 27, 1895, in Fayetteville, Ark.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters, James and David, of Harrisburg, and Charles, of Los Angeles; Mrs. Jack R. Austin, Marietta, Ga., and Mrs. Allen Strader, Albany, Ga., and Miss Bernice McAlexander; 13 grandchildren; two brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a. m. at the S. D. A. Church, Junction City. The Rev. R. F. Breese will officiate, and interment will be in Alford Cemetery, Harrisburg.

Troyer Family

Funeral services for Owen Henry Troyer, his wife, Marie, and daughter Sharron were held Friday at the home of Mrs. Troyer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hostetler, Oakland.

Concluding services were at the Menonite Church in Harrisburg. The Troyers were killed in an auto accident near Yoncalia Monday. Mr. Troyer is survived by his parents in Ohio, four brothers and a sister. Mrs. Troyer is survived by her parents, five brothers and six sisters.

FIRES REPORTED

Fire of undetermined origin badly damaged a bedroom at 68 28th Ave. E. Saturday at 8:45 p. m. Firemen, who reported that residents of the home were away at the time, were unable to find the cause of the fire which burned a considerable amount of clothing in addition to the walls and ceiling of the room. Monday, at 2:09 a. m., another fire was reported at 914 Madison where careless smoking had resulted in a davenport blaze.

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The hand-hewn cedar records chest was presented to Sen. Morse by Linn W. Nesmith of Salem, the grandson of the late Sen. Nesmith of Civil War service in the upper chamber.

In presenting the family heirloom to Oregon's junior senator, Nesmith said, "If the virtues of your senatorial record, sir, from

JANUARY, 1945, to date, were written, this chest would not hold them. Your faults, senator, I have written in the sands. . . ."
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Crowd Space Also on Agenda

Eugene's lack of adequate public assembly places may come up for considerable attention Thursday night at a public meeting called by the District 4 School Board.

Although subordinate to the overall problem of Eugene's school construction needs, the auditorium issue is one that has been discussed by many community organizations.

The school board, Superintendent Clarence Hines reported Monday, has been wrestling since 1943 with the question of building a sizable auditorium in the new Eugene high school.

The board's decision has been that the people, as a whole, should decide whether they want to pay the additional cost for such a project, Hines said, and they will attempt to draw out opinions on the matter Thursday night.

The public meeting will begin at 8 p. m. at Woodrow Wilson Junior High School, and will deal primarily with the question of how the school district can best finance the building of additional schools to handle a fast-growing pupil population.

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