

## Northwest Pears Praised by British, Agriculture Attache Tells Bureau

"English fruit importers are very satisfied with the quality of the Pacific Northwest and California pear pack and I want to congratulate the growers for them," remarked Leslie W. Crawford, British Embassy agriculture and food attache.

Crawford, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., spoke before the Oregon-Washington-California Pear Bureau during its annual meeting in Portland recently. The attache had visited Hood River, Yakima, Wenatchee and Medford.

While visiting Medford, recently, Crawford and his wife

were the guests of the Medford Pear Shippers association. Bill Williams, vice president of Bear Creek orchards, and Russ Jamison, Medford public relations man, took the couple on a quick tour of orchards and packing houses in this area.

Crawford told Jamison he is hopeful the increase in export shipments of pears this year would continue. Biggest block to any increase is the availability of export exchange dollars, he said. The state department and department of agriculture are constantly working with the British foreign office to alleviate

the condition, he added. During the tour, the Crawfords were impressed with the amount of mechanization in the packing industry here and complimented the local shippers on their modern methods of handling pears. Crawford observed that the soil types in the Medford area are similar to those in French orchards. The couple was particularly impressed with the acreage of pears grown in the district. He said such large blocks do not exist in English orchards. He added that England is one of the world's largest consumers of fresh and dried fruits.

The Crawfords have been on the west coast before (in San Francisco) but this is the first opportunity they have had to make a field trip into a pear producing district. As a footnote to the tour, Crawford seemed interested in the modern methods of orchard heating and secured information on the success of the hail suppression program in this area.

The Crawfords have been in the United States for three years and will be sent back to England at the end of their tour of duty in August, Crawford told Jamison. They live in a small town near London. They have one daughter who is graduating from a nurse's course in a hospital near Paddington station in London. The English couple have a small acreage near their home. He remarked that Comice pears from Rogue valley are particular favorites in England. The couple said they have a Comice tree in their garden and plan to send back a Bosc tree when they return. (The Bosc tree is considered good for pollination purposes.) During his talk in Portland, Crawford said the British government is now much concerned over the so-called United States recession. He pointed out the importance of reciprocal trade and was hopeful congress would pass reciprocal agreements act now before it.

## Japanese Scientists To Assist in Study Of Ocean Currents

Corvallis — Two leading Japanese scientists have volunteered to cooperate with an Oregon State college oceanographer, Dr. Wayne V. Burt, in a study of Pacific Ocean currents that carry glass fishnet floats from Japanese waters to Oregon beaches.

Burt, who has been making an extended study of Oregon's ocean geography for the past five years, believes the glass floats may provide some new information about circulation of currents and driftspeeds between the two countries.

## Dentists Guests Of Kiwanis Club At Luncheon Here

Jackson county dentists participating in the Medford Kiwanis dental clinic were special guests at the Kiwanis club's noon luncheon at Rogue Valley Country club yesterday and Cur Nesheim, warden of the southwest district of the state department of forestry, spoke on fire prevention.

President Bill Sinsler presented a plaque honoring the dentists. It was accepted for the group by Dr. John Dickson, president-elect of the Southern Oregon District Dental society.

The clinic, which provides free service for needy youngsters selected by city and county school nurses, has operated since mid-March. Since that time it has handled 351 appointments. Dentists, who contribute their time free of charge one-half day per month have filled 572 teeth and have extracted 150. The clinic will be in operation until the end of the school term and will resume next fall and continue five days per week through the school year.

## Awards Presented At Illinois Valley

Cave Junction — Richard (Rick) Rauber, valedictorian, was presented with \$250 per year scholarship to the Pacific university at the annual awards assembly Tuesday at Illinois Valley High school.

Norma Martin, salutatorian was given the local PTA scholarship, renewable tuition scholarship to Southern Oregon college were awarded to Jim Peninger and Mrs. Carmelita Hussey.

Other awards earned by outstanding students in the high school were Elk's Foundation award, Shirley Clark, Norma Martin, Bill Young and Gary Meredith; American essay contest, sponsored by the American Legion auxiliary, Mike McDermott, Mike Whitley, with honorable mention given to Merna Gibbons, Linda Deaton and Carmel White; Pfizer company award, Gerald Gibbons, Kenneth Deaton; Memorial band award for outstanding musical achievement, Mary Hoskins; the Betty Crocker Homemakers award, Shirley Clark; Bausch and Lomb Science award, Bill Young; and the Curtis Publication awards, Lorraine Frost and Howard Ollis.

It was loud shirt day at the Kiwanis meeting and Warren Fairbanks was judged the winner.

