



Royale Anne finale—Jenny Thomas cherry orchard, long distinguished for abundant and consistent production, is now being reduced to cordwood by Lewis Meyer (shown) and James Overfield, his associate. In recent years the orchard became less profitable and the site, now owned by the Grabenhorst company, is being developed as a real estate project.

Noted Cherry Orchard to Be Converted Into Stove Fuel

By BEN MAXWELL

Cordwood is now being made of cherry trees that two decades ago gave the Jenny Thomas orchard south of Salem near the intersection of Liberty road and Pacific highway an enviable reputation for prolific and consistent production.

Yields of seven tons an acre were not unusual for this exceptional orchard of about six acres.

But here, as in other Willamette valley orchards past maturity, yields were less abundant and consistent in recent years, and for two seasons past a spokesman for the Grabenhorst company, present owners, indicated that returns were something less than fixed costs of production. A few months ago a bulldozer was engaged to remove the trees and the famous Jenny Thomas orchard, like other over-age cherry acreage in the Willamette valley, is on its way to becoming cordwood.

Lewis Meyer and James Overfield, who have the contract for cutting the fallen trees into furnace and stove lengths, estimate that 30 cords of wood remain after brush has been burned. A chain saw is being used for cutting limbs and trunks into selected lengths. Forty old tires were used in kindling fires

for burning brush.

Oldtimers believe the Jenny Thomas orchard, consisting mostly of the Royale Anne variety, was planted about 35 years ago. This cherry, a leading and most acceptable commercial variety in this locality, is of unknown origin, though it is described by German, French, Dutch and English horticulturists of the 18th century. Parmentier, a Belgian, named the variety "Napoleon" to honor the great emperor and it is known by this name elsewhere than on the Pacific coast.

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Units comprising the council are Silverton, Woodburn, Aurora, Brooks, Hubbard, Hayesville, Englewood and Richmond schools in Salem; Jefferson, Stayton, West Stayton, Sublimity, Aumsville, Mill City, Detroit-Idanha, Gervais, Swegle, Scotts Mills and Ketter.

Mrs. C. A. Fratzke, Independence, state regional vice president, and Mrs. Leslie Morris, past president of the Marion county council, are expected to attend. Methods of organizing successful PTA units will be discussed.

Silverton

Miss Hannah Olson and Miss Bessie Gregerson of the grade school faculty, have plans completed for a plane trip to Norway for a special exchange course of study for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Brown (Marian Lais) and Cathy and Sally, of Roseburg, were overnight guests at the home of a sister of Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Ed Lambert of James avenue, Sunday evening.

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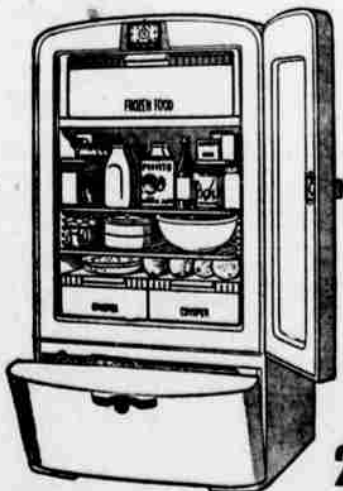
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