

Barrows' Fruit Farm Oklahoma's Largest—Will Yield Giant Crop This Year



Scene in Barrows' wonderful orchard, near Tulsa, with Mr. Barrows viewing his trees, happy now that all danger of frost seems past.

It Will Take 10,000 Automobiles to Haul the Enormous Peach and Cherry Yield Away This Summer

Picking the big red-checked peaches, the crimson cherries and the luscious bunches of purple grapes isn't all there is to handling a big fruit crop, as a visit to the Elva C. Barrows fruit farm south-east of Tulsa will convince even the most informed observer.

The Barrows farm is known all over the southwest. It is the largest fruit farm in Oklahoma and no matter how large its crop, it is never moved off this farm for marketing. Tulsa and eastern Oklahoma goes to the farm and buys its output.

The handling of the fruit crop is important and interesting as it involves a great deal of preparation, whose intricacies few people realize. Almost every day the weather will threaten the top of the soil in order that the ground will not pack and absorb and to conserve the moisture for the hot summer days. Out in the yard of the farmhouse stands the big spraying machine that has already given the orchard the "once over" this season and will soon start on the second journey down the long avenues between the rows of trees.

The machine is a home outfit, with a 20-horse-power gas engine and a 200-gallon tank. It can deliver four steady streams of spraying solution at a maintained pressure of 25 pounds, although the pressure of the spraying is done by the 200 pounds pressure. The machine is pulled by a splendid team of bay horses owned by Mr. Arnold, the manager of the farm.

Big Peach and Cherry Yield.

Barrows, who has had the farm for eight years, estimates that there will be 25,000 quarts of cherries this year and 10,000 bushels of peaches—a bumper crop. With an unusually heavy crop of all kinds of fruit coming up as a most pronounced quality, even for Oklahoma, the grower believes that there will be 10,000 autos make the trip to the farm this year. Three years ago an accurate account of the possible was made by the manager of care that visited the farm and there were 7,000.

Rainy days such as Tulsa has experienced during the past week are employed in the Barrows farm in putting together berry crates and boxes preparatory to taking care of the big crop of berries that will begin to ripen in latter part of May. The warehouse in the rear of the farmyard is filled to the roof with neatly piled barrels and boxes and crates ready to receive the fruit. Two carloads of berry crates, boxes and crates of all kinds are now in storage. There are many different-sized packages used in marketing the diversified crop grown on the Barrows farm.

How the Fruit is Marketed.

Cherries are marketed in quart boxes, 24 to the crate. Plums and nectarines are marketed in half-bushel and third-bushel baskets, peaches in bushel baskets almost entirely while grapes are marketed in three-pound baskets and in third and half-bushel baskets. A number of bushel baskets are used during the season for shipping extra fancy samples.

Three years ago Stark Bros. Nursery and Orchard company of Louisiana, Mo., sent one of its representatives here and shipped several hundred paper cartons of sample peaches from the Barrows farm to points in every part of the United States. The variety shipped was "Stark's Early Elberta," a peach that ripens about a week ahead of the old Elberta. The fruit of this variety in the Barrows orchard.

Barrows has a blue-print of his orchard and he knows every tree and every tree's position. Discussing it and fruit production the other day he said:

"Quality first is the watchword of the farm. The orchard and the vineyard are carefully pruned each year to prevent over-production. The fruit is allowed to attain the absolute maximum of ripeness at which it can be handled. This also repays the thousands who drive to the farm each year for their supply of fruit, for the last few days are what give the fruit its perfection and by catering to a market that comes to the farm each day for its entire product the fruit is allowed to remain on the tree until it attains that degree of ripeness that it should be used for best results within 24 to 48 hours from the time of picking."

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in view. Most of the picking is done by daughters of farmers of the surrounding community, and none of the floating labor so often employed in big commercial orchards can find employment in the Barrows orchard. It is also a rule of the orchard that all fruit must be picked in clean new baskets or boxes and full measure must be given. Bushel baskets with flat tops are used almost entirely in marketing peaches and it is a rule of the orchard that every top must bulge.

A Bumper Peach Crop.

"The peaches this year are especially well-loaded and a bumper crop should be the result, even after the June drop occurs."

"If people would fill their cans with fruit every year, then they would not have to go without it when, owing to some action of the elements our fruit crop misses a year or two, and it would be well to fill every can this year while there is an abundant crop of everything."

