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Ore. Spud Grade Of 'Commercial' Denied Growers

Producers Hope To Keep Potatoes On Competitive Market

As a result of testimony given at a series of four hearings held recently in potato growing centers in the state, a request of establishment of a commercial grade of potatoes is being denied by the state department of agriculture, Director E. L. Peterson reports.

While the department had no desire to deny the growers any advantage that might accrue during the war emergency through establishment of a commercial grade for potatoes, its officials were pleased to find that the growers have the good judgment to forego a commercial grade for a temporary gain and to hold to a high grade product that will keep Oregon potatoes on top in the competitive markets after the war, the director said in commenting upon results of the hearings.

Peterson said he feels that "our objective should be at all times to maintain as high a standard as practical for Oregon produce and to keep ourselves in position to have our products well received in a competitive market at any and all times."

At Redmond hearing, sentiment was overwhelmingly against adding a commercial grade to Oregon potato standards. Growers there pointed out that much time has been spent building up the high standards of potatoes with the result that Oregon producers enjoy a 5 to 10 cents per bag preference in competitive markets.

At Klamath Falls the statement was made that while adoption of a commercial grade might result in a slightly larger return in certain instances at present, yet growers could absorb this loss, if any, under present price conditions much better than they could afford to adopt a course which would lose price preferences when markets are poor.

Ontario growers were unanimously against the commercial grade. At Portland, where the fourth and last hearing was held, dealers and distributors present were divided evenly for and against establishment of the requested grade.

Fish On Malheur—

Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Maulding and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson fished on the north fork of the Malheur river 40 miles from Prairie City over the Fourth of July holidays.

Visiting In East—

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Chesnut are on a visit in the middle west. Mrs. Chesnut is visiting in Iowa. Mr. Chesnut went to Chicago to attend to business.

Car Is Stolen—

While in Boise Tuesday A. L. Atkeson's five passenger coupe car was stolen. It has not been recovered.

Our Boys In The Service



Corporal Wayne S. Piercy, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Piercy, son of 1, Nyssa, received his silver wings this week when he was graduated from the Harlingen army air field in Texas as a qualified expert aerial triggerman.

He was promoted to sergeant and received his diploma and wings at brief exercises held here and, unless held over to serve as an instructor, will depart immediately to join a fighting combat crew. Before learning to "double in gunnery" he completed one other course such as radio, air mechanics or armament and is also a qualified air crew technician.

While at Harlingen he fired every type weapon from BB guns to Browning calibre .40's, spent from 12 to 16 hours daily on the ground and

Jacob M. Yeager Is Found Dead

Jacob Mervin "Pat" Yeager was found dead at his island home about four miles up Snake river from Adrian Wednesday. He had apparently suffered a heart attack.

Mr. Yeager had been a Malheur county resident since 1910, when he arrived here with his parents from Pennsylvania. He was employed in the Nyssa section most of the time until the last 10 years, which he spent in the Adrian and Big Bend areas. He was born at Steelton, Pennsylvania November 26, 1884.

Mr. Yeager is survived by a brother, George S. Yeager of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. His only known relative in the west is a cousin, Mrs. Harry F. Looney of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Methodist church in Nyssa. Interment will be in the Parma cemetery with the Nyssa funeral home in charge.

Leaders Of PTA Hold Gathering

The board of managers of the Malheur county council of the Oregon congress of Parents and Teachers met at Nyssa in the school building recently.

New committee chairmen were elected to serve for the year as follows: Study group and goals, Mrs. Walter McPartland; program, Mrs. W. O. Roehr; assistant program, Mrs. Will Roberts; publications, Miss Lillian Nisbett; membership, Mrs. Charles Newbill; legislative, Mrs. H. R. Udick; juvenile protection and summer round-up, Mrs. Maurice Judd; resolutions, Dennis Patch; 4-H club, E. M. Hauser; better school lunch, Mrs. Charles Witte.

The study group and goals, and the better school lunch committees are new committees created for the extension of Parents-Teacher work in the county. Congress units will be urged to form study groups in an attempt to reach more parents with helpful information on child care, training, etc. Through the better school lunch committee the importance of better cold lunches will be stressed for children attending schools where hot lunches are not available.

Mrs. Maurice Judd gave an interesting report on the nurse conferences held in various places in the county during the past few weeks, stating that the number of children and parents attending these conferences was very gratifying.

