

PEAR INDUSTRY FUTURE STABLE GROWER CLAIMS

Ashland, Dec. 11 — The pear industry faces a stable future while the citrus fruit industry is somewhat gloomy, Senator Earl Newby, pear orchardist and packer, told members of the Ashland Rotary club at a recent meeting.

Newby explained that citrus trees come into commercial production in a few years while it takes 10 to 15 years for a pear tree to produce in commercial quantities. Citrus acreage has greatly increased while pear acreage has remained rather stable, he told the Rotarians.

Slight increase in pear acreage has been absorbed in the growing demand for pears which has been created by a remarkably successful advertising campaign sponsored by the pear growers of Washington, Oregon and California, where the vast majority of the commercial business is concentrated, Newby stated.

Increase in markets, plus rapid development of the gift package business, enabled the industry to maintain its stability regardless of loss of foreign markets during the war, Newby said.

Ripening program is the latest development, which combined with growth of the cold storage idea, has eliminated glutted markets and low income to growers. By the use of cold storage, Bartlett's can be marketed up to November, Bosc's and Comice to January and D'Anjous to May, Newby continued. He said payroll of the industry in this area is approximately \$2,000,000 and the income to the industry approximately \$10,000,000.

Blight, for which no remedy has been discovered but which can be controlled, is the main

Foreign Countries Owe U. S. Huge Debt From World War I

Washington, Dec. 11—(U.P.)—Foreign countries still owed the United States \$14,791,340,307 in World War I debts on July 1, 1945, the treasury said today.

"Total indebtedness" includes unpaid principal, interest postponed and payable under moratorium agreements, and interest accrued and unpaid under the agreements.

The U. S. has not forgiven any World War I debts. The following table includes total payments by countries, of principal and interest on the debts. The debts of Russia and Armenia were not funded, however.

Country	Total Indebtedness	Principal Paid	Interest Paid
Armenia	\$ 27,391,079		
Belgium	503,579,077	\$ 19,157,630	\$ 33,033,842
Czechoslovakia	175,072,336	19,829,914	304,178
Estonia	24,491,700		1,248,431
Finland	8,574,063	1,157,868	5,847,626
France	4,606,635,664	226,039,588	260,036,302
Germany (Austrian debt)	26,024,539	862,668	
Great Britain	6,415,064,782	434,181,641	1,590,687,175
Greece	36,873,535	983,922	3,143,133
Hungary	2,740,938	73,955	482,924
Italy	2,052,213,409	37,464,319	63,365,560
Latvia	10,114,980	9,200	752,349
Lithuania	9,064,140	234,783	1,003,172
Poland	306,497,824	1,287,297	21,359,000
Rumania	74,926,280	4,498,632	292,374
Russia	448,079,238		8,750,312
Yugoslavia	63,396,719	1,952,000	636,059

drawback in the industry, the senator added. He recalled that workmen at the experiment station near Talent have been extremely helpful to the industry by their work with blight.

Rupp Will Build New Dining Room

Central Point, Dec. 11—A new dining hall, scheduled for completion within a month, is being constructed here by L. R. Rupp.

The hall will be in a separate structure from the one housing the present dining room on the Pacific highway. In the new building will be a short-order counter and a private room in addition to the public dining room all in El Rancho style.

The old structure will house apartments.

Hilton Hotel Chain Adds Two Big Units

Chicago, Dec. 11—(U.P.)—C. N. Hilton, president of Hilton Hotels of America, announced today that he has purchased the Palmer House here for \$20,000,000.

Hilton also announced that he has purchased the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles for \$8,200,000.

Hilton already owns the Town House in Los Angeles, the Plaza and Roosevelt hotels in New York and the Stevens Hotel in Chicago.

MANY RE-ENLIST
Los Angeles, Dec. 11—(U.P.)—Seventy-five per cent of recent enlistees in the regular army are discharged veterans, Maj. Gen. William E. Shedd, commander of the Ninth Service Command, said today.

