

### VALLEY CHERRIES GOING TO MARKET OVER WHOLE U. S.

#### Fruit Is Turned Into Maraschinos for Home Use — Company Here Aids Growers Faced With Big Crop

Medford district cherries are going out this year on a far-flung journey to dinner tables in all parts of the world, it was disclosed today by Gordon R. Green, division manager of American Fruit Growers, Inc.

Up to this morning the company had put up about 500 barrels of cherries at its South Fir street packing house, more being expected as the Royal Anne season will last another week and the black considerably longer, Mr. Green said. With the price being five and six cents a pound net, cherry growers here will receive a total of about \$12,000, he related.

The company will make little if any profit from the cherry deal but it came into the picture to help the growers because of the restricted output this year for an unusually large crop, Mr. Green stated. He added that the appreciation of the growers has amply repaid the company for its efforts to find new markets.

Many Uses  
The company is preparing the cherries for use in fruit salads, cakes, ice cream, candies and cocktails. Many will go ultimately to bakeries and ice cream plants while others will be bottled as maraschinos for home use.

When the cherries are received at the company's brining plant, they are weighed, graded and warehoused until they are ready for barreling, Mr. Green explained. After they have been warehoused the cherries are put into barrels and brine is poured over them. Any immature cherries are bleached clear by the brine but the solution does not take the sugar and color out of ripe cherries.

Much Processing  
Allowed to set a day, the fruit is again inspected, this time in the barrels. Using long tweezers, inspectors pull out enough cherries to determine whether the contents of the barrel will pass inspection. After meeting requirements, the barrels are tightly sealed and shipped.

The barrels are shipped to California where later they will be unpacked, steamed, sorted again, pit-picked, graded and cooked to remove the sulphur of the brine solution. The cherries are next put into 50-gallon drums and shipped to canneries where the fruit is prepared for final market.

### HERBERT SMITH SON DIES, AGED 6 MONTHS

Russell Edward Smith, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smith, passed away at their home 516 Liberty street, Wednesday morning at the age of 6 months, 22 days.

Besides the parents, there are left the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. Helen McIntyre of Vallejo, Cal.; Don R. Bobbie; Charles, Beverly and Betty Smith, all of Medford.

Funeral services will be held at the Conger chapel at 2:30 Friday with Rev. Wolford Daves officiating. Interment in the Siskiyow Memorial Park.

### GOVERNOR REPLIES TO CRITICISMS ON PENSION PROGRAM

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Oregon will spend \$25,039,918 for social service activities during the current biennium, compared with \$7,850,422 for operation of other state activities, he said.

He praised the Democrats for helping him to put the state in sound financial condition, asserting there was a deficit of \$1,305,200 when he took office, compared with a \$250,000 surplus now, the state "being out of the red for the first time in 15 years."

He pleaded for development of industry so the state will not be dependent on agriculture, largely through the use of Bonneville dam power.

"We still have the very vexing problem of timber land taxation which must be solved," he said. "We must arrange our timber tax structure so that timber is not dumped on the market by owners who can no longer afford to bear the heavy burden of the present schedules, thereby causing a glut in the market and a waste of our resources. Lumber Control Needed."

"We owe it to our people who are engaged in the logging and sawmill industries to provide them with continued and permanent employment that can only be assured by placing timber on a sustained yield basis."

He appealed for development of the mining industry by using cheap power and building roads into mining regions, and said advertising and development of scenic attractions is sorely needed so that the "tourist crop," which spent \$35,000,000 last year, can be increased.

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