Go To Boise—

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Groot, Mrs. A. L. Atkeson and Nellie and Elizabeth Atkeson were Sunday guests in Boise of Norton G. Stubblefield of the army air corps, who just returned from China.

Beauty Shop Closes—

The Owyhee Beauty shop closed this week for an indefinite period of time.

Goes To Boise—

E. A. Wimp, local electrician, went to Boise Tuesday on business.

In the air mastering the course of instruction and training eyes, hands, and fingers to split second timing. His thorough training at every phase of aerial warfare qualifies him for his role as a gunner-technician-sergeant—the world's best.

Cadet Raymond E. Hines, son of Mrs. L. Wing of Redmond, former resident of Sunset valley, has successfully completed his basic flying course and was graduated from the Marana army air field, Tucson, Arizona.

Hines will be sent to an advanced flying school and upon completing the last phase of his cadet training will be awarded his silver wings as a pilot in the army air corps.

Pfc John Kollen, son of Jacob J. Kollen of route 2, Nyssa, has arrived at the army air forces technical training command post at Scott field, Illinois, where he will receive an intensive course in radio operating and mechanics to fit him for duty as a member of a fighting bomber crew.

Rex N. Shelley, a marine from Nyssa who saw action on Guadalcanal, has been promoted from the rank of private to private first class, according to word received from somewhere in the south Pacific. The "leatherneck" is a son of Ora H. Shelley, box 531, Nyssa. He enlisted January 5, 1942.

Dr. Kerby Tells Interesting Story Of Landing In Africa

The landing of American troops at Casa Blanca in Africa was interestingly described by Dr. K. E. Kerby, former Nyssa physician, who is now serving in the medical corps of the United States army, in a letter written to Dr. E. D. Norcott of Nyssa.

Dr. Kerby said: "We landed in November at Fedala about 20 miles north of Casa Blanca. The morning we landed the most beautiful sea battle took place from before daylight on. I never hope to see anything like it the way our warships were pouring out the lead. It was so interesting that no one thought to be afraid."

"Later in the day things quieted down and then about 2 o'clock the enemy opened up again on the destroyer 'Massachusetts'. It was right near our ship. One or two small boats taking men ashore were hit. The shells fell on both sides of us. Then the 'Mass' turned her stern toward the enemy and cut loose with everything she had. That stopped them."

"When we went ashore a group of planes came over strafing and bombing the ships."

"I for one made record time down the cargo net. On the way ashore the planes turned and came back over us strafing our boats but none were hit. I found myself yelling at the gunner to lead 'em like shooting ducks. You could tell by his tracers that he was hitting way

behind them."

"The planes left as we landed, set up a collecting station and started out for casualties. We only had 1 1/2-ton truck so I commandeered three French trucks. The French were nice about it and even drove and helped care for the patients."

"The clearing station then came in and we evacuated the patients directly there."

"The next morning I took two trucks with our men out to set up another station near the front. There were snipers at three places, that couldn't hit a barn."

"We could hear the bullets sing and then the gun's report."

"We got up pretty close to the front and I had the men get out of the trucks into fox-holes while I scouted around for a place to set up. While going through a field I found two men dead."

"One was Lt. Nussbaum our neighbor at Carmel. Sure made me feel funny."

"From then on till Wednesday I worked in the collecting station during the day and at the clearing station at night. I got 1-2 hours sleep a day."

"On Thursday night a sub got in and sunk one of our ships. We got quite a few burn cases from that. The next night it got three ships about 1/4-mile from shore. I was standing on the beach and saw it all."

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Mrs. Farnworth Funeral Is Held

Funeral services for Mrs. Frank Farnworth were held Tuesday in the LDS church with Bishop Arvil Child officiating.

Mrs. Farnworth died Thursday morning at her home near Adrian.

Mrs. Farnworth was born in 1895 and came to Nyssa about six years from Grace, Idaho. Mr. Farnworth operates a farm at Adrian.

Survivors are two daughters, Mrs. Fred Gibson of Napton Siding and Mrs. Dudley Naussing of Big Bend; four sons, Merlin, Leo, Ivan and Warren and nine grandchildren.

The funeral program was conducted as follows: Invocation, Rosel Anderson; vocal solo, Wanda Callahan; talk, Verner B. Carlson; solo, Mrs. Nelda Schenck; talk, D. L. Anderson; duet, Wanda Callahan and Mr. Anderson; talk and benediction, Bishop Child. Interment was in the Nampa cemetery.

