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GROWERS SIGN PRUNE PACTS

New Marketing Plan for Fruit Is Approved By Yamhill District

PORTLAND, Ore., March 17.—Prompt approval of the new marketing plan for stabilizing the prune industry of the northwest is reported from the Yamhill district, as a result of an all-day meeting of prune growers held at Yamhill on Friday of last week.

This Yamhill meeting is considered one of the most unique and important ever held in Oregon. In planning this meeting all of the prune growers and all of the business men of the Yamhill district, one of the heavy prune producing sections of the state, were asked to give an entire day for the consideration of a new marketing plan, previously endorsed by the Oregon State Bankers association, and the marketing committee of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce and the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Is Made Holiday
In planning for the meeting, the business men of Yamhill unanimously agreed to close their doors from 10:30 a. m. until 3 p. m. An all-day mass meeting was held at the opera house, interspersed by a dinner served by the women of the community. The new plan was explained in detail by a number of speakers, and during the day prune growers representing considerably more than 1000 acres signed contracts to start off a new marketing association, to be known as the Oregon Growers Cooperative Prune association.

It is expected that this acreage will be greatly increased within a few days; and then the campaign will be carried into other prune districts of the state, including an all-day meeting at Dallas, Wednesday, March 19, and a little later at Forest Grove.

In accordance with the plan, these new marketing contracts will not be effective in a community until a certain part of the prune acreage of the district shall have been signed up. The new plan includes a financing program whereby the prune growers of each centralized community will gradually pay for their own local packing plants, with a central selling organization to standardize prune grades, advertise and sell the product on national and world markets.

All Growers Represented.
The beginning of this new cooperative prune association goes back a number of months to the appointment of a committee of nine prominent prune growers, representing the various prune associations of the northwest, and the unorganized growers.

They invited the cooperation of the Oregon State Bankers association, the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, and the marketing committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Accordingly, a meeting of all bankers and all prune growers from the prune growing districts of western Oregon and Washington was called at

the Portland Chamber of Commerce on March 12. The bankers from the prune districts carefully considered the new organization plan presented by the Oregon Growers and unanimously approved them. And the same day the gathering of representative prune growers from every part of the state, and from the strongly organized Vancouver, Wash., district, met to consider these new plans.

Banks' Endorsement Read
This meeting of prune growers was called to order by E. E. Fawcett, chairman of the agricultural committee, Portland Chamber of Commerce, who read the resolution passed by a State Bankers association endorsing the proposed new plan. A careful explanation of the new plan was made by Attorney A. A. Hampson. He stated that the name, Oregon Growers Cooperative Prune association, had been chosen in order to capitalize, as much as possible, the trade value of the previously largest cooperative prune growers association of the northwest.

He explained that the new contract was for a continuous term, with the privilege of withdrawal between March 1 and 15 of each year. The new association, he stated, would be financed by a \$10 membership fee; and by the withholding of one-tenth of a cent a pound on dried prunes as an operating and reserve fund, and one-fifth of a cent a pound as a revolving fund to purchase such plants as would be needed by each district. Furthermore, the new association could become a unit of a larger northwest marketing federation which could be formed to represent the organized prune growers of western Washington and other districts. Or, the association itself could become this larger marketing organization, receiving other smaller district prune associations as members.

Dr. Starbuck Reports
Dr. Starbuck of Dallas, chairman of the original committee of nine, favored the support of the plan as a method of organizing the prune growers, and reported that the entire committee was agreed upon the necessity of four general principles; organization to save the prune industry; standardization of advertising; joint selling to regulate market prices.

Seymour Jones of Salem, president of the new organizing board of directors necessary to start off the association, urged immediate action among prune growers of the state, in order to influence the present market. Other members of the new organizing board of directors were announced as follows: George Zimmerman, Yamhill, vice president; W. I. Staley, Salem, secretary-treasurer; George Neuner, Roseburg, R. W. Hinkley, Roseburg; Charles A. Park, Salem; H. S. Butz, Dallas; W. M. Elliott, Dallas; Oscar Haynes, Yamhill; Edwin Allen, Forest Grove. Those organizing directors will serve until the election of new directors by the full membership.

C. J. Hurd, marketing expert of OAC, endorsed the plan as unambiguously desirable if it proved to be a plan upon which the prune growers of the state and the northwest could unite.