"Permit me to suggest that the prospect canners buy their sugar now, and don't wait until actual canning time when everybody is buying and when a shortage in the local supply often occurs. It is the history of the sugar market, too, that right at canning-time the market is always the highest so buying sugar now would be an economy. For our own home-canning I generally lay in the necessary supply for a year in January and February—just as I have saved money by doing so."

Labor No Great Item.

It doesn't take the amount of labor that the novice in fruit-growing would imagine it requires to handle the crop on this farm for every variety of fruit grown is made to cover as great a space of the ripening season as possible. Beginning the latter part of May there will be crops until late into the fall. The cherry season will cover all of a month from the time the first Early Richmond is picked until the last Stella Hardy is marketed. Grapes will cover an equal number of weeks; so will the early apples and crabapples. The first plum will be on the market almost two months before the last. The peach season, however, is longest. It starts with the Mayflower about June 1st and ends with the Salways and Kammels' October about September 25.

The Barrows orchard, one of the best-known in the south and middle west, has received a good deal of attention and favorable mention from some of the leading fruit journals of the United States. It is one of the show places of Tulsa county and during blossoming season several hundred cars filled with appreciative sightseers visit the farm just to admire the delicately-tinted and fragrant beauty of the rows upon rows of trees.

It requires real desire to see a lovely thing like that orchard in bloom just as it requires a real desire for fruit in season, to bring motorists out over the road that leads to the biggest fruit farm in the state. One is apt to feel as though he has had a Swedish massage after the trip, which leads one to ponder over

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Mr. James H. Allen of Congress Avenue, Rochester, N. Y., suffered for years with rheumatism. Many times this terrible disease left him helpless and unable to work.

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the impossibility of divorcing fruit and roads.

Tulsa Uses Great Quantity.

There are 100,000 people in and around Tulsa, who consume more than 2,500,000 worth of fruit each year of which they also pay many hundreds of dollars' worth of freight, express and other cartage costs, all because a small strip of fruit land at the very door of the city has not been developed.

Up to five years ago Tulsa wasn't thinking in terms of roads. Since that time effort has been made to connect Tulsa with many surrounding cities as possible with permanent roads but in the rush fruit-growers say that one of the most important assets of the county, its fruit territory, has been overlooked. The fruit territory covers but a few miles, is close to the city and is large enough, if developed, to supply a great deal of the fruit that is now shipped in.

Two New Roads Needed.

To properly develop the fruitlands of Tulsa county, those who are in close touch with the situation believe two roads should be built, one leading west on the Okage-Tulsa road, and the other leading east on the Lewis avenue road, a distance of about four miles. Without help from Okage county the first road would be impossible but Tulsa can quickly and cheaply open up half its fruit lands by building down the Lewis avenue road, it is believed.

On both sides of this roadway for a distance of four miles the soil is 4 or more feet deep, giving ample root growth, so necessary to long-life orchards. Barrows has proved the worth of the soil in that vicinity and the commercial advantages of fruit growing in it. At present most of this land is in general crops, competing with nonfruit-bearing lands and earning, so fruit experts believe, a small fraction of what it could and should earn if it were given over to fruit. With the development of the county's possibilities for fruit-growing Tulsa could be shipping instead of importing fruit.

That the county commissioners are not unmindful of the importance of such a highway is shown by the work they are doing along the Lewis avenue road, grading and building bridges preparatory for the day when they can pave.

Students Visit Postoffice.

Several high school classes have taken advantage of the invitation extended to the public by the post-office authorities to visit the Tulsa postoffice. Members of the Journalism class and students in Miss Anna Hayes's English V class, were among those students who went, saw and returned to the high school to turn out themes setting forth their new knowledge.

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The 225th Anniversary of King's Charter Will Be Observed

NEW YORK.—Historic Trinity church on lower Broadway tomorrow celebrates with two special services the 225th anniversary of the granting of its charter by King William III of England.

Bishop William Thomas Manning and Rev. Dr. Charles L. Slattery of Grace church will officiate at the morning service and Bishop Daniel Sylvester Tuttle of St. Louis, president of the ministry in the city, will officiate at the afternoon service.

