

N.M. Rancher Wins Acquittal

Bloomfield, Iowa — Walter M. Mayer, prominent Santa Fe, N.M., rancher who was acquitted of a first degree murder charge Tuesday, looked forward to a happy Thanksgiving reunion with his two sons.

A jury of nine men and three women found Mayer innocent in the fatal shooting last May 2 of John C. Wisdom, 51-year-old Iowa stockman, on the 918-acre Wisdom farm near here.

Mayer and his wife Katherine, 48, a member of the New Mexico State Republican Central Committee, were in Ottumwa, Iowa, Wednesday checking up on a \$50,000 damage suit brought against him by the Wisdom estate. The suit charges he "unlawfully" killed Wisdom.

During his trial, which started Oct. 29, Mayer had contended he shot Wisdom in self defense after the Iowan had rushed at him "like a wild man" when they were arguing over a debt of about \$6,500 he claimed Wisdom owed him.

Horticulturalists Meet in Corvallis

Farmers, fieldmen, distributors, processors, and public agencies have cooperated in preparing a program for the 68th annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural Society in Corvallis on December 3-4; according to President C. King Benton, Jr., Hood River.

The program for the two-

day meeting calls for general horticultural topics to be discussed during the morning sessions. Separate programs for vegetable, small fruit, stone fruit, and apples and pears will be held each afternoon. Morning sessions are slated for the auditorium of the Home Economics building on the Oregon State College campus. Afternoon programs for the three fruit sections will be in the Food Technology Building. The vegetable section program will be held in the auditorium of Withycombe Hall.

Governor Paul Patterson will be the main speaker at a 6:30 p.m. banquet on Thursday, December 3, in the Memorial Union ballroom, Oregon State college. Toastmaster will be Nick Trebin, sales and market development manager for the Apple Growers Association, Hood River.

Livestock Group Feast at Macleay

Marion county livestock growers and their friends will congregate at the Macleay grange hall at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 1 for a roast beef dinner and entertainment.

Election of officers and plans for the 1954 convention of Western Oregon Stockmen, scheduled for Salem, will be reviewed.

Henry Ahrens of Turner is president of the county livestock group.

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Raver May Get Seattle Post

Seattle (AP) — Speculation mounted Thursday that Bonville Power Administrator Dr. Paul Raver will be named to the \$15,000 a year job as Seattle City Light superintendent.

Raver conferred Wednesday with Mayor Allan Pomeroy and the mayor later told newsmen the conference was one of a series he plans with possible appointees. He said he had not reached a decision.

The Post-Intelligencer noted, however, that David Levine, president of the Seattle city council, was called to the conference and said councilmen later informally discussed the possibility of Raver being named to the post.

The newspaper said it appeared Raver would be confirmed unanimously, if nominated.

The superintendency will become vacant December 31 when E. R. Hoffman, who has held the job 14 years, retires.

Nut Co-op Employees Accept Agency of AFL

Workers at the Salem Nut Growers Co-operative voted Wednesday, 17-10, for an AFL union to be bargaining agent for them, the NLS announced.

The union is local 670 of the Cannery Warehousemen, Food Processors, Drivers and Helpers, an affiliate of the AFL Teamsters.

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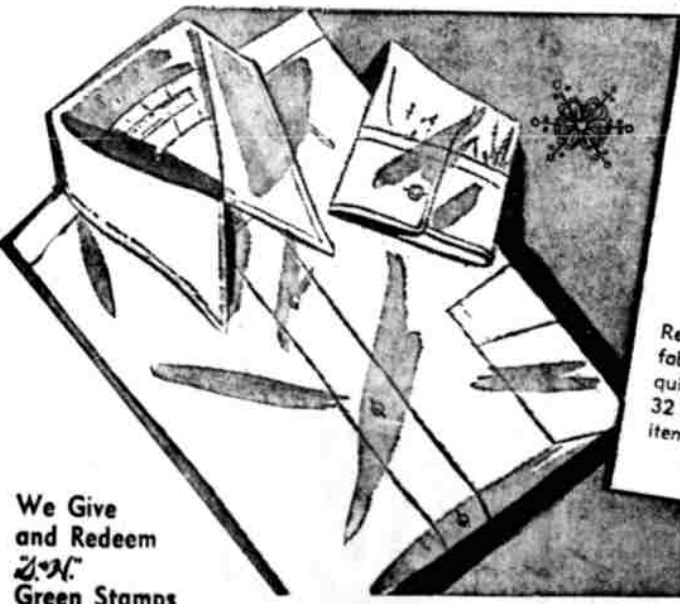


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