

40 CARS OF PEARS SOUGHT BY FSCC IN MEDFORD AREA

Comice And Anjous Will Be Shipped To Relief Centers —Pay \$1.05 Per Box.

The Federal Surplus Commodities corporation is purchasing from pear growers in the Medford area, 40 cars of Comice and Anjou pears during the period November 24 to November 30. Pears to be purchased must grade U. S. combination or better, of a firm ripe stage not to exceed 1 per cent decay. Sizes to be taken by the FSCC under this purchase are 225s and larger for Anjous and 180s and larger for Comice. Price to be paid for both varieties is \$1.05 per standard wrapped box. Allocations have been made by the committee of the Fruit Growers League, Ned Vilas, chairman, Dr. G. B. Dean, S. G. Nye and Chester Fitch, and have been made in proportion to the total packed tonnage. Upon recommendation of the Fruit Growers League committee it was agreed upon by the packers and storage plants that packing charges would not exceed .47 cents per box and storage charges would not exceed .18 cents per box, leaving the grower a net return of 40 cents per box. All pears purchased by the FSCC will be shipped to relief centers throughout the United States and will be distributed through the relief agencies to the needy and unemployed.

HIGH WIND HELD CAUSE HOME FIRE

Attributed to a high wind, fire did slight damage to two residences about the same time yesterday morning. Two forest fires, one state and one national, also were brought under control yesterday morning, the firefighters being greatly aided by a timely rain. A defective chimney was blamed by firemen for a roof blaze at the J. L. Woodcock residence, 324 King street. Firemen answer a ward alarm at 10:45, eight minutes after one crew had left on a ward alarm to the home of John Wagner, 1315 Locust street, where sparks from the chimney had ignited the roof. Twenty-five CCC men and three men from state forest patrol headquarters here controlled a 50-acre brush and grass fire on a ridge above the Barrow ranch about ten miles northeast of Ashland off the old Pacific highway. Dwight Phipps, district fire warden, directed the crew. The fire was reported to patrol headquarters at 11 p. m. Friday. A ten-acre brush fire near the Sterling mine was controlled by 40 CCC men working under the direction of Lee Port, ranger in charge of the Applegate district of the Rogue River national forest. Other forest fires were reported but they turned out to be controlled slash burnings. The city fire department's chemical crew put out a flue fire at the Flynn Electric Service, 131 West Main street, Friday afternoon. No damage was done.

CITY PLANNING TO BE TOLD PEOPLE

City planning experience of mid-western cities will be made available to Medford citizens and planning officials at a meeting in council chambers at city hall here at 7:30, December 4. The meeting will be in charge of W. Bernard Roberts, chairman of the Medford planning commission. Leader of discussion at the meeting will be Charles B. Bennett, city planner of Milwaukee, Wis., and field representative of the American Society of Planning Officials with which the League of Oregon Cities is sponsoring the meeting.

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EX-MEDFORD COUPLE WARNED OF ROBBERY BY FORTUNE TELLER

Last Tuesday, a day after she had visited a fortune teller who predicted that she would be robbed, Mrs. Darlean Lowrie, 18, of 1458 Sutter street in San Francisco, reported to police the loss of \$200. Mrs. Lowrie, whose marriage to Edward Lowrie took place recently in Medford, formerly made her home here. The couple are believed to have been spending their honeymoon in San Francisco and had been expecting to return to Medford at the time of the robbery. The Lowrie auto was robbed of clothing, personal effects and radio worth \$200. Later the fortune teller telephoned Mrs. Lowrie to say "I told you so" and add that the loot could be found at a certain Geary street address. Names of two suspects, James Hubbard and Andrew Campbell, were also asserted in the spiritual communication. Mrs. Lowrie visited the address, found her suitcase, but \$150 worth of wearing apparel and the radio were missing. Mrs. Lowrie asked the police to commune with the fortune teller as to the whereabouts of her garments.

