

COAST FRUITMEN ASK LOWER RATE ON PEARS, APPLES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP) Executives representing most ship lines operating between the Pacific coast and Europe heard a demand for fresh fruit shippers and growers that rates on apples and pears be cut sharply.

Ship line executives from San Francisco, Seattle and Portland conferred here with fruit men from Hood River and Medford in Oregon; Santa Clara valley in California; and Wenatchee and Yakima in Washington. They were asked to lower the rates on both apples and pears to 75c a box from a present rate on apples of \$7 1/2c and on pears of \$7 1/2c. The fruit men argued that winter pears are as easy to handle as apples and should enjoy the same rate.

The shipping men made no commitments but said they would confer again next Wednesday in San Francisco and give their final answer. They pointed out that existing rates were based on the cost of service.

Fruit men argued that the requested reduction would stimulate fresh fruit trade to Europe.

Ship lines represented included the Pacific Coast-European Conference, Interoceanic Line, Johnson Line, North German Lloyd, Fruit Express Line, Royal Mail-Holland American Lines and Blue Star Lines.

LEAKY GAS MAIN IGNITES, PERILS HOMES, 3 WORKERS

Escaping gas exploded in the hole and sent flames roaring to the top of the power pole.

Start of the fire was considered one of the strangest phases of the unusual occurrence. It was thought the exhaust of a passing car ignited a cloud of the gas half a block from its source.

The leak was caused by a split valve in the main under the ground in the alley, company employes said, the split being attributed to construction. The leak was reported shortly before 12:30 a. m. and H. W. Wilson, Ray Stringer and Dolph Bills were dispatched to make repairs.

They dug a pit around the valve and were working in the hole when Mr. Wilson, foreman, sent one of the men back to the company shop for additional tools. The remaining two men then emerged from the pit and a minute later the explosion occurred.

The gas first ignited at Central avenue and East Fourth street, presumably by a passing car. The flames traveled in "puffs," igniting pockets of the gas until they reached the leaking valve.

Difficulty was experienced in shutting off the near-by control valve.

The firemen answered a word alarm at 1:15 a. m. A large crowd of spectators assembled at the fire.

The residence at 223 North Central avenue is owned by L. N. Younger, who lives next door at 237 The property at 243 North Front street is owned by William Luman. The loss was covered by insurance, Chief Elliott said.

A fire at 5:25 p. m. yesterday burned the side of a frame garage at the home of C. E. Lange, 303 Laurel street. The blaze was caused by hot ashes left in a wooden box up against the garage, Chief Elliott said. Damage was slight. A word alarm was sounded.

It was the third fire of recent weeks attributed to hot ashes left in inflammable containers, Chief Elliott has issued frequent warnings against leaving hot ashes in such containers.

WAR VETERAN TO BE BURIED HERE

Mrs. Ida M. Hollars, of 432 Plum street, received word Friday of the death of her brother, Luther M. Copenhaver, in Seattle, Wash. Survivors besides Mrs. Hollars, are C. C. Copenhaver, of Stanford, Texas; A. L. Copenhaver, of Jefferson City, Mo.; and J. P. Copenhaver, of Chicago.

Luther Copenhaver lived in Medford with Mrs. Hollars until about eight years ago when he went to Washington to reside. He was a World War veteran.

The funeral will be held here with Peril Funeral home in charge of arrangements which will be announced later.

COUNTY WILL GET \$47,425.68 SPLIT

SALEM, Dec. 17.—(AP)—December apportionment of state road money to the counties aggregates \$1,200,000, Secretary of State Earl Snell said today. The last semi-annual apportionment, in July, came to \$800,000. The counties receive \$2,000,000 of highway funds annually.

Multnomah got the lion's share of \$452,672.17. Baker county got \$175,537.12; Benton \$2,095.39; Curry \$4,056.41; Jackson \$47,425.68; Josephine \$13,148.18; Klamath \$43,319.64; Lane \$63,786.73; Linn \$30,129.15; Marion \$77,346; Polk \$18,679.87; Umatilla \$33,038.92; Union \$20,804.23; Wallowa \$6,357.32.

URGE BICYCLISTS TO BRING CARDS

Chief of Police Clatous McCredie stated yesterday that all bicycle owners applying for license renewals must bring their 1938 registration cards with them to city police station, where the 1939 licenses will be issued.

Renewals and new licenses will be issued starting tomorrow. No examinations will be necessary for those having 1938 licenses.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT LISTS MILK GRADES

The following grading of milk distributed in this area is announced by the Medford city health department.

Grade A raw: Campbell's Milk Dairy, Cloverhill Dairy, Kesahaw's Dairy, Madrona Dairy, Perrydale Dairy, Schloessel's Dairy.

Grade A raw and pasteurized: Gillman's Dairy, Grover's Creamery, Lost River Creamery, Snider's Creamery, Nanson's Dairy.

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NEW 'PHONE ALMANAC AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC

The new 1939 Telephone Almanac is now available, and copies may be obtained at the telephone office, according to R. B. Hammond, manager here for The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company.

The Almanac, which is an annual publication of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, contains historical data, astronomical calculations, telephone information and other interesting items.

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UNCLE SAM GETS CAR THEFT CASE

At the request of Jackson county authorities, the two men found in possession of the Chevrolet sedan stolen from Jack Clark here December 8 and recovered in Long Beach, Cal. Friday, will be prosecuted by federal authorities under the Dyer act, state police said yesterday.

The men, Kenneth G. Gibbon, 24, and Paul Abaya, 25, are being held in the California city. They are known to have stolen a car in Eugene and abandoned it in Coos county, where a warrant for them has been issued, state police said. When arrested in Long Beach in the Clark machine, they were in company with a third man, who is also being held, and who admits being a parole violator.

ASSIGN WORKERS FOR SEAL SALES

Christmas Seal sale booths, which are being operated about the city to enable shoppers to make last minute purchases of the cheery little stamp, which "protects your home from tuberculosis" will be in charge of Mrs. Henry Fringle Monday. Miss Helen Bullis, booth chairman announced yesterday.

On Tuesday, December 20, Mrs. Crawford Lemmon will be chairman of the booths, and on Wednesday, December 21, the Central Point committee will direct the booth sale. Thursday, December 22, the closing day, the Phoenix committee will manage the sale, placing workers in each booth.

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DELAY SENTENCE ON CCC EXTORTER

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Hardison pleaded guilty to sending a \$10,000 extortion letter through the mails to the parents of Shirley Temple, child film player.

John Mowry, attorney named to defend the 23-year-old parolee from the deep south, asked probation because Hardison had been kicked by a mule when he was three years old and the injury had rendered him mentally deficient.

Hardison was arrested by FBI agents at Camp Bland near Galois November 27. He was arraigned here and held under \$50,000 bail for the grand jury. He was described by observers as a dull-witted sort of youth. It was understood he gave his CCC camp address in the extortion letter though he signed a fictitious name.

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- Regular \$199.00 Silvertone Muskrat Coat now at \$169.00
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