L. F. Russell, president of the Washington Cooperative Prune Growers, made an encouraging report regarding the achievements of his association of 700 members which represents 85 per cent of the prune growers in the Vancouver, Wash., district. He stated that new members were being added daily and that it seemed that they would control 90 to 95 per cent of the 1924 prune crop. He stated that the association had sold about 8,000,000 pounds of prunes under the Mist Brand of the Oregon Growers, and that they had recently expended \$150,000 as their share of a joint fund to advertise prunes which were known by the trade as Oregon prunes. "We of Clarke County," he said, "are for northwest black prunes under one organization, and we want to be one of you."

State Wide Unity Wanted
W. L. Thompson, representing the Oregon State Bankers association, urged that prune growers federate in one strong organization. He assured the financial support of Oregon banks, if such federation were placed on a business basis.

W. G. Allen of Dundee, one of the original members of the committee of nine, said that Dundee growers were strongly in favor of state-wide unity among prune growers. This statement was endorsed by W. S. Silver, also of the Dundee district. H. Atwell, president of the State Horticulture Commission, endorsed organization among prune growers.

Andrew Millers, field secretary of the Oregon State Bankers association, said that the bankers of

TEAMS ASK FOR MONEY IN SALEM

Between \$3000 and \$4000 to Be Raised for State Chamber of Commerce

Fourteen committees to have charge of raising between \$3,000 and \$4,000 in Salem for the maintenance of the State Chamber of Commerce, were named at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday and will launch their campaign this morning. Preliminary plans were outlined at a meeting of the committee immediately after lunch. Memberships will be sold at \$25 each and a few of the larger business firms will be asked to take out several memberships. Dallas has already pledged \$1,000, Corvallis \$3,000 and Ashland, Medford and Grants Pass \$1,500 each for the organization. The annual expenses of the State Chamber of Commerce are about \$75,000. The campaign was outlined by T. B. Kay, member of the executive boards of the state organization.

"Salem has not made any contributions to the state organization though it is the capital of the state and the second largest city in Oregon," declared Mr. Kay. "We have laid back long enough and it is now up to the citizens of the city to do their part. We cannot lag behind any longer. While we have financed many meritorious propositions—charitable and benevolent—this is strictly a business proposition and one which will bring returns. It is to our own advantage to subscribe. Salem has developed more in the last two years than in any other period of time in the past and it is now up to the community to take advantage of the national advertising campaign now under way."

Mr. Kay stressed the point that Portland had pledged \$300,000 to be expended outside the city and independently of the State Chamber of Commerce during this and next year for a threefold purpose: publicity, land settlement and marketing. Both the State and Portland Chamber of Commerce are back of a linen manufacturing plant for the Willamette valley, Mr. Kay said. He predicted, based upon the reports of government experts, that flax raising and manufacturing would be the chief industry of the Willamette valley in the next few years as a higher grade fibre can be grown here than in Belfast, the original home of the linen industry, and the best in the United States.

N. B. Pier, field secretary for the State Chamber of Commerce, outlined the work of that organization. He told of the national advertising campaign being carried on by the railroads of the country. "Enthusiasm and cooperative enthusiastic energy, after business facts have been considered, means success to any project," Mr. Pier said. "Every proposition or invention has its origin in the mind of man. There are tremendous de-

velopments just in front of the state if men with vision can only see these. There is no mineral known to the commercial world that cannot be found in commercial quantities in Oregon. The possibilities offered by Oregon are enormous."

Committees engaged in raising the Salem quota are: T. B. Kay and Fred Erickson; E. T. Barnes and Dr. H. E. Morris; George Vick and T. M. Hicks; W. L. Phillips and J. C. Perry; C. E. Albin and W. W. Chadwick; W. E. Hansen and Eric Butler; Paul B. Wallace and Carl Webb; George Grabenhorst and J. M. Rupert; F. G. Delano and U. G. Holt; P. M. Gregory and Cooke Patton; Dr. E. E. Pfister and William Hamilton; C. S. Hamilton and Allan Kafoury; R. L. Reimann and J. J. Rottler; A. N. Pierce and R. O. Snelling.

