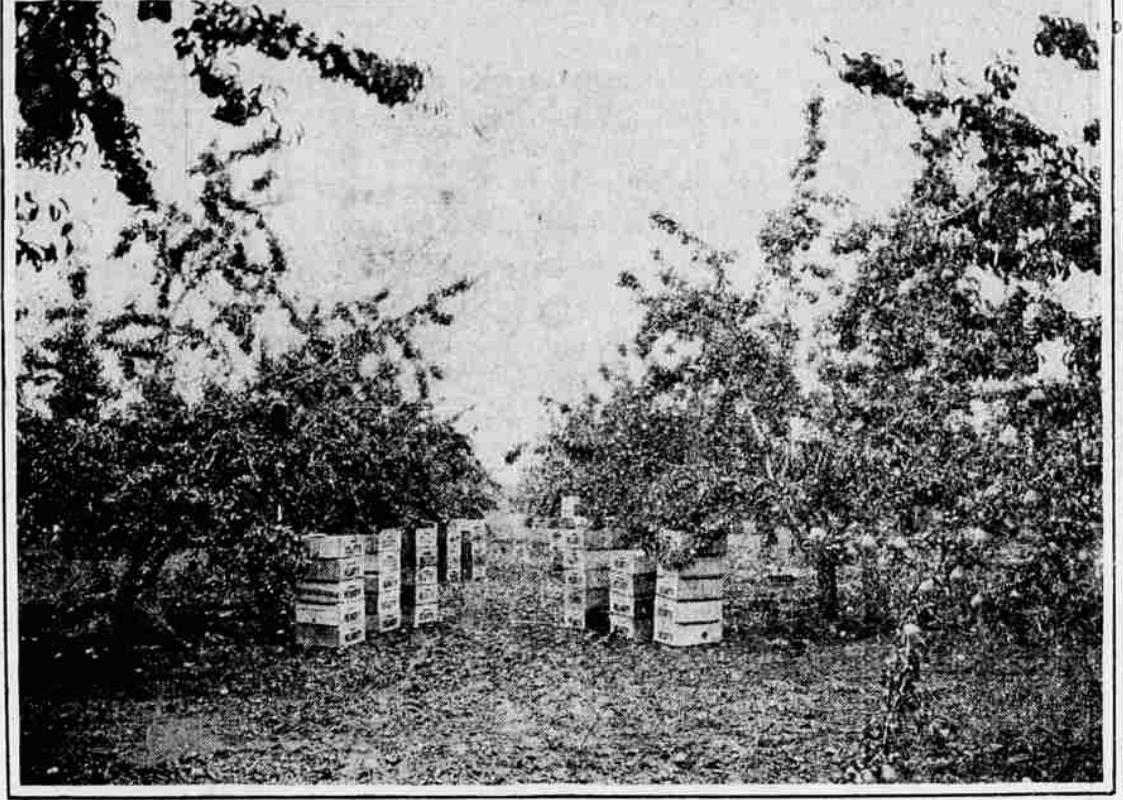


Scenes In Rogue River Valleys Famous Pear Orchards When Picking Is In Full Swing



This year the Rogue River Valley is harvesting a record fruit crop. It is estimated that 3,000 people will play a part in the harvesting and packing of pears and apples which will be shipped under Rogue River Valley labels. The accompanying photograph shows some typical picking scenes near Medford. Visiting Legion delegates will enjoy visiting orchards near Medford while they are in Medford attending the convention.

PAUL M'DONALD AND 24 LEGION MEN PUT IT OVER

The huge task of making preparations for the state American Legion convention and making the convention possible was in the hands of four officers, Paul McDonald, general chairman; Frank Farrell, vice-chairman; Ted Baker, secretary; M. N. Hogan, treasurer, assisted by a commission of 21 committee heads, with as high as 15 men on some committees, making an approximate total of 250 men who labored on the annual session of the Legionnaires.

Committee heads and officers have been holding regular meetings every Wednesday night since early in January to formulate plans for the convention, which is promised by the commission before it is over to be the biggest and most elaborate ever staged in the history of the Legion in Oregon. Each committee has been in hearty co-operation with the other and General Chairman McDonald reported very few hitches in preparing for the big event.

Members of the commission are as follows: C. G. Thomson, budget; J. E. Wilson, finance; H. L. Brander, publicity; C. Y. Tengwald, housing; Ted Baker, drum corps; Harry Moore, local transportation; William Sutherland, rail transportation; W. S. Balger, saints; Leo C. Garlock,

registrations; Cole Holmes, parades; S. V. Hall, aviation; Henry Pace, entertainment; A. J. Cross, fireworks; George Coddling, meeting places; Roy Elliott, concessions; John Holmer, escort; Fred W. Scheffel, decoration; O. O. Nichols, traffic; N. C. Chaney, auxiliary; Ed Webber, 40 et 8; R. E. Cowgill, golf; Earle Davis, sports and radio.

Big Peach Crop Expected
WASHINGTON (AP)—If present prospects are fulfilled, the department of agriculture says, the 1928 peach crop will be next to the heaviest ever produced. With a prospect of 61,185,000 bushels now in sight, steadily improved conditions may allow the harvest to exceed all previous records.