TRIO ASK MERCY AND ADMIT GUILT

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 25.—(P) Three men accused of the murder of Harold J. Dreher, Mason City, Ia., salesman, pleaded guilty in a surprise move here today and threw themselves on the mercy of the court. Francis P. Welsh, 28, captured in San Francisco, Calif.; William E. Cooper, 19, released from the Arizona State prison, and Fred Osterrieder, 18, arrested in Eugene, Ore., admitted their guilt before District Judge Loy Ladd. They had pleaded not guilty previously and trial had been set for the current district court term. The judge said he would begin a hearing Monday to determine degree of guilt. With him rests the decision of whether the trio must hang or go to prison for life terms. Dreher was kidnaped, robbed and murdered, fatally wounded, from his automobile on a downtown street here July 27.

AUTO DEATHS IN OREGON DECLINE

Salem, Nov. 25.—(P)—Oregon's automobile death rate dropped from 13 to 9.01 persons killed per 100,000,000 miles traveled last month, Secretary of State Earl Snell said today. For the first 10 months of 1939 the rate declined from 11.8 to 10.7. Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

NYA OFFERS WORK FOR 4 MORE GIRLS ON PROJECTS HERE

Portland — Two new NYA projects in Medford will provide work and training assignments for four unemployed young women. State NYA Administrator Ivan G. Munro, announced today. Munro said that Superintendent of Schools E. H. Hedrick has agreed to put two young women to work in school cafeterias where they may learn the fundamentals of meal planning and preparation of food by assisting experienced dietitians. The other two young women will have an opportunity to polish up their stenographic and clerical skills under supervision of Eugene Hampton, in the Farm Security Administration office. In addition, Munro declared, young men will be assigned in several occupations on projects that are currently operating. Unemployed young people between the ages of 18 and 25 may apply for the assignments to District Supervisor Earl I. Rice in his office in the court house. Rice stated that 31 men and 25 women aged 18 to 24 inclusive are now employed on NYA projects in Medford. Fourteen different projects provide non-budgeted assistance to tax-supported agencies which include experience in clerical work, cafeteria operation, library work, recreational area development, radio station operation, mechanical and garage shop work, electrical shop work and commodity distribution. In addition to the valuable work experience under good supervision, these part-employees receive \$15 per month or more, for 50 hours project work. Assignments are available on these projects for 17 more young men and 4 more young women. Rice said that through abilities developed on such projects, several young people from this district have been able to secure full-time employment of various kinds at reasonable rates of pay since July, 1939.

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VERNON DAVIS GETS AIRPORT STATION

Ellensburg, Nov. 25.—(P)—Vernon T. Davis, of Medford, Ore., was named today as head of the new weather bureau station to be established at the Ellensburg airport, Fred Toffman, city clerk, said he was informed today by the Seattle office. The five-man station here will be open soon in quarters built at the airport by the city and leased for 10 years by the United States weather bureau.

Card of Thanks We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during our recent bereavement. Also for the beautiful floral offerings. Surviving Relatives of the beloved Katherine Adams. Use Mail Tribune want ads.

CROWD FLOCKS TO CHRISTMAS EVENT

Crowds thronged the downtown business streets Friday night in the largest Christmas opening fete on record here. Hundreds of children were greeted by Santa Claus at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and, later, downtown as the jovial gentleman from the North Pole circulated in the business area with Police Chief Clatus McCredie as escort. Hundreds of persons, children and grown-ups, viewed the store windows as they were unveiled for the Yuletide season. Senior high school band played at different downtown spots and Mrs. Harry Prentice's combined Medford and Grants Pass accordion bands played at both the Baldwin Piano Shoppe and the chamber of commerce. Speaking for the retail merchants committee, A. H. Banwell expressed thanks to Santa Claus, Mrs. Prentice and her musicians and the high school band and its director, F. Wilson Wait.

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Find \$20 Nugget in Jacksonville Mine

Jacksonville, Nov. 25.—(Sp.) A gold nugget worth \$20.15 was found last week by the Ravenor brothers while mining here in town. Hearst Armor Sold New York, Nov. 25.—(P)—The William Randolph Hearst collection of armor, comprising about 200 articles ranging from daggers, swords, halberds, pikes and small cannon to complete suits of armor, was sold at auction yesterday for \$19,322.50.

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LOCAL and PERSONAL

Shops Here—Mrs. Lee Port of the Star ranger station in the Applegate district shopped here yesterday.

From Chiloquin — Clayton Kirk, prominent in tribal affairs of the Chiloquin reservation, spent Saturday here on business.

