

FLU DEATHS

LONDON, March 13 (AP)—The influenza epidemic in England and Wales caused 512 deaths in the week ending March 2. This figure was 117 less than the toll of the preceding week, according to reports made public today.

FIRST SAWMILL QUILTS

PORTLAND, March 12 (AP)—The 80-year-old Jones Lumber company — first sawmill erected in Portland — soon will quit business, it was reported tonight. Scarcity of good logs was given as the principle reason for the decision.

WAR SLASHES MARKET FOR COAST FRUIT

SAN FRANCISCO, March 13 (AP)—Apple growers in the United States, including many on the Pacific coast, lost 80 per cent of their foreign market because of the war in the last half of 1939.

That meant a loss of about \$3,500,000 income.

The federal-state market service reported today exports for the half year were down to 2,447,000 bushels.

Shipments of fresh pears did better, retaining 54 per cent of the foreign market, while grape exports held 73 per cent of the 1938 volume.

Apple exports to European markets declined steeply — to 1,545,000 bushels from 5,227,300. Three main factors worked to cut the trade down. Great Britain, the biggest customer, banned imports of apples except from empire orchards as a war measure. Europe had big crops at home and shipping charges rose to restrictive heights.

Those same forces tended to

Featured at Cal-Ore



Don Bernard, shown here at his Hammond organ, will be featured with his orchestra at Cal-Ore, which re-opens Friday night after its annual "winter vacation." Bernard plays with the orchestra, and also presents individual selections.

hold down shipment of pears and grapes, and the latter had sharp competition from Spain. However, exporters of these two fruits got good business in non-European countries. Prices were affected too. So

the loss was not only in volume, but in money received for the amount sold. During the period last year United States prices ranged from monthly averages of 59 to 99 cents a bushel, never getting

above 68 cents after July. In the preceding year the range of monthly averages was from 67 to 90 cents a bushel.

At approximately average prices, the exported apples were worth only about \$1,500,000 to growers for the half year, against a value of around

\$5,100,000 in the 1938 half year.

Hence the war, with some help from European orchards, hit the United States' apple growers a \$3,500,000 jolt.

Grape and pear exporters managed to do a big business in Brazil, Canada and Mexico.

So they kept their export losses to smaller figures.

More and more, the American people are awakening to the fact that this spendthrift policy has, instead of bringing recovery, made it impossible. — Senator Styles Bridges (Rep., N. H.).

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