

Fruitgrowers Elect, Hear Fliers' Report

The Fruitgrowers League of Jackson County, representing almost 100 per cent of the orchardists in this area, met Friday afternoon in the YMCA to elect six new members to the board of directors of the league and to hear committee reports on the past year's activities. Pilots Harvey Brandau and Eugene Kooser reported on weather control work in the valley that they have done in behalf of the Rogue River Valley Traffic association and for irrigation districts.

From nine nominees, the fruitgrowers elected Stephen G. Nye, Chase Gardner, Gordon Kershaw, Dunbar Carpenter, Joe Myer, and Chris Wolfe to serve on the 18-man board of directors for three-year terms.

Nye told of the continuing program being conducted by the state experiment station to develop a new variety of pear of high market appeal—attractive in color, late maturing, and resistant to injury.

President Robert Root opened the meeting with a brief summary of the functions and financial organization of several agencies that work with the league in promoting the welfare of the county's \$14,000,000 pear industry. He described the work of the winter pear control committee, the Rogue River Valley Traffic association, the Oregon-Washington-California Pear bureau, the Bosc committee, and the Northwest Horticultural council.

Ward Spatz, who has been a member of the league's board of directors for 15 years and who has been active in numerous projects benefitting the growth and development of the fruit industry here, outlined the steps that have been taken in the past year to promote the bureau of reclamation's Rogue basin project.

Explaining the "160-acre limitation" provisions of the reclamation act, Spatz said the legal interpretations of the limitation have been clarified recently in a letter he received from bureau officials.

Spatz said the limitation applies only to reclamation project water and that landowners within the project area would be entitled to receive sufficient water to irrigate 160 acres regardless of the amount of water already available from other sources, such as existing irrigation districts. The landowner's wife could also hold 160 acres and would be entitled to project water sufficient to irrigate it, making a total of 320 acres that could claim irrigation water within the provisions of the 160-acre limitation.

Brandau and Kooser, who have been carrying on hail prevention work in the valley since last spring, reported on their activities, disclaiming any "credit" for dissipating rain-making clouds as a result of cloud-seeding.

Brandau said they flew only when they felt hail conditions were ripe and that last summer they made only 17 seeding flights, for a total of 34 hours on nine different days. On seven of those nine days the valley had precipitation, Brandau reported, but no hail. He estimated their work had prevented from three to four hailstorms.

During the winter the fliers are seeding snow clouds in an effort to increase the mountain snow pack in the interests of

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Again the policeman shook the box. Then Sgt. Dick Baise reached in, pulled out a \$2.50 gold piece and handed it to a relieved Maj. Walter Fingerhut of the ORC instructor group, who inadvertently had dropped the old family keepsake into the meter.

At the meeting last Monday Commander George Bryant appointed committees for 1950.

They are Lloyd Stricklin, chairman, Roy Hallgren, Orville Hayes and George Sutter, entertainment; Ron Miller, chairman, Clyde Erickson and H. D. Howard, youth and finances; Mr. Cummings, chairman, Walter Ferguson and Baker Yarbrough, education; Harry Bryant, chairman, Gilbert Barr and Carl Fitchner, welcoming, and Steve Dodge, press correspondent.

Commander Bryant has charge of refreshments Monday and Lew Conger and Dodge will have that duty next month.

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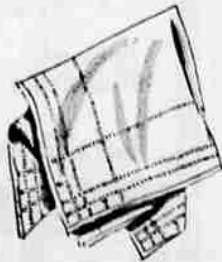
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