Minor Accidents—Trucks operated by Floyd E. Jones of Central Point and B. J. Larsen of Portland were involved in a slight mishap at the Tolo over-head crossing Friday morning, a report on file said yesterday.

Many Served—Jackson county chapter of the Disabled American Veterans of the World war served 175 Thanksgiving Day dinners Thursday. Most of the veterans were served at the Medford armory where a Thanksgiving program was given after dinner, but several dinners were sent to veterans and their families at their homes.

To Show Movies—Two reels of motion pictures depicting ski scenes in Sun Valley, Idaho, will be presented in the Medford junior high school auditorium Wednesday night at 8 o'clock by Darroch Crooks, Sun Valley representative, through the sponsorship of the Rogue Snowmen. The pictures are in color and sound. The public is invited to attend.

Snow in Park—Snow fell intermittently in Crater Lake national park yesterday, depositing a half inch up to 4:30 p. m., rangers reported by short-wave radio. The snow started falling at 9:30 a. m. Visibility was zero most of the day, the rangers said. The snowfall, while light, was enough to close the east entrance road. West and south entrance roads through the park were open. Maximum temperature during the day was 44 degrees, the mercury having dropped to 29 by 4:30 p. m. A southeast wind blew during the day.

Plane Passengers — Arrivals from Portland by United Mainliner yesterday afternoon were Fred Ris, Capt. B. Berrigan and Miss B. Grant. Seely V. Hall left on the same plane for Oakland, Cal. Departing by Mainliner yesterday morning were O. V. Wilson, to Spokane, Wash., via Portland, and Mrs. L. Fenwick, to Seattle, Wash. Seely V. Hall arrived from Portland Friday night and J. F. Dillard left on the same plane for Los Angeles. Miss Nell Perrine and Miss Louise Anderson of Ashland left by Mainliner Friday night for Portland. Miss Pearl Kepper departed by Mainliner Friday evening for San Francisco. Mrs. W. Dunlap arrived from the south by Mainliner Friday afternoon.

Civil Service Test — U. S. civil service commission yesterday announced an open competitive examination for electrician foreman to fill existing and future vacancies on the Bonneville dam project. Complete information may be obtained at Medford postoffice from Stanley G. Sherwood, acting secretary of the local board of civil service examiners.

Policemen Sick—City Policeman Ray F. Sioneker was confined yesterday in Sacred Heart hospital where he was receiving treatment for a heart ailment. He was taken to the hospital late Friday afternoon. City Policeman William Peck was receiving treatment in Community hospital for influenza. He was taken to the hospital Friday afternoon. Motorcycle Policeman Clyde Fichtner was confined with influenza to his home at 525 South Riverside avenue.

Re-Enlists — Melvin M. McCaleb, son of Mrs. Joyce McCaleb of 318 Marie street, re-enlisted November 21 in the U. S. army infantry with station in the Panama Canal Zone, it was announced in a press release yesterday from Col. G. T. Perkins, recruiting officer at San Francisco. McCaleb was honorably discharged from the army last April 5. He made application for re-enlistment November 13 through the recruiting office in city hall here. Formally re-enlisted at Fort McDowell, Cal., he will sail for the Canal Zone on the next army transport leaving San Francisco. Native of Oregon, McCaleb was born in Willamette and reared in Medford.

Fine Weather Adds To Oregon Drought Portland, Nov. 25.—(P)—Balmy temperatures in western Oregon and crisp weather east of the Cascades accentuated the autumn drought today. Virtually every section reported moisture deficiencies. The Portland area had a 12-inch departure from the year's normal precipitation of 33.61 inches. Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

BOWMER PRAISES 'HAY FEVER' CAST

Angus Bowmer, teacher of drama at the Southern Oregon College of Education in Ashland and director of the Oregon Sheksperean Festival association, yesterday complimented the cast of Noel Coward's "Hay Fever" which the Medford Community Players will present in the senior high school auditorium at 8:20 next Wednesday and Thursday evenings. A letter attending rehearsals, Mr. Bowmer declared that several new "finds" are in the cast chosen by Robert Stedman, director. The entire cast, he said, is doing an excellent job. Mr. Stedman's direction, he added, is also excellent. The play itself, he stated, is one of Mr. Coward's most amusing and most expertly written.

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