Double-Use Stations
BERNE (AP)—Gasoline tanks are to be installed at Swiss railroad stations, making them filling stations as well as passenger depots. The foreign company handling the gasoline wholesale has contracted to ship by rail, assuring a profit to the railroad, while the company is given sole right to the railroad concession.

"Yes, Give Him No Bananas"

By Gayle Talbot, Jr.
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
DALLAS—(AP) The 19,000 meters race in the 1928 Olympics is over so far as the winner is concerned unless some one bribes Jose Torres with a banana and induces him to quit.

This is the contention of members of the contingent of Tarahumara Indians of Mexico who passed through Dallas en route to Amsterdam.

Torres, member of a half-wild band of Tarahumaras, has an insatiable craving for bananas. In winning the 89-mile run from San Antonio to Austin last year, he almost drove his trainer to distraction.

The Indian runner whose tribe rates as having the world's supreme marathons simply cannot reject gifts of the tropical fruit.

As a result playful spectators tormented him throughout the race.

He ate most of the proffered fruit and still won the race. But

the competition will be keener at Amsterdam, so members of the squad of 12 have been cautioned not to let Jose pass a fruit stand after he gets to Amsterdam.

Torres' compatriots may be athletes fully as capable as he, but there can be none so colorful. The other members of the Mexican team have lived in civilization all their lives and have had the full benefits of athletic training while Jose learned to run long distances in order to eat and live.

The appearance of Jose on the track at Amsterdam will be an apt demonstration of what athletics have done to civilize the world. Here is a lubbed haired, be-sandaled little brown man who a few years ago was almost as wild as the buck deer that roam the Tarahumara mountains about his home.

Members of the Tarahumara tribe depend entirely upon the legs in their feet to provide meat for themselves. When the supply

of venison runs low the bucks of the tribe organize deer hunts. A half dozen of the sturdy runners pick up a deer trail and start after it in their methodical trot never stopping until after they have run the creature into exhaustion and have felled it with their knives. Such hunts have been known to last two days.

It is the training received under these conditions that, his fellow countrymen believe, will make Jose unbeatable at Amsterdam. Torres won the 89 mile race from San Antonio with a time of slightly more than 14 hours but that was scarcely a fair test of his ability since he was held in check all the way in order that Thomas Zafiro, one of his companions, might finish with him. Those who followed the Indians on that long, scorching hot day estimated that Torres could have clipped at least two hours off his time if allowed to set the pace.

The Tarahumaras as a tribe run for pasture. When the moon shines, their plains and mountains are alive with runners. Their every name comes from an ancient word of their race meaning foot runners.

His kind always have been accustomed to dashing about. There is no explanation except for the same reason that a bird flies or a fish swims.

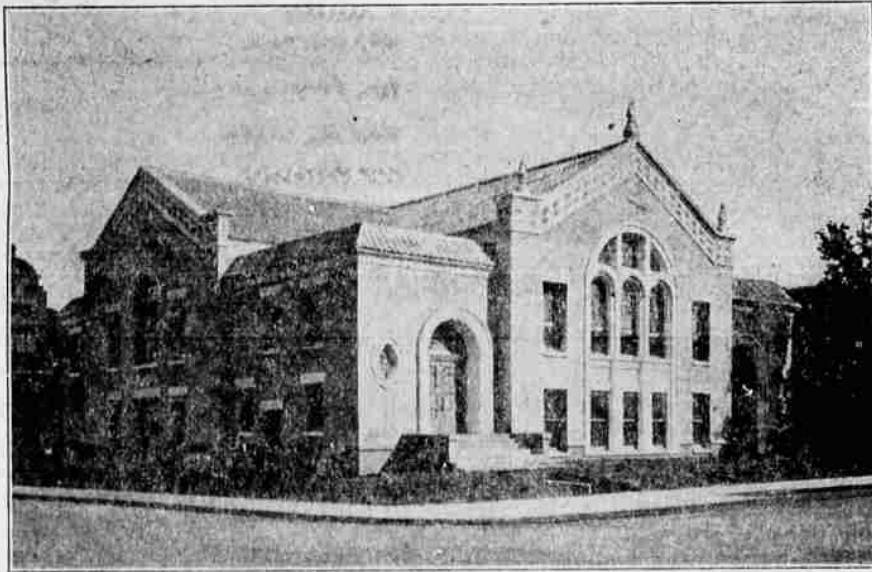
OXFORD SUGGESTS A TAX ON AMERICAN TOURISTS

OXFORD, England (AP)—A tax on American and other tourists is suggested by the "Isis" the Oxford University magazine, in the course of an editorial directed against overseas visitors.

The tax, the magazine suggests, should be devoted to the Oxford Preservation Trust, which has been formed to prevent the encroachment of manufacturing plants into the university part of the city.

"The Isis" exclaims against "Oxford baring her beauties to the kodaks and Kansas Khartoum, receiving nothing in return save paper bags. If tourists must come to Oxford we see absolutely no reason why they should not be obliged to pay for what they apparently consider a privilege. The manners of these tourists are apt to be puerile in the extreme."

Where Auxiliary Members Gather Today



The beautiful new Baptist Church building at Fifth street and Central avenue, opposite the Elks Temple, is the headquarters for the Women's Auxiliary delegates who are in Medford for the Legion Convention. The Elks Temple will be the headquarters for the Legionnaires.

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