



GIANT BEAN—Mrs. Frank Meadows, 290 Freeman rd., Central Point, hasn't heard anything from her bean bush lately, but, from the way the beans have grown, she could expect almost anything. The picture above shows her holding one of the huge bean pods that still appears to be growing. The variety, Guinea beans, are edible, being prepared like egg plant, Mrs. Meadows said. Pass the bean please...

Good News Puts Complications in Life

Okmulgee, Okla. — Good news put complications in the life of Ferol Johnston.

Johnston had a one-car family. Then he bought a new family auto and, to give his wife her own transportation,

he purchased a second car. Mrs. Johnston's mother telephoned to say she was sending a gift to the family.

Sure enough, the gift rolled into the Johnston driveway: a new car.

Salem — (UPI) — Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said Tuesday that counties are not entitled to reimburse men from the state for salaries of deputy sheriffs and special guards hired to move convicts to penal institutions and mentally ill persons to state hospitals.

Oregon State to Study Ways Of Half Melting Hailstones

Corvallis — A way to make hailstones slushy and half-melted during their two-mile descent from the thunderclouds in which they are formed may be attempted by Oregon State college weather scientists within the next three years.

This may be tried in the Medford area where hailstones do considerable damage to the pear crop when they reach the ground area.

A young pear takes a "whale of a whacking" from a hailstone. A pear gets a dimple on it where the hail hits, the texture of the skin is changed, and growth is stunted. When the pears are put into the automatic peelers, the dimpled spot remains and has to be hand peeled.

The weather scientists will seek ways of reducing occurrence of hail at the ground in the Rogue valley. This means to get the hail to fall slowly so it melts on the way down. It is impossible to keep a thunderstorm from forming hail.

Decker in Charge

Fred W. Decker of the At-

mospheric Science Branch of the OSC science research institute is in charge of the \$54,000 hail study project supported by the National Science Foundation, Medford Pear Shippers association, and the OSC Agricultural Experiment Station.

If hail can be made slushy and trapped with air, it would tend to fall flatter and would not be damaging to pears. If made to fall more slowly, hail is more likely to melt in the two miles of air before it reaches the ground and the pear crop.

Sweetland Obtains Voter Age Ruling

Portland — (UPI) — State Sen. Monroe Sweetland said Wednesday an opinion from the attorney general holds that a person is eligible to register and vote even if his 21st birthday falls on Nov. 9, the day after this year's election.

Sweetland, Democratic candidate for secretary of state, said he asked Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton for the opinion. He said a letter

From noting cloud development, internal precipitation development of the storm, atmospheric electric measurements, and upper air sounding data, the weather scientists hope to pre-determine the various types and sizes of hail that will fall from a given storm.

Presently, the weather scientists are studying the natural hail fall. They have over 500 stations in a hail-recording network in the Rogue River valley near Medford and in the surrounding hills. The stations are about

every six-tenths of a square mile.

Gather Hailstones

In addition, some 30 volunteers gather hailstones and put them in a deep freeze so the stones can be analyzed for internal structure and density. Jud Parsons of Medford is in charge of the hail records and volunteer collections.

To study the natural hail fall, a weather radar station has been established at the

Air Force Sergeant Is Honorary Mother

Davenport, Iowa — Air Force Sgt. H. T. Stow, stationed now in Columbus, Ohio, is an honorary mother.

When he was on recruiting duty at Davenport in 1955, Stow helped mothers and wives of Air Force men from nearby Clinton to set up a local chapter of the Air Force Mothers' club.

For his help, the ladies voted to make him an honorary mother in the club.

foot of Upper Table Rock by Wilfred G. Jency, electronics engineer of the OSC Atmospheric Science Branch, and Robert Matthews. This radar system scans horizontally and vertically, mapping the thunderstorms. A time-lapse camera also photographs the cloud formations.

The scientists will be able to compare treated and untreated storms to have a basis for valid comparison. To make the hail fall slower and melt, Decker said they are now considering "seeding" the thunderstorm with harmless chemicals and plastics.

Rare Form

Hail is the rarest form of precipitation. It takes a "supreme effort of nature" to produce hail, Decker noted. Many meteorologists believe larger raindrops from thun-

derstorms are just-melted hailstones. Hail falls at about 25 feet a second, or one mile in three minutes, Decker continued.

Hailstones range from buckshot size to 1 1/4 inches in the Rogue River valley although three-inch hailstones are not uncommon in the mountains.

Dr. W. R. Varner of the OSC group has charge of atmospheric electric and lightning measurements designed to reveal likelihood of hail-fall. Herbert Kershaw supervises the synoptic meteorological analysis.

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