

Glamorous Pear Aim of Reimer In Experiments

F. C. Reimer, horticulturist with the Southern Oregon Experiment station for many years, now retired, is continuing his efforts to develop a more attractive pear. And he says that this year his three-year-old seedlings look extremely promising.

Realizing that eye appeal is extremely important in the marketing of fruit, Reimer began some years ago to try to breed a more colorful pear — a pear of large size, high quality and with red coloring. Many varieties of pears are not especially attractive, he declared. In fact many of the best — tasting pears are quite unattractive.

Reimer noted that the reddest of apples and peaches are the ones that sell most rapidly. It was his intention to develop a pear that would be able to compete on the fruit stand with these more gaudy fruits.

Most of the fruits in Southern Oregon are greenish-yellow, he noted. He thought it would greatly improve the appearance of the area's pears if they could be developed with a red cheek.

Reimer first tried crossing sekl with comice pears. The product was red, all right, but it also was very small. So he then turned to experimenting with the crossing of various pears with two red mutations — max-red bartlett and royal red hardy pears.

Despite his retirement from the experiment station, Reimer has continued his work and has many red leaved and barked seedlings that he expects to start bearing fruit in the next few years. He said the seedlings are being hurried to the bearing stage. "It is highly probable," he added, "that these red seedlings will also bear red fruit."

Fifty-five per cent of the seedlings produced from a crossing of max-red bartlett with bartlett pears have red leaves and bark. About half the seedlings resulting from the crossing of bartlett with royal red hardy pears are red.

12 Unaccounted For In Alaska Hotel Fire

Fairbanks, Alaska — (U.P.) — Twelve persons still were unaccounted for Wednesday as crews continued the grim task of sifting through the blackened ruins and ashes of the Pioneer Hotel.

Five persons already were listed as dead. Eight others were burned, one critically, when the old Alaska landmark burned to the ground early Monday.



THEY LIKE DICK AND IKE—Senator Richard M. Nixon (right) of California, Republican candidate for the vice presidency, finds his neighbors ready with a campaign sign on his arrival in Washington from the G. O. P. national convention. Holding the sign boosting the Eisenhower-Nixon ticket are, left to right: Barbara Green, Moscow, Idaho; Anne Wilson, Bethesda, Md.; Marilyn Coombs, Ross, Calif., and Marlene Paulsen, Oakland, Calif.

Brannan Wants Fighting Campaign for Farm Votes

Washington — (U.P.) — Democrats will wage a fighting campaign for the farm vote this year if Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan has anything to say about it.

Brannan told a news conference Tuesday the party should advocate high mandatory price supports, a support program for perishable farm products and generally blast the "negative" and "phony" language in the Republican farm plank.

He also criticized the GOP platform as a "negative document" and said the Democrats "deserve to lose" if they can't come up with a better one.

The Democrats began drafting their platform in Chicago today, with the farm plank scheduled to be one of the most controversial issues along with the touchy civil rights question.

'Phony' Language
Brannan described the Republican platform's endorsement of "full parity prices for all farm products in the market place" as "phony language." He said he "certainly" hopes the Democrats will be more specific.

Brannan, who will be one of the chief targets of the Republicans this year, said he favors

high mandatory price supports to protect both farmer and consumer.

Endorses Supports

While he now endorses supports pegged at 90 per cent of parity, he said that level is still "only 90 per cent of fair." But he said supports any higher would not be "realistic" at this time.

Brannan said he would not propose his so-called "Brannan Farm Plan" to the Democrats this year. But he said he certainly would recommend "some kind of support program" for non-storable commodities such as dairy products and eggs.

COOLED BACK TO COOLER

Gaffney, S.C. — (U.P.) — The heat got credit for an assist in the recapture of two escaped convicts near here. The pair, who had fled North Carolina prison farm, were caught when they got out of their stolen automobile to cool their feet in a creek.

City Employees To Remain On State Retirement Fund; Zone Change Gets Approval

Results of a secret ballot conducted among city employees to determine if they wanted to stay under the state retirement fund or to put themselves under federal social security were announced in the city council meeting last night at city hall. The employees will stay under the state retirement plan.

Councilman Stanley Jones read the results compiled by the mayor's election board. Ninety-four voted for the federal plan and 36 for the state plan, but a 75 per cent majority was required before a change would be made. The majority for social security was 72.3 per cent.

Water Main Accepted

The ordinance calling for a trunk water main on Jeanette street from the south city limits to West Main street was unanimously accepted.

