

FRUIT CAR HEATER PROBLEM IS TOPIC AT MEETING HERE

Members of the Pacific Northwest Advisory Board, a group of railroad men interested in reducing the loss of fruit due to freezing while enroute to the eastern markets Wednesday conferred with fruit men, packers and shippers in this city, demonstrating the three kinds of fruit car heaters now in use.

H. Giddings, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Fruit Express company, with headquarters in San Francisco, acted as spokesman for the railroad men. He told the Medford shippers that car heating, at a uniform temperature, was not yet perfected, but that rapid strides had been made in the past few years, and said that he foresaw the day when fruit could be shipped east through the most severe weather without danger of serious loss.

H. A. Aberg, traveling car service agent of the Northern Pacific railroad with headquarters in St. Paul, demonstrated the charcoal car heater. The type, in service for years is rapidly being replaced by alcohol burners. "Eventually the charcoal heater will have to go," Aberg told the group.

C. A. Richardson, superintendent of routing for the Pacific Fruit Express company with headquarters in San Francisco, described the heaters now being made and used by his company. This heater burns alcohol, and is thermostatically controlled at a pre-set temperature range.

Alfred A. Hamer, general mechanical inspector for the Western Fruit Express with headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, described the stove his company is building and using. Employing a radical new design, the heater is equipped with a small team boiler, the steam driving a turbine which in turn drives a fan which sends the hot air downward, under the racks in the cars. The hot air circulates under the fruit until it gets to the space at the center of the car, and then circles back over the fruit and back into the vent at the top of the stove.

Giddings, still acting as spokesman for the railroad men, admitted that the Western Fruit stove was probably the best of the three shown, adding that the old, cut-throat policy of railroad competition had gone by the board and if tests prove the stove most practical, they will undoubtedly be used by all the various lines.

Harry Rosenberg, representing Medford shippers and acting as spokesman for the Rogue River Traffic association, asked questions of the railroad men in relation to the development of the stoves, and explained the difficulties of local shippers in getting their products on the eastern market without their being frozen or ripened too soon by heaters not accurately enough controlled.

The railroad men heard his plea for uniform heat control, and promised their cooperation in developing a system as rapidly as possible. Giddings and the other railroad representatives present, presented a rosy picture for local shippers, envisioning the day, not far distant, when all fruit will be landed in Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia and New York in prime condition, summer and winter.

Other railroad men present besides those mentioned were J. C. Johnston, district agent of the P. F. E. in Klamath Falls; M. R. Whitehead, superintendent of P. F. E. in Portland; S. P. Mabel, agent for W. F. E. in Seattle; E. C. Boscoe, car service agent for the Association of American Railroads, in Seattle; D. S. Westover, chief inspector of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad, in Chicago; and E. L. Rowe, assistant secretary of the Pacific Northwest advisory board.

Local men who attended the demonstrations, besides Rosenberg, were: Fletcher Fish, department of agriculture inspector; Frank Isaacs, Pinnacle; M. M. Morris, Medford Ice & Storage; Lyle Thurman, Medford Ice and Storage; A. K. Rosenbaum, S. P. district agent; D. B. Wood, The Palmer corporation; Leonard Carpenter, S. O. S.; Lyle Wilcox, S. O. S.; M. S. Spatz, Pinnacle, and L. R. Baker, Pinnacle.

WPA Seamstresses Earn \$2600 Monthly Making Garments for Destitute

By Janet Wray Smith. A WPA project felt by many to be among the most important being carried on in Jackson county is the instruction and employment of 25 women in sewing and constructing of garments and other household equipment, such as quilts, sheets and towels. Employment is confined to women on relief rolls, preference being given those with no other work.

The women employed are principally widows, most of them with children. All types of clothing articles are made, particular attention being paid to making only those things actually needed, to avoid waste of materials. Case workers throughout the county report on the needs of families in their districts, the specific needs then being filled by this group of workers. Work is under the direction of Mrs. Eunice Hillis.