Resolutions Adopted By Sunday School Session
The following resolutions, signed by Elizabeth Ella Sherwood, Lella Luckey and Edward Wallace, the resolutions committee, were adopted by the Marion County Sunday School Council of Religious Education in its convention at Stayton:

"Whereas, the Marion County Sunday School Council of Religious Education now met in annual convention at Stayton, Oregon, March 14, 15, 1924; and

"Whereas, a kindly providence has favored us with ideal weather and all other favoring conditions; and

"Whereas, a large delegation has been privileged to attend from the contributing district; be it therefore

"Resolved—First: That we return our heartfelt thanks to Divine Providence for his continued blessings, and kindly direction and care; and

"Resolved: That we express our appreciation to the officers of this council, who have planned this convention and arranged this splendid program of speakers of such outstanding ability and spirituality; and

"Resolved: That we also commend the committee on nominations for their splendid judgment in the selection of the officers for the coming year; and we herein wish to pledge our loyal hearty support; and, be it also

"Resolved: That we express our thanks to the county papers for kindness and cooperation in publishing our convention programs and giving their broadest publicity and that a copy of these resolutions be given to the county papers for publication; and

"Resolved: That we express unbounded thanks for the fact that spirituality and unquestioning faith in the Bible as the true word of God, has been the keynote of the convention and that this fact may be stressed in all the Sunday schools of Marion county; and

"Resolved: That we most heartily thank the people of Stayton for their cordial hospitality and splendid entertainment, and for the real spirit of Christian fellowship and goodwill which has been manifest throughout this entire convention."

Labor Conditions Could Be Better, Says Phillips

More men applying for work would be placed if the conditions were better, according to Sim Phillips, at the United States Employment bureau at the YMCA. In many instances the men must board themselves, particularly those who are seeking work in the hopyards, and often living conditions are not conducive to acceptance of work.

During the week ending March 15, there were 140 men registered at the bureau, with calls for 80. Of this number 77 were referred and 73 reported placed. Agricultural laborers headed the list as usual, with 58 registrants, 33 wanted, the same number referred and 32 reported as placed. Thirty-nine common laborers registered, with calls for 28. There were 27 referred and 25 placed. Woods laborers were third on the list, with 25 applications for work, six were in demand, referred and placed.

Supply and demand proved an even break for farm hands, with 11 in each class. Nine were referred and eight placed. Four cooks registered, while one found work. Of the three teamsters registering, one was placed.

Twenty women registered, with demand for seven. Six were referred and placed. Agricultural workers headed the list, with 10 registering. Two were sought and placed. Of the five domestics registering three places were open and two were placed. Laundry workers were not so fortunate for of the five registering only two were placed and there were calls for the same number.

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YMCA Methods Will Be Studied on Long Trip

Approximately a dozen members of the class in YMCA methods at Willamette university will leave here March 22 on their third annual spring trip which takes them as far north as Everett, Wash. The class will make the trip in automobiles, two of which have been offered by local men who will make the trip with the boys. These are E. T. Barnes and E. M. Law. Another automobile is needed, according to C. A. Kells, managing secretary for the Salem YMCA, who will have charge of the party.

Modern YMCA methods as used in every day practice in various cities will be studied by the boys while on the trip. While a majority of the party will be from Willamette, it is expected that several students at other colleges in Oregon who are interested, will also make the trip.

The trip has been scheduled to include Portland, Saturday, March 22; Seattle, March 24; Everett and Bremerton, March 25; Tacoma, March 26; Olympia, Centralia and Longview on March 27, returning to Salem the following day.

Mrs. Mary Hanson Dies At Home in Silverton
SILVERTON, Ore., March 17 (Special to The Statesman).—Mrs. Mary Hanson, who has been a resi-

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PARTY HELD

SILVERTON, Ore., March 17.—(Special to The Statesman).—A number of the younger set enjoyed a party at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Benson Saturday night at which Amos Benson was host. Those present were Loyse Oliphant, Olive Bants, Kathleen Booth, Francis Woods, Ronald Hubbs, Nana Kramer, Marcella Ennevoedson, Agnes Dahjen, Valborg Ormbeck, Myrna Sather, Theodore Ormbeck, Harry Larson, Esther Larson, John Larson, Merle Larson, Ingeborg Goplerud, Ethel Larson, Earl Starr, Amos and Clayton Benson.

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