On May 6, 1697, a group of New Yorkers describing themselves as the "managers of the affairs of the Church of England" asked Governor Fletcher for an act of incorporation in conformity with the ministry act of 1693. The charter was granted the same day.

The original charter covers three large sheets of parchment. It is written in antique style, with a great deal of red wax. The document still is well preserved.

The preamble sets forth that there was then no public church or building within the city and that Trinity was to be a parish church. The rector was declared to be "a good and sufficient Protestant minister" and the church warden and vestrymen of the city of New York were required to pay him "the sums which, according to the provisions of said act, they were required to raise for the support of the ministry in the city and in case of their failing to do so, the rector for the time being was authorized to bring an action against them in any court of record within the province."

Before the charter had been granted construction of a church had begun. The corporation at this time had no productive estate and to help defray expenses the governor granted a patent for wrecks and drift whales. This patent authorized the wardens to seize all wrecks, drift whales and "whatsoever else driven from the high sea and is then lost below high water mark and not having a lawful owner within the bounds and limits of his majesty's province of New York."

Whales proving somewhat scarce, funds had to be raised by subscriptions and loans. A group of Jews contributed to a special fund for erection of the steeple.

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Last of Swiss Bell Ringers Passes Out

PINKNEYVILLE, Ill.—The last of the famous Swiss bell ringers, first exhibited in this country by Phineas T. Barnum, is dead.

Martin Freberthyser, 89, for many years sole survivor of the late troupe which entertained the late President Martin Van Buren during his retirement, succumbed to the infirmities of old age. Burial was in Valhalla cemetery, St. Louis.

The original Swiss bell ringers were Conrad Freberthyser, four sons and four others. At the age of 19, Freberthyser, a Swiss, entered the army of Hesse-Cassel, then under the protectorate of elector Frederick William II, and he so entertained the elector that he became known as the "Great Musician" and was given a gold cross with an inscription expressing the ruler's esteem.

The Freberthyser family, the father, mother, six sons and five daughters, came to the United States in 1843, and their company was soon organized under the management of P. T. Barnum.

LONDON CORNERS DIAMOND MARKET

Astute Business Methods of Syndicate Eliminate Competition

LONDON.—London has completely cornered the diamond market of the world.

By an astute financial move the last vestige of competition for the rough diamond market has been eliminated, so that it is absolutely impossible for a single rough diamond to be purchased direct anywhere in the world outside two blocks of buildings—on either side of Holborn viaduct, London.

For a long time the output of the world's diamond mines has been falling more and more into fewer hands, but there remained, up to a few days ago, at least two big channels of disposal, and there was competition between the markets of London and Antwerp.

South Africa's output passed through English channels and was handled by the South African diamond syndicate in London. The Congo output was handled by another syndicate, which was outside the "trust."

The Anglo-American syndicate, in which the Morgans are largely interested, recently bought the German Southwest African mines and now has taken over the Congo group, which has its center at Antwerp. It also has purchased Congo diamonds to the value of 8,000,000 francs.

By the agreement just reached the Anglo-American syndicate and the South African syndicate have decided to work entirely together.

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Alaskan Malamute Dog Runs Wild in Denver

DENVER.—Fear gripped residents of the Capitol Hill district following announcement of the escape of "Skaga," an Alaskan Malamute dog, from the home of its owner, Francis A. Nutt.

"Skaga" gained nation-wide fame when Lieut. Clifford C. Nutt took it by aeroplane on his flight from Nome, Alaska to New York, in 1920. Lieutenant Nutt was recently assigned to service in the Philippine Islands and sent the dog to his brother in this city.

Efforts to locate the dog, which is a perfect wolf in appearance, have failed.

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May Build Asylum for Liquor-Crazed People

HAMMOND, Ind.—Moonshine liquor is taking a terrible toll in the steel mill district, which teems with foreign-born residents, according to county officials, who point out that with all state institutions for the insane filled to capacity, some plan will have to be provided for the county's "white male" insane.

Insanity, due to the effects of moonshine, has increased so alarmingly that officials are considering seriously the advisability of erecting a county insane asylum. One hundred and sixty-eight victims of this liquor are now being held at the county jail and at the poor farm, where it is impossible, because of crowded conditions, to give proper medical treatment for moonshine madness.

About 3,000 technical words used in radio telegraphy and telephony are included in an English vocabulary compiled for use with the former.

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