



MRS. BERTHA GUCHES
Records Valley Song

Pear Blossom Song Brought to Life as Festival Approaches

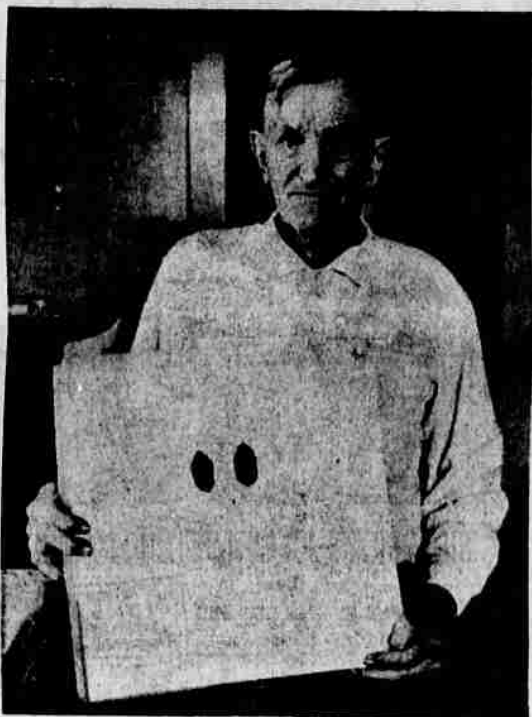
"The Pear Blossom Song," one had ever written about pear blossom time." During her early childhood, Mrs. Guches played the piano and has always had a love for music. She has written many songs since writing "Pear Blossom Time," but said this is the one she would like to get before the public, since it is about the Rogue valley.

Mrs. Eve Prentice Webster and her band first presented the song to the public recently on television. Ted Jennings, Ron Bartlett and Miss Judy Stewart sang as a trio for the presentation. The group also presented it at the White City Domiciliary.

Mrs. Guches is the great-granddaughter of Jesse Applegate Guches, from whom the Applegate country was named. He also surveyed the "Oregon Trail" and was called "The Sage of Yoncallo."

After seven years, Mrs. Guches said, a childhood friend has offered to assist her in getting the song before the public. Mrs. Karl (Arletta) Knutsen has helped with getting the song taped and on sheet music. Albert Huntman, music instructor at McLoughlin Junior High school, was contacted and put the song on sheet music.

Russ Jamison, radio announcer, prompted Mrs. Guches to write the song when he made a statement that "songs had been written about peach picking time, cherry blossom time, and apple blossom time, but no-



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The nuts vary from 1½ to 3 inches in length. The shell is thinner than the English walnut and is dark brown in color and has a rough surface, more so than the black walnut. The sap is rich in sugar.

The butternut tree is considered one of the handsomest of forest trees. They grow wild in the timbered area and on the flat terrain where the soil is richer.

The story has been told that Indians smashed the kernels and stirred them in water, making a buttery liquid, from which the name arose. They also made a yellow dye from green husks of the nut and a "butternut-brown" from the shells.

33 Measles Cases Reported in County

Thirty-three cases of measles were reported in Jackson county last week, the Jackson county health department reported.

Influenza was the other communicable disease having the same number of cases in the county, with 14 in Medford, 7 in Ashland, 6 in Central Point and 6 in Shady Cove.

Medford also led in the number of measles cases with 14. Central Point had 11 cases, Ashland 7, and Shady Cove one.

Other communicable diseases listed were mumps, Ashland 1, Central Point 4; German measles, Ashland 3, Medford 5; chicken pox, Ashland 2, Medford 3; pneumonia, 2 cases in Medford.

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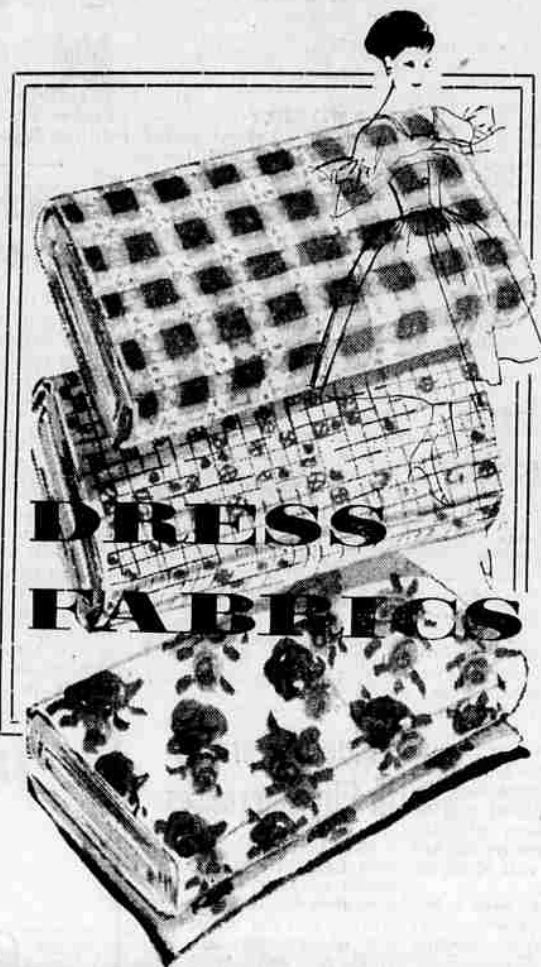
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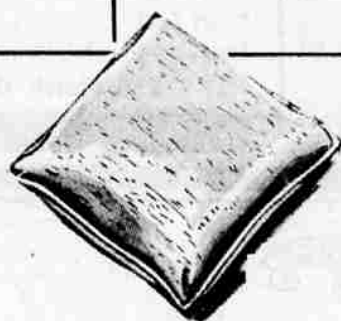
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