## Assault Charges Dropped on Shooting

Portland — (UPI) — A Circuit Court jury found Willie Smith, 42, Vancouver, Wash., innocent of a charge of assault with intent to kill in connection with the shooting and wounding Emma Elliott, 36, Portland, at her home.

## Dione Quintuplets Say Two To Have Babies

Montreal — (UPI) — The four surviving Dionne quintuplets celebrated their 24th birthday Wednesday with the revelation that two of the famous sisters would soon be mothers.

Cecile, Mrs. Phillippe Langlois, and Annette, Mrs. Germain Allard, expect babies this year; Cecile in August, Annette in September.

"We're hoping for a boy," Allard told United Press International before he and An-

nette left for a quiet birthday party at the apartment of Marie, Marie and the other surviving quint, Yvonne, are unmarried. The fifth quint, Emile, died in 1954.

Doctors caring for the sisters whose birth 24 years ago made headlines around the world said neither expected a multiple birth.

Neither Cecile nor her husband could be reached for comment, but sources close to the family confirmed that she was pregnant.

Dr. Koji Hidaka of the geographical institute, Tokyo university, and Dr. Michitaka Uda, Tokyo university of fisheries, immediately suggested a joint study.

Burt has been asked to collect information from coastal residents about float recoveries, especially during past years. Information needed by him includes color of floats, markings, numbers of floats found, and where they have been found.

Photographs of any unusual types are to be taken and sent to Hidaka and Uda for identification and investigation.

To help him in gathering data, Burt is asking that coastal residents who have information and records about finding floats write to him.

The fact that large numbers of floats were found during the record April storm may mean that floats are being concentrated in ocean eddies for long periods of time and then brought ashore in a group by wind or current changes. Or, it could be that some storm or accident has freed a large number of floats at one time, he explained.

The cooperative study with the Japanese scientists may provide the answers, he indicated. Burt's oceanography research is supported by a continuing grant from the office of naval research.

The jet was winched into position on the launcher and the solid propellant rocket, packing a 130,000-pound thrust, was attached to the fuselage.

Blackburn started the jet's engine, cut in his afterburner, and fired the rocket which thrust the jet skyward at 10 times the force of its own engines.

In less than four seconds, according to the Air Force, the jet was streaking at 275 miles an hour.

"I didn't even hear the rocket go off," Blackburn said. "It was smoother than a steam catapult shot from a carrier deck."

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## Cummings Receives Cummings Award

Corvallis — Karl Douglas Cummings of Medford gained special recognition this week at Oregon State college as a winner of one of the important all-campus honors and awards.

Cummings was selected to receive the E. A. Cummings award given annually to outstanding freshman men students. Selection is based on scholarship, success in student activities, and qualities of manhood and leadership.

He is majoring in engineering. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cummings of 1900 Cherry Heights.

## Canby Dairyman Seeks State Senator Job

Oregon City — (UPI) — Elmer Deetz, Canby dairyman and former state representative, said today he would seek a spot on the November election ballot as an independent candidate for state senator. He said petitions would be circulated to obtain signatures necessary to validate his candidacy.

## JUSTICE IS BLIND

Copenhagen — (UPI) — Police today were looking for the thief who stole the 30-inch statue of Justice, the goddess of justice, from a warehouse.



**JEWS-FASCISTS BATTLE** — A plainclothes policeman (right) is about to arrest a Jewish demonstrator during incidents involving the Jewish community and neo-Fascists in Rome. Demonstrations started after the Rome synagogue was defaced by unknown persons who wrote on the shrine walls: "Convert if you want to live in peace."

## Man Pleads Guilty To Strangling Employer

Portland — (UPI) — Elmore Walker, 33, was sentenced to a maximum of 15 years in the state penitentiary Wednesday after pleading guilty to a manslaughter charge in connection with the fatal strangling of his employer, Ira A. Martin, 80, last August. Martin operated a cleaning establishment.

## Auto Workers Ask Mediation Service

Detroit — (UPI) — The United Auto Workers Wednesday asked the Federal Mediation and Conciliation service to step in to end deadlocked, final-hour bargaining with General Motors, but the company said it is opposed to mediation.

UAW Vice President Leonard Woodcock said mediation is needed because General Motors has stood pat on a two-year contract extension offer and refused to bargain on the union demands.

Woodcock said he saw no hope at this time for a settlement before the contract covering 325,000 GM workers

expires at midnight Thursday. He asked that the contract be extended on a day-to-day or week-to-week basis while negotiations continue.

Immediately after Woodcock called for outside bargaining help, GM Vice President Louis Stonton said, "Based on our experiences, we are convinced that inter-

vention of a third party at this late date would make no contribution to a peaceful and equitable settlement prior to the expiration date of our agreement.

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