

AMERICAN FRUIT PLANT INSPECTED BY LARGE THONG

Solid Construction, Measures for Comfort, Efficiency Impress Visitors.

Two thousand visitors who inspected the new pear packing plant of the American Fruit Growers on South Fir street last week-end were impressed by the substantial type of construction, the harmonious design and handsome finish of offices and work rooms and the numerous innovations for the comfort of employees and for heightened efficiency of the crews.

Visitors entering through the main office door found themselves facing a large room with equipment show space to the left, a general office space and counter to the right with private offices, vault space and the hardware department at the back. The finish of these departments is Nu-Wood in beige, tan and brown and lighting fixtures and furniture are modern in design.

Growers Office
Here are the offices of the plant manager, George S. Green, his assistant, E. A. Pringle, and a special office designed for the use of growers calling on business. Miss Thelma Toles is office manager. The telephone switchboard is located in this general office.

The hardware department is considered unique in both design and content, since it is the only one of its kind in the district. A semi-circular counter divides the department from the main room and tiers of specially designed shelves hold a large stock of hardware needed by farmers and agriculturists of all types. Ronnie Hudkins is manager of the hardware and supply department.

Most of the lower floor space is given over to the packing machinery. Four complete pear-packing units have been installed, two new and two carried over from the old plant. The washers, sorting tables and sizers, which cost about \$2,500 a unit, have a capacity of from 10 to 12,000 boxes a day, or between 15 and 17 carloads of fruit. An innovation in this department is the installation of cull chutes from the packing units, these being arranged so that culls are not handled by hand. This device weighs the culls in order than an accurate count can be given each grower.

Sorters Comfortable
With a thought for the comfort of the sorters, steam heat has been installed under each sorting table. Chutes from the second floor bring the boxes, with liners already in place, to the packers. The newly installed sizing units have circular, revolving bins into which the pears drop conveniently to the hands of the packers.

Overlooking the packing room is a balcony from which spectators may watch the plant in operation or visitors may wait.

Each packed box of fruit is weighed and then passed by an enclosed checking stand where it is recorded for size, variety and packer. Since the checking is exact work, the stands were enclosed in order that the checkers might not have their attention distracted while at work. Doors through which the packed fruit goes for loading onto trucks are of special design, being flexible and on tracks which facilitate their operation. On the north porch are located two large tanks for storage of lime-sulphur spray and a small building immediately adjacent will house the boilers for the heating system.

Opening from the packing room to the south is the large unloading porch, with which officials of the company are very pleased. This large porch, nearly the size of the entire old plant, will hold 15,000 grower lugs of

fruit, the equivalent of between 15 and 18 carloads of fruit. The porch has cement ramps and is well lighted for night work.

Efficiency Promoted
Gordon Green, division manager of the firm, believes that the new plant will greatly aid the firm in maintaining their average schedule of from 14 to 16 hours between picking time and arrival of the packed boxes in the cold storage plant.

On the second floor are a large, well equipped lunch room where employees will be served free coffee and wafers twice each working day, a hospital room equipped for emergencies and which will be in charge of a nurse each working day, offices and work rooms for the gift department. One large space will be devoted to typists and stenographers for the gift department, numbering some 100, and another for workers who will assemble the gift packages. Main offices for this department are enclosed and the interior finish corresponds to the downstairs offices. Opening from this are the handsomely furnished office of Mr. Green, firm manager, a conference room, the office of Mrs. Paul Bulkin, sales manager of the gift department, and the head bookkeeper's office.

The south section of this floor will house a postoffice and mailing room, and supply rooms. Supplies now are mainly for packing and as these are moved out, supplies for the gift department will be brought in.

Since these supplies are heavy in nature, the building was constructed to withstand a load of 450 pounds per square foot. The box making machines, which turn out some 2,000 pear boxes a day, are located on the second floor at present.

Special attention was given to construction and equipment of the men's and women's rest rooms. Offices on both floors are air conditioned.

Unique Construction
The firm manager states that many of the innovations in construction, such as the balcony for spectators and the enclosed checking stand, were added to the building's design by George S. Green, plant manager, and his assistant, Mr. Pringle. The former is also credited with rushing along the construction of the big building in time for pear harvest this fall, construction having started since April 1. Packing operations will start at the plant Thursday of this week.

Designers of the new plant were R. C. Marsons and Associates of Portland, Ed Borg of Medford was contractor and Lee Williams, assistant contractor. Allen R. Smith was lumber purchasing agent, plumbing was installed by the Borwning Plumbing company and the electrical work was done by Trowbridge and Flynn.

Some 1300 visitors who attended the open house were served buffet lunch, the menu having been prepared under the direction of Paul Bulkin. Included among the visitors were people from Portland and San Francisco and scores of bouquets and floral arrangements were sent as gifts from individuals and firms both in the immediate district and from other coast cities. Monday more than a truckload of these were sent to the Camp White Station hospital.