WHODUNNIT?
Hollywood, Dec. 11—(U.P.)—Movie colony notables who attended a party given by Constance Collier, veteran stage and screen actress, were cleared today of suspicion in the loss of \$4,000 worth of Miss Collier's jewelry. Police said the jewels disappeared during a party on Nov. 25, the theft was kept secret while investigators "cleared Hollywood notables attending the party from implication," police said.

FABER DISPOSES OF CENTRAL PT. STORE; RETIRES

Mr. E. C. Faber, Central Point resident and merchant for 35 years, has sold his dry goods store there to Mr. Don E. Burelson, and except for operating a wood yard, will retire from business.

Faber came to Central Point in 1909 and established his first store in the Whiteside building in which are now the post office and the IOOF hall. About 1915 he moved his general merchandise business to the building on Pine and Fourth streets. His interests expanded to include stores in Eagle Point and Butte Falls.

In recent years Mr. Faber's sons, Everett and Donald, have operated the grocery business while he managed the dry goods section.

Faber has had an active interest in Central Point civic affairs and was a leader in the move to secure Medford water for Central Point.

Burelson, who assumes ownership of the dry goods store, came to Medford last fall from Minneapolis. He is a brother of Harold Burelson of Medford.

Pacific Returnee Stream Increases

Tokyo, Dec. 11—(U.P.)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur said today that the number of army personnel returning from the Pacific

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to the United States for readjustment has increased from a "feeble" 6,000 in June to 341,104 during November.

"Since V-J Day, approximately 500,000 have returned to the zone of the interior from this theater," MacArthur said in a message to troops commending them for the "efficient and expeditious" manner in which they have carried out the readjustment program.

C. P. Legion Post Schedules Party

Central Point, Dec. 11—Myers-Holland American Legion post of Central Point will hold its Christmas party Thursday evening, December 13, following the regular post session at the sportsman's club.

Post members will convene at Woodman's hall with the auxiliary for the event. All attending will bring gifts for hospitalized veterans, who, from a state-wide collection of such gifts, select suitable presents for their families.

The word "America" does not appear in the song of that name.

Secret Files Eyed To Back Charges Voiced By Hurley

Washington, Dec. 11—(U.P.)—The senate foreign relations committee meets behind closed doors today to examine secret state department reports on Iran and China.

The reports were taken from state department files after Patrick J. Hurley, resigned ambassador to China, said they would prove his charges of duplicity in the foreign service.

Hurley asked the committee to make the reports public. The committee, however, decided upon the closed-door session after Secretary of State James F. Byrnes said full publicity was not in the public interest.

Hurley himself designated the long list of reports, letters and telegrams which he believed would help prove his charges.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a.m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p.m.

Deactivate Last of American Division

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 11—(U.P.)—The last contingent of the famed American division has arrived home and was being deactivated here today at Fort Lewis.

All that remains of the unit—13,000 strong at the end of the Pacific war—stormed onto home soil in Tacoma yesterday from

the transport General Heintzelman out of Yokohama. The debarckees included 2,025 men and 96 officers. The troopship also returned 1,003 members of the 4th and 11th replacement depots and one Red Cross worker.

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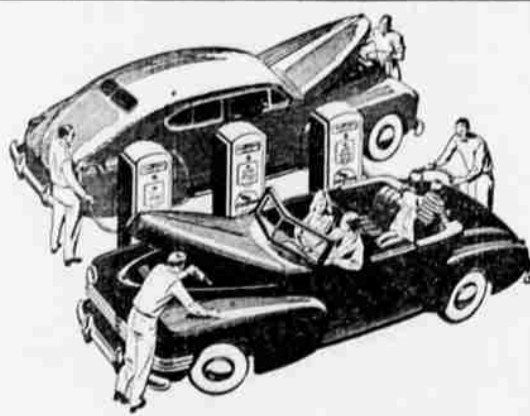
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