

Wenatchee Fruit Growers Get Right to All-Year Deer Season

Wenatchee, Wash., Jan. 26 (U.P.)—A justice court jury gave fruit growers virtually an all-year open season on deer in a dramatic decision witnessed by more than 1,500 growers and sportsmen here late Tuesday.

The trial of farmer Warren Griffith, acquitted on charges of killing 25 deer out of season, drew such crowds that it was moved to the city's largest theater.

Spectators filled the theater's 1,070 seats and jammed the aisles. Proceedings were broadcast to hundreds more who were turned away at the door.

The six-man jury acquitted Griffith on the charge of illegally shooting 25 deer in his orchard between September and January. It found him guilty on a lesser charge of failing to report the killings to the state game department. He was fined \$10, suspended, for "lack of cooperation" with the department.

The Entiat valley grower testified that deer caused hundreds of dollars worth of damage to his 30-acre orchard last winter and that he decided the only way to keep the same thing from happening again was to "take care of the animals myself."

He declared that he had received no cooperation from the game department.

"As a farmer," he testified, "I have as much right to protect my property from costly deer damage as the city dweller has."

Most of the spectators were fellow fruit growers, many of whom said after the verdict that they would follow Griffith's example to protect their trees from deer damage.

Central Washington is a popular hunting area for thousands of sportsmen in the Pacific northwest. Hunting organizations have opposed the shooting of deer out of season on the contention that the deer popula-

Over \$200,000 Liquor Money Given Counties

The state department distributed more than \$200,000 in liquor receipts to counties and cities today.

Of the total, \$61,711 came from the Chelan county courthouse, but it was moved to the Liberty theater when crowds overflowed the two small courtrooms and milled around outside the building.

from privilege taxes on alcoholic beverages for the last three months of 1949.

Other liquor tax money distributed today included \$210,000. Of this amount, \$52,500 went into the state general fund, and the rest to counties and cities.

Local, state and federal governments pay more than 90 percent of the costs of elementary and secondary schools in the United States and more than two thirds of the costs of higher education.

Pan-Am Clipper Loses Engine Over Ocean

San Francisco, Jan. 26 (U.P.)—A Pan American clipper lost an engine over the Pacific ocean Wednesday but landed safely at Tokyo airport, the airline reported.

The plane carried 10 civilian passengers and was piloted by Capt. Murray H. Stewart of Menlo Park, Calif.

Pan American said it under-stand the engine fell out of the

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