

Khapra Beetle Quarantines Imposed In Western States

TULELAKE — Klamath Basin farmers now have little to fear from Khapra beetles quarantines, according to K. G. Baggett, Tulelake farm adviser.

A series of announcements regarding quarantine action against the states of California, Arizona and New Mexico, where this very serious new storage pest exists, have recently been the cause of much local alarm. Fear was expressed that proposed federal and California state quarantines might be similar to the embargo enacted last month by the state of Colorado, and prohibit the shipment of all grain and seed from any part of the three infested states.

The following statement was made last week by Loring White, Modoc County Agricultural Commissioner and state plant quarantine officer:

Barrymore's Will Probated

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Lionel Barrymore's \$25,000 estate will go to 46-year-old Miss Florence Rozella Wheeler, who was his nurse for many years.

The veteran actor, who died Nov. 15 at the age of 76, named Miss Wheeler as his sole beneficiary. His will, filed for probate yesterday, specified that anyone succeeding in establishing claim to the estate should receive no more than \$1.

Barrymore had lived at the home of Miss Wheeler for the last 18 years. She also nursed his wife, actress Irene Fenwick, in her final illness.

quarantine was held in Fresno on November 22, with no opposition voiced to the regulations as presented."

White further stated that the terms of the proposed federal quarantine, which was to be discussed at a hearing in Denver, December 1, are expected to closely follow the California regulations. He explained that since federal quarantines are superior to state quarantines, no state can enforce more drastic regulations than those contained in a federal measure.

The Khapra beetle, the worst pest stored products known to man, was found in Tulare county, California last year.

A native of India, Ceylon and Malaya, it was previously unknown in the western hemisphere. Surveys made since its discovery in this country have disclosed that it infests fifty premises in six central and southern California counties; twenty-five premises in five Arizona counties and three premises in two New Mexico counties.

Adults of this insect, so small they can hardly be seen with the naked eye, feed and live only long enough to lay eggs. The young or larvae, equally small, are extremely destructive and are said to be capable of existing for several years without food. All stored grain and seeds, as well as cereal and animal products, are attacked although the insect prefers wheat.

Preferring hot dry climates, the insect can live only a short while at temperatures as low as 14 degrees. In colder countries, like England, it exists only in heated warehouses.

White stated that there is little possibility that the Khapra beetle would ever become a very serious pest in this part of the state; but that plant quarantine officers in Northern California are on the alert to prevent its introduction, since its mere presence would result in a quarantine of infested premises. He also pointed out that no one can afford to be too complacent about the situation, since insects often exhibit unusual abilities to adapt themselves to environments not ordinarily considered suitable for their development.



"I'd like something for the wife's arthritis—her hands are always clenched!"

Wife Divorces Famed Bandleader

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP)—Entangled for six years, bandleader Fred Waring and Mrs. Evelyn Nair Waring were divorced yesterday.

A financial settlement and other terms of the divorce were sealed. No grounds for the divorce other than the long separation was contained in the complaint.

She was awarded custody of their three children, Dixie Lyn, 20; Frederick Monroe, 18; and William Griffith, 16.

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US Mayors Warned Of Atom War Terrors By Air Leader

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's mayors were told by the Continental Air Defense commander today that the outbreak of a global war could mean "100 pinpointed minutes of atomic hell on earth" for a hundred big American cities.

Gen. Benjamin W. Chidlaw posed this frightening possibility, saying it is the United States which stands "the most likely chance of being hit all-out in a mighty aerial blow" before Russia strikes anywhere else in starting a full scale war.

Chidlaw's remarks were prepared for the more than 200 mayors and city managers from the 48 states and territories gathered for briefings on the nation's foreign and defense policies.

President Eisenhower, who issued the invitations for the two-day series of meetings, arranged to greet the group with an informal speech.

RENOMINATION CHICAGO (AP)—Mayor Martin H. Keeney, has announced he will seek renomination in the February Democratic primary. He is 67.

His talk was scheduled for 9:50 a.m. EST.

Aside from the President's talk, the sessions were scheduled to take place behind closed doors, although some speeches such as Chidlaw's are being made public. After each speech the meeting was to switch to questions and discussion.

The Mayors' Conference is the second of its kind.

Last year's conference developed a sharp dispute among the mayors and government leaders over the role the federal government should play in civil defense in an atomic emergency. Eisenhower told that meeting that the cities should shoulder the main burden.

Meanwhile, the National Security Council, which last year's conference asked to review the civil defense subject, and the Federal Civil Defense Administration have made what FCDA officials describe as "much progress" in working out plans. The FCDA is now stressing evacuation measures.

Chidlaw appealed for civic understanding of the problems of air defense, including the noise nuisance of jet fighter planes and the admitted danger of their operations and high explosive loads.

He added: "To our possible enemies... who sit at their planning tables to compute a schedule of takeoff times for their existing bomber fleets, the 100 biggest cities represented here by you... may mean to them only those serial force and weapons required to produce the 100 pinpointed minutes of atomic hell on earth necessary for their destruction."

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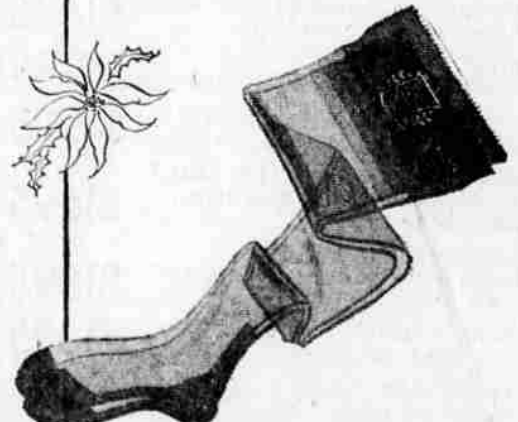
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