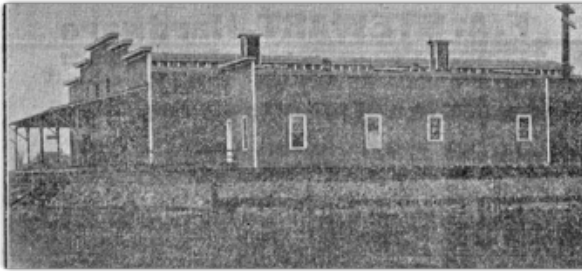




The first cannery in Sumner was the Weber-Bussell plant built in 1907 on Hunt Avenue, across from the current Sounder Station. It later became the Puyallup & Sumner Fruit Growers Cannery Association. (shown below in 1910)



## 1936 From the Fields of Our Valley to the Nation's Tables

### Other canneries & processing houses

Puget Sound Vegetable Growers  
Epperson & Sons  
Kelly-McLaghlin  
Bodle  
E. Brock & Co.  
Sumner Rhubarb Growers Assn.  
Frost Sound Products  
Sound Fruit Growers

The H. A. Baker cannery was built in 1920 on East Valley Highway. It later became the Washington Berry Growers who in 1935 joined with the Puyallup & Sumner Fruit Growers to form the Washington Packers.



In the Sumner papers, at the Ryan House museum, there is a 1936 article about the two Washington Packers canneries in Sumner and Puyallup. That and other articles tell us what an agricultural powerhouse our valley was in that era. There were over 1,000 employees at Washington Packers and many more were employed at other canneries, receiving sheds and processing houses. The two WP canneries alone shipped 40 million pounds of products with a value of 2.5 million dollars (over 45 million in today's dollars).

Sumner's valley helped feed America as did thousands of other communities across the country that supplied the nation's tables. In that day, farmers were a large and powerful profession. Politicians courted them. Merchants

### Who Will Help the Farmer?

Blackberry pickers are still in urgent demand, both home and out of town pickers being asked for. Anyone wishing to pick either full or part time should register at once at the federal re-employment bureau at the Independent Fuel office.

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### BERRY CRATES

ALL KINDS, INCLUDING THE NEW RASPBERRY FLATS

These are Spruce Veneer crates, and we can supply your wants here in Sumner—

Call at Rhubarb Assn. Warehouse

NEXT TO THE PRE-COOLER

Fred Waite

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scrambled to meet their household and farm goods needs. Today, in some areas that is still the case. In our area, not so much. We still praise and appreciate the farming concerns we have left. However we continue to overlay the fields with warehouses and pavement. There is some good in that, we need physical goods and places to store them before we buy them. However, Some day technology will eliminate the need for warehouses in our marketplace. What will replace them? What will our valley look like then?



### The Sumner News-Index Is Ticket Headquarters For the Valley

This week need arose for a NEW style of berry ticket, which we promptly added to our comprehensive selection of forms, and now we make—

## 15 STYLES

— OF —

### Berry Tickets

— Also —

### PEA TICKETS CHERRY TICKETS HOP TICKETS

We originated most of these forms, including those for the new size shipper flats, and we also originated the phrase now in general use—"Any Kind, Any Color, Any Quantity."

See Us For Tickets

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The Home of the Berry Ticket

1021 Main Street

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## TO CHANGE STYLE OF BERRY CUPS

Eight Ounce Container to Be  
Substituted for 16 Ounce

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## Canneries Giving Valley Payroll of 1,000 Employees

New Products of Washington Packers  
Meeting Signal Success

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## MILWAUKEE SEEKS FRUITS AND VEGE- TABLES IN SUMNER

Railroad to Spend Large  
Sum In West For Din-  
ing Car Supplies.

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## SHIP MORE AT BETTER PRICES THAN LAST YEAR

320 Cars of Vegetables Shipped  
By P. S. V. G. Assn.

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## LETTUCE SHED EMPLOYES WILL PICNIC TODAY

P. S. V. G. Workers to Hold Out-  
ing at Glendawn Park

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## GREEN CORN BE- ING PACKED BY LOCAL CANNERY

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## 1936 Washington Packers Production 40.000.000 Pounds

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	Pounds
Strawberries .....	2,350,000
Rasberries.....	4,550,000
Red Sour Cherries.....	2,200,000
Blackberries.....	9,550,000
Prunes .....	700,000
Carrots .....	275,000
Loganberries.....	500,000

	Tons
Pears .....	3,000
Apples.....	4,500
Peaches. ....	700

Miscellaneous: rhubarb, gooseberries, sweet  
cherries, youngberries, black cap raspberries,  
plums, huckleberries, squash, pumpkin

Shipped from the **Puget Sound**  
**Vegetable Growers processing**  
**house, 320 freight cars of:**

Peas, frozen & fresh, lettuce, celery,  
carrots, cauliflower, spinach, beans,  
prunes, green corn and mixed produce

## \$20,000.00 PAID TO GROWERS OF SOUR CHERRIES

Two Million Pounds of Cherries  
Packed This Year

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## BLACKBERRIES START AS REDS FINISH SEASON

Old Style Crates to Be Used  
for Blackberries

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## P. S. V. G. SHIPS A CAR A DAY

Peas Come Trough Heavy Rain  
In Good Shape

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