

Opening of New American Fruit Growers, Inc. Plant Marks Progress

**OPEN HOUSE FOR
INVITED GUESTS
OVER WEEK-END**

Plant to Employ 300 to 400
In Packing; 400 to 500
In Yule Gift Department.

Medford's newest pear packing plant, that of the American Fruit Growers, Inc., is being made ready today for the many grower-members and friends invited to inspect the plant over the

week-end. Rushed to completion during the last few weeks in order to be in operation by the start of the 1944 packing season, the new plant is one of the largest in the valley and is indicative of the growth of the fruit industry and its related supply industry.

American's new plant, located on South Fir street, covers about one acre of ground and is two stories in height. Steam-heated and completely air-conditioned, the new plant is equipped with the latest equipment available, including new washers, sizers, lidding machines and power conveyers. A feature of the structure is the new receiving porch, this porch being almost as large as the entire old plant.

Four Units
Four complete washing, grading and packing units have been

installed in the plant and according to Gordon R. Green, division manager of the firm, between 300 and 400 people will be employed during the packing season, which begins August 14 and will last until the middle of October, and between 400 and 500 will be employed in the gift department. The latter department will begin operations when the packing is completed, about Oct. 15, and will continue until Jan. 1. In addition, the gift department will have an office staff of between 75 and 100 employees, Mr. Green declared. Several year-round employees have been added to the staff, including additional personnel to staff the firm's complete supply and service departments.

With the comfort of employees in mind the new plant was designed with a lunch room where coffee will be available, a fully equipped hospital room where a registered nurse will be in attendance each day from August 9 until January 1, and special heating fixtures for the sorting tables.

Open house hours will be from 11 a. m. until 5 p. m. both tomorrow and Sunday.

YANKS MASSACRE TRAPPED NAZIS ON ROAD TO LE MANS

By Robert C. Miller
United Press Correspondent
With the Americans in France, Aug. 9.—It was a massacre—plain, bloody massacre—that occurred on this tree-lined road outside Le Mans.

But it was a massacre of the enemy. We lost only one man killed and 15 wounded. While an American bulldozer shoves the charred remains of a Nazi Panther tank into the ditch so traffic can be resumed toward the front, bespectacled Major Edward Hamilton of The Dalles, Ore., tells me about the ambush that littered this road with dead Germans and smashed and blackened tanks and trucks.

50 Nazi Vehicles
"The Germans never knew what hit them," says the major, a little awed by his own destruction. "They were retreating. Must have been 50 vehicles in their column. We looped around and came into the main highway ahead of them."

"We set up two tanks and machine guns across the road in good concealment. The Germans didn't know anything was in front of them and down the highway the column poured at 40 miles an hour."

"We let them get within 30 feet of us. Then we opened fire on the first truck with machine guns, halting it and jamming the entire column."

Brakes squealed and tank treads rasped as they reversed. The column jack-knifed up into an indescribable jumble. Then American guns cut loose along its entire length. Machine guns pinned the Germans inside their turrets, sieved trucks and ignited ammunition which went up like skyrocket.

"Poured It On"
Then the Americans "walked" antitank and artillery fire up and down the column.

"We really poured it on them," said Sgt. Carl Chisholm of Los Angeles. "There were dead and dying Germans all over the place with blazing cars and exploding gas tanks. Smoke and flames were so thick we couldn't see the target sometimes although it was right on top of us."

Somehow 230 dazed and

wounded Nazis came tottering out of that inferno with their hands up yelling kamerad. The parties which have just come in from clearing the road say there must be 100 dead in the wreckage.

GIRL PITCHER STAR
Salt Lake City—U.P.—Rated one of the best female softball pitchers in Utah is Shirley Turpin, pitcher for the Shamrock-Footprinters, Salt Lake City, who will pitch a 10-game series in Arizona. She is 14.

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We heartily congratulate the American Fruit Growers upon their foresight in erecting such a modern and handsome packing plant—a tribute to the future of Medford and the Rogue River Valley!

Greetings!
AMERICAN FRUIT GROWERS

We are glad to extend to Mr. Gordon Green and his associates our heartiest congratulations upon the completion of Medford's new, handsome, thoroughly modern packing plant on South Fir Street.

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CONGRATULATIONS

To Gordon R. Green and the American Fruit Growers upon the completion of this modern and specious Medford packing plant.

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A Grand Job!

Medford may well be proud of this new American Fruit Growers packing plant just completed. We congratulate Mr. Green and the members of his firm in this forward step!

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**We Extend Heartiest
CONGRATULATIONS**

To American Fruit Growers, Inc., and to Mr. Gordon R. Green upon the opening of their splendid new packing plant in Medford. We wish this progressive organization long years of success in the Rogue River Valley.

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