



NEW ARMORY—Above is the new Army reserve armory under construction on Columbus ave. on property formerly belonging to the Jackson County Housing Authority. The building is expected to be completed soon.

Report on Pear Decline Study To Be Presented in February

A complete report on the pear decline study will be given by Prof. Henry Hartman, Oregon State college horticulturist, in February. Paul Culbertson, experiment station committee chairman, said at the annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' League of Jackson county Friday that another general meeting will be called at that time to hear the report. Hartman is in good condition following his heart attack early in December, and has been compiling a report of the study since Christmas. The horticulturist expects to carry on his pear decline research in the Rogue valley in the same manner as before, Culbertson, a Medford pear grower, reported. Hartman is considered the outstanding research horticulturist in the United States and perhaps in the world, he added.

Unlikely of Program

It is unlikely that a federal horticultural program will operate from the Southern Oregon Branch Experiment Station here, Culbertson predicted. No federal horticulturist has worked at the experiment station since Dr. Roland Blake was transferred, he explained. Federal participation in horticultural research has been discontinued at the Hood River station, also, the committee chairman said. The federal program now operates at Wenatchee, Wash., for Oregon and Washington. The joint state-federal horticultural research program as formerly operated at Hood River and here "actually was not productive of results and experimental studies we were entitled to," Culbertson said. A good working relationship has been established with Dean F. E. Price, Corvallis, Oregon Experiment station head, Culbertson noted.

Current Funds

Current funds carry the pear decline study to June 1, Culbertson noted. The experiment station committee will present a request for funds at the Feb. 9 meeting of the state legislature's emergency committee. If granted, emergency funds would carry the study through June 30, 1961. More money may be requested when the state legislature meets that year if further pear decline study is needed, Culbertson explained. Robert Minear, South Stage rd., immediate past president of the league, noted that the organization has committed \$28,000 for two years of the research. OSC has contributed but should contribute more, he added.

Lyle Kinney, Bear Creek

orchards, labor committee chairman, said pear picker shortages may be recognized earlier this year. Kinney said he thought state and federal labor departments now realize Medford pear district's problem. Last summer the league's labor committee and pear growers attempted to follow every suggestion made by the two agencies and to meet every criticism. Experience Noted. Last summer's experience proved that Mexican Nationals were the most dependable and best pear pickers, Kinney indicated. Chief charges against the Medford district pear growers have been that growers do not attract the family type of migrant worker, working wage scale is too low, no advance transportation arrangements are made, housing is inadequate, no social benefits such as special schooling for pickers' children, hospital and medical benefits are planned, growers do not present their labor needs early enough, growers get Mexican Nationals without attempting to use other labor supplies, and using Mexican Nationals to stabilize wages. Kinney acknowledged that the local office of the Oregon State Employment Service helped considerably to at-

tempt to ease the picker shortage.

Growers left their pears on the trees longer than normal to gain larger sizes. However, strong winds and shortage of harvest help caused a large pear drop. Another criticism of pear growers has been that migrant labor hiring should be timed so pickers can be given almost continual employment. To meet this criticism, labor committee members arranged for contract migrant labor at Dayton, Wash. Became Discouraged. A group of 192 workers from Texas completed the Washington pear harvest two weeks before the Medford district's pear harvest started. Of the 192 workers hired only 77 stayed until after August. The Texans became easily discouraged because they were not used to the heavy orchard work, Kinney commented. The labor committee also conducted a full-scale picker recruiting program in California. A total of 118 workers were recruited from the entire state, the chairman noted. Of these, only four men stayed to the season's end. The 418 Mexican Nationals obtained compiled 100,000 picking hours. The whole D'Anjou pear crop could have been saved if the Seattle office of the U. S. Employment Service had allowed importation of Mexican Nationals sooner, Kinney said. Kinney noted that he and Committee Chairman Howard Bush, Medford, and the rest of the committee held almost continuous meetings to attempt to solve the picker shortage. Dunbar Carpenter, Medford, air pollution committee chairman, said the county court and the State Air Pollution authority will let the fruit industry work out its own problem of air pollution from smudging. However, he warned that the air pollution authority has the power to step in and enforce regulations. Return Agreements. About half the growers have returned signed agreements to retire 20 per cent of Slide-lid or open type heaters each year, Carpenter noted. More than 75 per cent of the growers are expected to return agreements, he added. These are all large holders. Of the estimated total of 113,500 heaters in the valley about 46 per cent are of the slide-lid or open type. The agreements become binding when 75 per cent of the growers having open-type heaters or 75 per cent of the total acreage is signed up. Steve Nye, legislative committee chairman, explained that the committee is a new one for the league. He urged all fruit growers and farmers in general to take an active interest in state legislation. Minear pointed out there are only 300 fruitgrowers in the valley. Growers and farmers, generally, must combine their efforts to combat legislation harmful to them since they are in the minority, he urged. Interested in Bills. Last year the league had an interest in nine bills and "other directives," Nye noted. These were bills from non-farmers — people living in metropolitan areas. Attorney fees for sending people to the state legislature in Salem cost an estimated \$5,000 to \$6,000 last year, he said. So far the fruit growers have been suc-

cessful, he added.