The council also called for a hearing August 5 on the rezoning of the north side of West Jackson street between Holly and Woodstock. There was some confusion whether the planning commission had recommended a change to zone 3 or 3B, so Recorder Ralph Woodford was requested to poll the commission.

Both classes are commercial zones, but there is a difference in set-back restrictions. A city owned lot at Washington and 10th streets was sold to Joe Crawford, Cargill court.

After the sale was completed a motion was made and adopted that the city will not be responsible for the surveying of the lot.

The council voted to assume the expense of preparing polls and of publicizing an election to bring into the city a small peninsula of non-city area near Siskiyou boulevard and Modoc avenue. John E. Westlund, 727 Keene Way drive, who is carrying a petition for the annexation, asked for this assurance that the people in the area would not have to pay those expenses.

Bills Turned Down

At the recommendation of Councilman Dwight Houghton, of the finance committee, two bills were turned down until further study is made. One was from Community hospital and requested \$222. It was the bill for a man who was taken there by the police and had stayed

there 21 days. Houghton argued that the welfare commission should pay at least some of the expense.

The other bill was from the humane society. The city was charged for "overhead" and "advertising," and Houghton charged the city's contract with the humane society does not call for such expenses.

The meeting was adjourned until July 22 when several paving bids are to be awarded.

Cancer Death Rate Doubled During Fifty Year Period

Geneva, Switzerland — (U.P.) — The World Health organization said Wednesday that cancer apparently kills twice as many people as it did 50 years ago and that Great Britain has the highest cancer death rate in the world.

However, WHO said it was a "burning question" whether this global increase is a "slowly progressing epidemic" or only a statistical increase due to better diagnoses in recent decades.

Real Increase

Dr. M. Pascua, director of WHO's division of health statistics, said a number of reputable pathologists "hold the view that a real increase, even if generally a slow one, has actually taken place in modern times."

The report said a "spectacular rise" in deaths from cancer of the lung in the last 20 years, particularly among men, contributed heavily to the general increase. Smoking was cited as an "important factor" in cancer of the lung.

Risk Increases

WHO quoted a 1950 investigation of lung cancer carried out by the Medical Research Council of England and Wales which suggested that "above the age of 25 the risk of developing cancer of the lungs increases in simple proportion with the amount smoked."

The London report said this risk "may be approximately 50 times as great among those who smoke 25 or more cigarettes a day as among non-smokers."

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Carnival Trapeze Man Killed by 75-Foot Fall

Blue Island, Ill. — (U.P.) — A Hungarian trapeze artist fell 75 feet to his death Tuesday night while a crowd of about 3,000 carnival-goers looked on.

Stephen Hegedus, 47, plunged to the ground when his descent rope snapped. His partner, Rena Martini, 24, of Paris had just descended the rope.

Hegedus and Martini had just finished their acrobatic and aerial performance at a Veterans of Foreign Wars carnival when the mishap took place. The crowd was still milling around the area when he fell.

Fort Worth, Tex. — (U.P.) — in which he thought there was a liquor shipment. Actually, they adding insult to injury. Officers said, it contained only empty reported he broke into a box car beer bottles.



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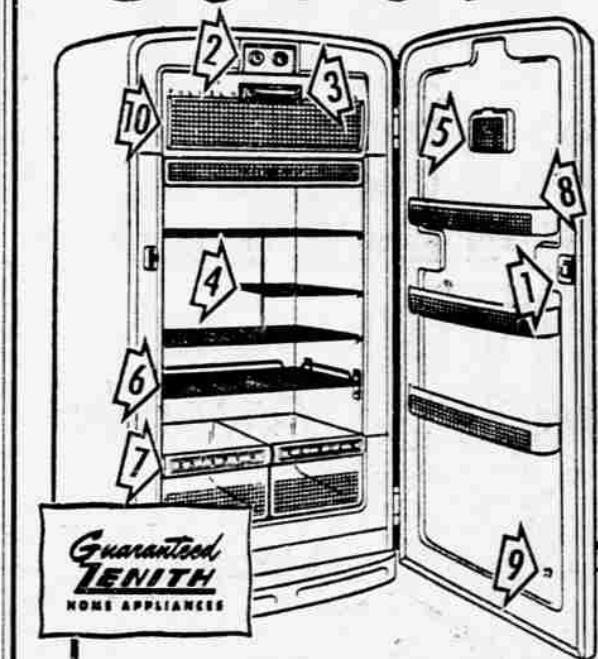
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