During the past month, 127 articles were made by the women, the number ranging each month between 120 and 150. Materials are furnished by WPA and use of the courthouse auditorium is donated by the Jackson county court.

Of particular interest to Jackson county and Medford citizens is the monthly payroll of approximately \$2600 paid out to these workers. It was pointed out by WPA officials that the size of the individual wage, characterized as subsistence, necessitates the entire amount being spent here, none of it going to other states or communities for luxury expenditures.

Another interesting phase to the work is the effort being made by those in charge to teach the women how to make attractive clothes to stimulate an interest in the work and to encourage the women, both those who receive and those who construct the clothes to continue the work in their own homes. Neatly made dresses, with buttons, bindings and stitching, come out of this workshop, on the basis of the thought that inexpensive dresses need not be unattractive, an effort being made to create a desire for and an improved taste in becoming clothes. It is also felt that a certain psychological edge is gained by having the women work on "nice" things, an effect they will carry into their own homes.

Women employed on this project work 120 hours a month, a similar work being carried on in Ashland. In connection with the sewing and construction project and continuing work started in Medford by Miss Helen Carlton approximately three years ago, the reconditioning of clothing by relief workers has been taken up by WPA.

This group is composed of not only women strictly on relief, but also border-cases. The purpose is to instruct women in the remodeling and reconstruction of garments, payment being made in garments instead of wages. This group also works in the courthouse auditorium, time and number of persons varying.

Local WPA administrative heads state that they feel very gratified at the enthusiastic response and successful results of these two projects. A plan is now being contemplated for an open house in the near future in order that the public may visit these projects and examine the results first-hand. It is felt that work of this sort should be and is of interest to everyone.

YOUNG HUSBAND KNOWS ANSWERS

LIVINGSTON, Tenn., March 26.—(AP)—Although he missed the last 17 weeks of school, Harlies Reeder has graduated from the eighth grade, to the great delight of his teacher, who is also his wife.

Harlies, a strapping youth of 16, and his teacher, Miss Pauline Roberts, 30, were married two weeks before the end of the term and the boy immediately swapped his pen for a plowshare on his father-in-law's farm.

This week's examination came. Mr. Reeder took the tests in reading, writing, and arithmetic and such, and pleased Mrs. Reeder by knowing the right answers.

Pear Market Yesterday

NEW YORK, March 26. (AP-USA) Pear auction market: Nine cars arrived, eight Oregon, two Washington cars unloaded, 16 cars on track. Oregon D'Anjou, 2,920 boxes extra fancy sold 1.60-2.50, average 1.83; 1,348 boxes fancy, 1.60-2.35, average 1.73. Nellis, 350 boxes extra fancy, 1.60-1.75, average 1.66; 190 boxes fancy, 1.50-1.60, average 1.55.

CHICAGO, March 26. (AP-USA) Pear auction market, no arrivals, two cars on track. Oregon D'Anjou, 335 boxes extra fancy, 1.85-2, average 1.91.

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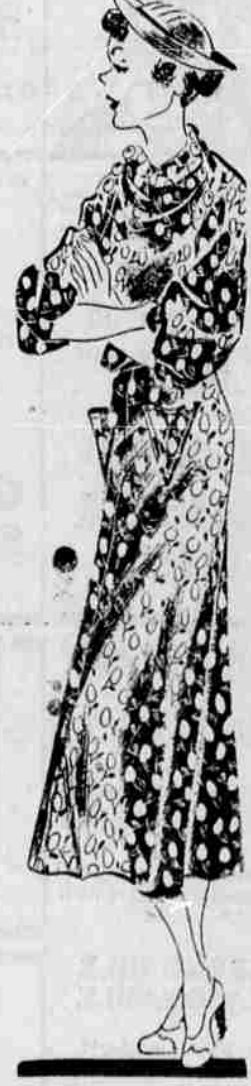
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