DYNAMO AT 91
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Field Marshal Von Paulus, Prisoner of Reds, Joins in Plea for Nazi Surrender

By M. S. Handler
United Press Correspondent
Moscow, Aug. 15.—(AP)—Field Marshal Friederich Von Paulus, Germany's "hero of Stalingrad" and the highest ranking military leader to fall into Russian hands, ended 18 months of sullen silence with a dramatic admission that the Reich has lost the war, and joined with 19 other Nazi officers today in an appeal to the Wehrmacht to overthrow Adolf Hitler and lay down their arms.

Von Paulus had stubbornly refused to abandon hope in a German victory since February 1943, when he and 21 other generals were captured with the remnants of the Nazi 6th army in ruined Stalingrad. His unexpected about-face threatened to have far-reaching effects in the already-shaken Wehrmacht.

The Nazi field marshal was taken prisoner in his headquarters in the cellar of a Stalingrad department store at the end of that disastrous campaign that cost the German army more than 500,000 lives and turned the tide of the war.

Sullen Prisoner
Correspondents who witnessed his surrender reported that the field marshal was extremely sullen and hostile and refused to answer even the most formal questions put to him by his Soviet captors.

His top aides, including Gen. Walter Von Seydlitz who became president of the Soviet-sponsored union of free German officers, conceded almost immediately that the game was up and began broadcasting peace appeals to their former comrades.

Until today's announcement, however, Von Paulus had been regarded as the most stubborn and intransigent of all the captured German leaders.

One-Day Session Sought To Amend Law Of Election

Portland, Ore., Aug. 15.—(AP)—George Lavey, chairman of the Multnomah County Democratic committee, today indicated he would go to Salem Wednesday to ask Gov. Earl Snell to call a one-day special session of the legislature to amend the state election laws to give service men and women ample time to vote their state ballots in the November election.

Lavey said he had signatures of between 25,000 and 30,000 Oregon citizens on petitions. He contended that the uncertainty existing regarding the ability of the state department to certify and the county clerks to print and mail the state ballots far enough ahead of election day, made it advantageous for the governor to call the session.

WARTIME YANKEES
Boston (AP)—During an interview with his old baseball boss, Joe McCarthy of the New York Yankees, sportscaster "Bump" Hadley complained that he didn't recognize any of the Yankees' players. "If it weren't for this war you wouldn't have to," replied McCarthy, "because none of them would be out there."

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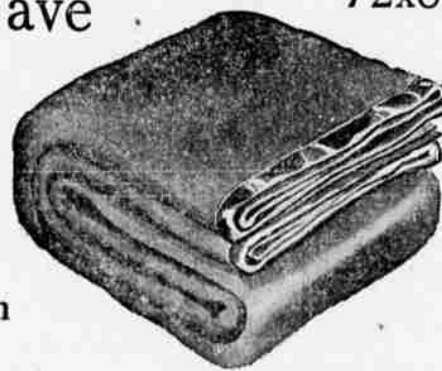
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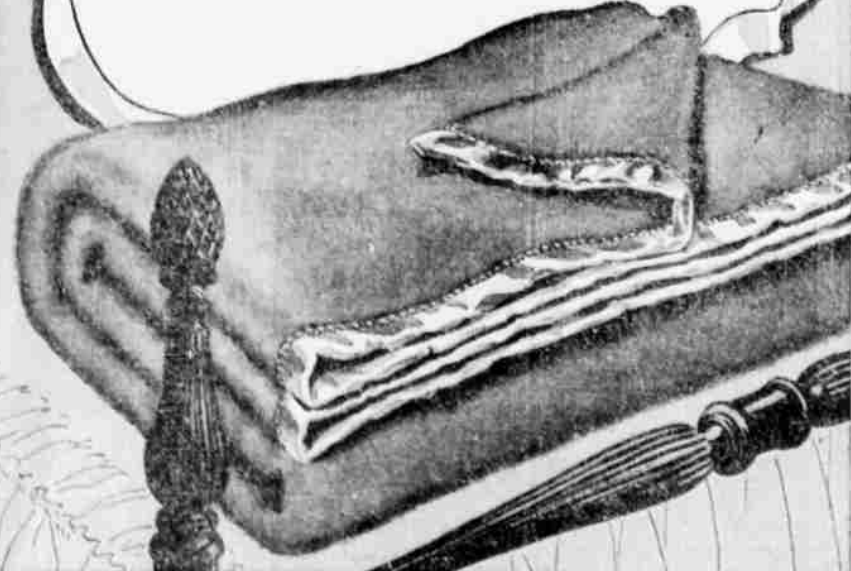
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