Harold Holmes, Rogue River orchards, representing packing plant sales managers, noted some developments which helped stabilize the pear marketing picture. A meeting with packing house sales managers and a cannery buyer early in August before the pear harvest resulted in a guaranteed price level. The buyer also agreed to take different grades than in the past. This allowed packing houses to get rid of all grades and a lot of smaller sizes. Sales managers were way off on crop estimates, Holmes noted. A little larger percentage than usual was sold the cannery last season, he noted. 50 Per Cent Normal. Last season the Bosc crop was 50 per cent of normal, but this variety did have good color and market acceptance, Holmes said. Foreign export took a large

Hospital Employee Stabbed to Death

Portland — UPB — A hospital employee who was a devout church worker was found stabbed to death late Friday in an old model car in North Portland. Police identified the victim as Mrs. Elizabeth Ella Joiner, 34, and said they were seeking her husband for questioning. er percentage of the crop than normal. At the same time domestic consumption was not up to par, Holmes noted. Starting in late October, the sales managers met each week to give true inventories of grade and size in their packing houses to avoid being left with too many pears of any size or grade. One large chain-store buyer took seven carloads of fancy grade and another chain buyer took one car. Both chain buyers admitted the pears were good, Holmes said. The chains will be back probably for fancy grades later, he predicted.

Senator Outlines Education Trends

Salem—UPB—State Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie) chairman of the Oregon Senate Education committee, Friday night forecast what he termed major trends in Oregon education. Addressing the Marion-Polk Democratic club here, he said the list included: —Establishment of community colleges and post high school vocational schools in a dozen or more communities. —New and expanded Oregon industry which will build up around higher education research centers. —Federal financial assistance to schools and a shift from local real property taxes to state income taxes in meeting school district costs. —Marked increases in teachers' salaries. —Tougher admission standards at the University of Oregon and Oregon State college.

Neuberger Says Work On New Dam to Start

Washington—UPB—Sen. Richard L. Neuberger said Friday he understands President Eisenhower's budget message Monday would recommend \$1,400,000 for a start on Green Peter dam in Oregon. The proposed Santiam river project would cost 63 million dollars. In order to purchase the units, a sustained yield management plan has to be submitted to the forest service for approval. If approved, the prospective purchaser submits a bid which meets what has been decided is the minimum realization value. The bidder must deposit 5 per cent of the realization value, and within 90 days complete the transaction. Mezger cited one example of a unit with a realization value of more than \$6 million, bids for which will be opened Wednesday. In addition, Mezger said, specifications and management plans provide that the purchaser harvest 150 board feet per acre per year on the tract example Mezger cited.

40 Students Unhurt In Salem Bus Crash

Salem — UPB — Forty junior high and high school students escaped serious injury late Friday when a Salem school bus left Fletcher road north-east of Salem and went halfway over in a ditch. Washington — UPB — Mrs. Isabel S. Draper, sister of President Eisenhower's physician and widow of a former federal power commissioner, died Friday at the age of 84.

Indian Reservation Termination Act Is Reviewed for Group

Terms which make it virtually impossible for small timber companies to purchase land under the Klamath Indian Reservation Termination Act were reviewed Friday night at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association. Bob Mezger, chief forester of the Klamath Falls branch, U.S. National Bank of Portland, trustees for the non-withdrawing tribal members, said a company must meet the realization value of the piece of property being considered for purchase. Reservation holdings being auctioned through sealed bids comprise the major part of the reservation. About 22 per cent of the reservation was set aside for those Indians who elected to remain, Mezger said. Sustained Yield Units. With the exception of those lands and certain fringe area lands, the rest has been divided into sustained yield units which range in value from \$1 million to more than \$13 million.

Not more than 30 million board feet can be harvested within a five-year period from the tract, he said, which figures out to about a 2.1 per cent return on the initial investment. Turned Over to FS. If no bids are received on the sustained yield units, of which there are 11 in the reservation, the land is turned over to the forest service for management. The forest service also inspects the units after purchase to be assured the purchaser is carrying out terms of the contract. If the purchaser is not operating under contract terms, the forest service assumes management under a forfeiture clause. Mezger said the bank was made trustee of the 145,000 acres which were set aside for the tribal members who elected to remain. Of the 145,000 acres 135,000 are timber land, and 10,000 are grazing land. A trusteeship, he said, was considered the most advantageous for management. About 20 million board feet of timber a year will be harvested off the trust land on a sustained yield basis under the contract. Fire last summer spread into the trust area, affecting about 2 million board feet. That is going to be harvested as soon as possible, he said. Cattle Herd Increased. The cattle herd on the trust area grazing land has been about doubled, Mezger said, to better utilize the land. Mezger was forester for the Indian service at Klamath Falls for several years before going into private business, and then to the bank as its forester. He noted about one-fourth of the timber in the Klamath basin comes from the Indian reservation. Prior to Mezger's discus-

sion, SOCTFA members elected Bruce Blew, Al Smith and Bob Kline to the board of directors and heard reports of activities during the past year from Dale Prentice, secretary-manager, and committee chairman. Officers elected by the board include Glen Duysen, Kogap Lumber Industries, president; Dick Swan, Ross Lumber company, first vice president, Medford; Bob Kelson, Southern Oregon Plywood, second vice president, Grants Pass; Kline, Kline Logging company, treasurer. Prentice was reappointed secretary-manager.



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SPECIAL EVENTS
SPECIAL for TUESDAY EVENING, January 19th — 7:30 p.m. Annual Meeting—An Informal Pot Luck Dinner for all members. 6:30 p.m.—Election of 9 Directors for a 3-year term. —Entertainment and recognition for volunteers. —Movies and games for the children. Bring a Meat Dish (How about fried chicken?), and salad or vegetable or dessert. Place settings will be furnished. — Mrs. Virginia Wickersham, Chairman
SPECIAL for SUNDAY AFTERNOON, January 24th — Open House—Come from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at your convenience. A chance to visit friends and show them your YMCA filled with activity in all departments. DR. EARL T. JOHNSON, Arrangements. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Chamberlain, Refreshments.

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