

# RETER REPORTS ON PEAR TALKS IN WASHINGTON

### Tells of His Testimony and Conferences in Capital for West Coast Industry

Raymond R. Reter, head of the fruit packing company bearing his name, was back in Medford today after reporting on his recent visit in Washington, D. C., to representatives of Pacific northwest growers and shippers meeting in Portland Tuesday morning and afternoon.

Representing the west coast pear industry, Mr. Reter participated in a number of negotiations in Washington in an effort to improve the business. He testified for Pacific coast winter pear growers before the committee of reciprocity information on the proposed trade agreement with Argentina.

**Gives Statistics**  
Telling of the large importations of Argentine pears that assertedly disrupt the American domestic market in the east, Mr. Reter informed the committee that the Pacific coast wants an agreement with the South American country that will restrict such importations. The Medford executive gave statistics to show the effect of the Argentine importations, pointing out that in the first few months of this year 100,000 boxes of Argentine pears entered the New York market and competed with west coast winter pears at a time when the domestic market was none too good as it was. With the war cutting off the European market for Argentine just as it has for the United States, the South American republic is planning on making much larger shipments to this country this year, Mr. Reter warned.

Mr. Reter presented a brief outlining the position of the Pacific pear industry relative to Argentine competition and requesting this course of action:

- 1—Limit the quantity of Argentine pear imports.
- 2—Ask the Argentine government to reduce the duties on American pears entering Argentina in the opposite season.
- 3—Recommend that Argentine reduce its duty from 77 cents a box to the United States level of 22 cents a box.
- 4—Request the Argentine government to remove all present artificial restrictions in reference to exchange and quotas.

In general Mr. Reter testified regarding the condition of the Pacific coast pear industry in an effort to show that it cannot stand continued importation of Argentine pears.

**Sees Import Gain**  
The hearings have been completed and now the committee is digesting the data thus gathered for a report to the trade agreement negotiators of the state department. The state department makes the trade agreements but there is now considerable opposition to restore this authority to congress, it being contended in some quarters that trade pacts are in effect treaties that should be ratified by the senate.

Mr. Reter said that it is quite likely there will be no agreement concluded for several months and therefore Argentine imports of pears will begin unrestricted about February 1. He said it would not be surprising if Argentine exported half a million boxes of pears to eastern U. S. markets this year.

**Negotiates**  
In Washington Mr. Reter also conducted negotiations for the pear industry with the general crops section and Federal Surplus Commodity corporation, both of the AAA, with reference to a purchase program of west coast winter pears to be used in relief channels. He would venture no comment on the probable outcome of these discussions.

Mr. Reter left here on October 9 and went directly to Washington. He was in the capital for three days and then went to New York City to confer with the winter pear committee. He returned to Washington on October 15 and remained there until the 20th when he went to New York again for additional conferences. He left New York on October 23 for Chicago where he transacted further business for the west coast pear industry and from where he made a side trip to Clinton, Iowa, to visit relatives.

Mr. Reter then proceeded to Los Angeles and from there returned to Medford, arriving here October 25. All of his traveling was done by plane.

## PORTLAND CIO UNIT RAPS DIES INQUIRY

Portland, Nov. 2.—(AP)—A resolution "condemning" the Dies committee and asking President Roosevelt to force the committee to cease its "un-American activities" was adopted yesterday by the Portland Industrial Union Council, a C. I. O. affiliate.

The resolution accused the committee of attempting to "destroy civil liberties," Charles Ross, secretary, said.

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## Betty Grable Goes to Work



Betty Grable (center), recently divorced from Jackie Coogan, lost no time in going to work when she arrived in New York. She is shown here rehearsing in front of the chorus line for her part in "DuBarry Was a Lady."

## AMERICAN ART WEEK OBSERVED IN SCHOOLS

American Art Week, November 1 to 7, is being observed in Medford's public schools under auspices of the American Artists Professional League.

The four grade schools will show exhibits of students work done this year. Additional exhibits may be viewed at the junior high and at the senior high art rooms. In addition to the students work on exhibit, there will be material showing some of America's foremost painters and their paintings of today.

Esther Wilcox, supervisor of art in Medford schools, is local chairman.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

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## BOND VOTE CANVASS WAITS COUNCIL MEET

No city councilman showed up for the special meeting scheduled for 5 p. m. yesterday to canvass the vote of Tuesday's special park bond election. Only Mayor C. C. Furnas, City Attorney Frank P. Farrell and Recorder M. L. Alford were present.

With the eight councilmen absent, no meeting was held. The vote will be canvassed at the next regular semi-monthly meeting Tuesday evening, the mayor said. The park bond proposition lost in the election, 494 to 1108.

## Weather.

Northern California: Fair to night and Friday, but considerable cloudiness north portion and overcast near the coast; normal temperature; moderate northwest wind off the coast.

## JUNIOR HIGH PUPILS TAKE KEEN INTEREST IN POPULARITY VOTE

By Susan Vilas

The scoreboard for the popularity contest of junior high school shows Joan Elliott and Ray Casberger leading with DeLores Ray and Bud Cleland right behind them. Votes are being held back, however, and no one knows who has the best chance of winning the exciting contest.

