



Who-e-o-o—David Brown, 9, mimics his pet, a screechless screech owl, at a pet show in a downtown park in Los Angeles. He won first prize in the class of "Most Unusual Pet." (AP Wirephoto)

### Marketing Outlook Bright For This Year's Filberts

Hopes are bright for relief in the marketing of this year's record filbert crop among Oregon and Washington growers attending a U. S. department of agriculture hearing at Portland last week, reports John E. Trunk, general manager of Northwest Nut Growers.

The hearing was called to consider a proposed marketing agreement submitted to the department in July by Northwest Nut Growers, and it is possible that the agreement can be made effective and order issued by October 1, Trunk declared.

The testimony at the hearing gave the Department of Agriculture conclusive proof of the fact that the position of the filbert grower is unfavorable for several reasons which will continue beyond this year's huge harvest. Trunk asserted, and showed that the industry recognizes need of a program to promote self-help.

It was also apparent, from the almost unanimous support of the proposed agreement by those attending the hearing, that it represented the form of self-help which both growers and handlers approved, Trunk said. No packer and only one grower among the numerous witnesses

testifying before the department of agriculture officials conducting the hearing, voiced opposition to the agreement in principle. There were, he adds, some easily reconciled differences of opinion about specific provisions of the proposed agreement.

"Department of agriculture officials in charge of the hearing were made aware of all the problems which filbert growers face in this and other years," Trunk pointed out. "There were indications that the department would make every effort to shorten procedure so that the agreement can be made effective and order issued this year."

In the matter of grading standards, Northwest Nut Growers, proponent of the proposed agreement, deferred to the request of other packers that Oregon grades be substituted for U. S. grades. Trunk explained

that the packers who requested the change have already ordered packaging supplies with Oregon grade imprints, and the harvest season is so near that time as well as money would be lost if records were necessary.

### Group Has Breakfast

Falls City—The women's society held its annual breakfast

at the Christian church. At the close a birthday cake and gift were presented to the vice president, Mrs. Howard Gramling. The business program was in charge of Mrs. Richard Paul. Devotionals were led by Mrs. Hoppe. There were ten members present and three visitors. Several of the home department members were able to be present.

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