The most popular boy and girl will be presented at 7:30 p. m. Friday at the junior high school's annual carnival. The winning boy and girl will be given a prize.

The main program, in the form of a vaudeville this year, is whipping up into good shape, and the gymnasium is being gaily decorated by the committee and teachers in charge.

## AGED CANCER VICTIM WOULD TRY ICY CURE

Pryor, Okla., Nov. 2.—(AP)—A 50-year old man, a "hopeless" cancer case, is ready to seek relief in cold hibernation, undaunted by the death of a farm woman just three hours before she would have completed the nine-day treatment.

The woman's death yesterday was ascribed to a blocked gall bladder after an autopsy performed by Dr. E. A. Leach of Tulsa and Dr. V. D. Herrington. Dr. Herrington operates the hospital where the treatment was given.

"It's the only chance I've got and I'm ready to try it," said the man, a Sand Springs, Okla., resident.

## New Flash Bulb Of Smaller Size

Cleveland, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Lighting technicians announced today a new photographic flash bulb smaller than a golf ball. A cameraman's suit pocket will hold 25. The smallest bulb now in use, of 64 cubic centimeters, gives 1,500,000 lumens at its peak. The new bulb, of 25 centimeters gives 900,000 peak lumens, General Electric company said.

## 21 Traffic Deaths Listed In October

Salem, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Twenty-one persons were killed in Oregon traffic accidents during Oct-

ober, compared with 28 during October, 1938, Secretary of State Earl Snell said today. Eleven of the victims were pedestrians.

Traffic fatalities during the first 10 months of this year are four percent under the toll for the same period last year, while travel has increased five percent.

## HALLOWEEN SHOOTER IS RELEASED ON BAIL

Eugene, Ore., Nov. 2.—(AP)—Chester Hewitt, Creswell, has been charged with assault with a dangerous weapon and released from the Lane county jail on bail of \$1,000.

Hewitt was jailed after he fired at what he thought were Halloween vandals tearing up his property. Instead, he hit Walter Griffin, also of Creswell, in the shoulder with his rifle bullet. Griffin, assisted by several other youths and a policeman, was repairing the work done by the mischief-makers.

## GEOLOGIST TAKES JOB AT MCCORMICK'S MINE

Grants Pass, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Jewel E. Morrison, state geologist with headquarters at Grants Pass, today announced his resignation to become superintendent of the El Serena quartz gold mine in the Rogue Elk district of Jackson county, operated by D. Ford McCormick.

## Net Profit Up.

San Francisco, Nov. 2.—(AP)—Northwestern Electric company reports \$36,705 net profit for September, an increase from \$32,010 in the 1938 month. It brought 12 months net to \$555,917, up from \$466,746 in the preceding 12 months.

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## JACKSONVILLE SCOUTS HOLD COURT OF HONOR

Jacksonville, Nov. 2.—(Sp.)—Explorer troop 35 of Jacksonville Boy Scouts held a colorful court of honor at the troop's meeting rooms in the old court house last evening with twenty visitors and the regular troop.

Following were the investitures: Eagle bronze palm, Adrus Smith, assistant leader; first class merit badge, E. R. White, explorer leader; cement work, handicraft, plumbing, R. A. Forbes, assistant leader, handicraft.

Andrus H. Smith, assistant leader, surveying.

Explorer-Scout specialization symbols: Scout craftsman, Eric R. White, explorer leader and Charles Hofer, assistant leader. Scout artisan: Charles Hofer, assistant leader.

A. L. Beck served as chairman of the Explorer Court, and George Frey of the Crater Lake area council presided over the Eagle court.

Some of the visitors gave interesting short talks.

## The Grange

Eagle Point Grange held an interesting session at last meeting. Committee reports were good, but especially interesting was report of the H. E. chairman, Mrs. Lillian Force, on the chicken dinner given November 8. The dinner was an outstanding success and a considerable

sum was turned over to the treasurer.

Lecture was in charge of the chaplain, Mrs. Pearl Lusk. The program theme was divided between Thanksgiving and Armistice days. The following numbers were included: Group singing, solo Mrs. Lulu Taylor, 12th, Armistice day, C. F. Davies, originally composed reading, "Armistice Day," Mrs. Holly Swingle, historical pastime, "The First Thanksgiving Day," arranged by Mrs. Gertrude Heak with Mrs. A. Kent, Mrs. Sam Coy, William Holman and Holly Swingle, reading, Mrs. Millie Tinglebar.

Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Theron Taylor, Minnie and Ed Putman.

Home Economics club met October 25 with good attendance. Mrs. Lillian Force was re-elected chairman of the committee. The quilt was sold to Mrs. Amy Brown.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. McCormick.

Next meeting of Grange will be November 7, when officers will be elected for 1940. All members are urged to be present as this is a very important meeting. There will be no lecture program.

## Absent-Minded Thief.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 2.—(AP)—An eccentric, absent-minded burglar is being sought by police. He broke into a house and stole a coat, a curtain and a Victrola. Then he forgot and left his pistol.

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