NAVAL ACADEMY VACANCY COMING

Cong. Lowell Stockman will have a vacancy at the U. S. naval academy, Annapolis, Maryland, for the class beginning July 1, 1944.

Candidates must be not less than 17 years of age nor more than 21 years of age on April 1 of the calendar year (1944) in which they enter the naval academy. Applicants should be high school seniors, or graduates of high school or college students. The civil service commission expects to hold a competitive examination early in the fall to aid in the selection of nominees for the academy. Applications must be legal residents of the second congressional district of Oregon and in perfect physical condition.

The next regular vacancy for the second district at the U. S. military academy, West Point, New York, is due to occur in 1946.

All boys who are interested and qualified should write to Congressman Lowell Stockman, 407 house office building, Washington, D. C. Immediately so that they may receive additional information and be admitted to the examination.

Leave Nyssa—

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Adkinson, who recently sold their interest in the Nyssa Pharmacy to Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McBain, have gone to Pendleton to visit relatives for a time. They expect to locate on the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eldridge have moved into the Adkinson residence and Mrs. Poage has moved to the Eldridge home, which she recently purchased from Herschel Thompson.

Return To Calif.—

Petty Officer Clark McCormick of the U. S. navy and Mrs. McCormick have returned to their home in San Francisco after visiting for a week at the home of Mrs. McCormick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Moore.

"HONOR" WINDOW TO BE STARTED

An honor roll window will be established in the Adrian drug store in honor of men from the Adrian high school district serving in the armed forces.

Relatives are asked to send pictures of service men to Roy Pounds, proprietor of the drug store, for placement in the window. D. L. Anderson said the pictures will be well taken care of.

The window will be decorated with flags and paper flowers.

Big Game Tags Now Available

Applications are now being accepted by the Oregon state game commission for the various special big game tags to be issued for the 1943 hunting season. Applications will be kept on file and if by August 16, more applications are received than the specified quota of tags, then a drawing will be held to determine the issuance. If the quota for any particular allotment of tags is not reached by August 16, then all applications on hand will be filled and the rest of the tags issued in the order applications are received until all tags are sold.

A person may apply for a tag by sending to the game commission office at 616 Oregon building, Portland, the specified fee and information as to the type of tag desired, number and kind of hunting license held, and name and address. This information may be mailed in a letter or on a special application form that has been prepared for this purpose.

There will be 2,500 doe tags issued for Grant county but only for a certain area lying north of the highway between Canyon City and Dayville. The part south of the highway where doe hunting has been previously allowed will not be open this fall. For the Lake-Klamath area, 6,000 doe tags will be issued, and for the Steens Mountain area, 1,000 tags. Persons wishing to apply for doe deer tags may apply for only one of these three areas. Fees for the tags are: \$3.00 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Open season for deer is from October 1 to November 3.

The cow elk area has been changed somewhere from last year and 2,000 tags at \$5 for residents and \$25 for non-residents will be issued. The entire state will be open to bull elk hunting from October 26 to November 30 while elk of either sex may be taken in an area in southeastern Oregon bounded on the north by highway 28 and on the west by highways 97, 62 and 99.

For the antelope area in Lake, Harney and Malheur counties, 2,500 tags have been authorized at \$2.50 each for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Open season is from September 18 to October 3.

The federal government has deemed it advisable to reduce the deer herds in a certain portion of the Hart mountain national antelope refuge and for this purpose authorization has been granted to issue 250 buck deer and 400 doe deer tags for the western part of the reserve, the open season to be October 9 to 24, inclusive. These tags will be sold at \$3.50 for residents and \$5 for non-residents and may be applied for in addition to the other doe tags mentioned before.

Here From California—

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sherman of San Francisco spent their vacation with Mrs. Sherman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Pullen. They, together with the Bud Sherman family, enjoyed the dance Saturday evening at Ironside and spent the Fourth of July at the Sherman brothers ranch, near Irionside, where they attended a picnic and a rodeo given by members of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman left Monday morning for home, accompanied by the Misses Bonnie and Elena Sherman, who will spend the summer in San Francisco.

Visit At Lakes—

Among Nyssa residents spending the Fourth of July holidays at Payette lakes were Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Al Kuehn, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boydell, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Wieneke, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Thompson, Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Norcott and Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Billings. Mr. and Mrs. Brown will remain at the lakes for a vacation of two weeks.

Parents Of Son—

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Corfield are the parents of a 9 pound boy born at the Nyssa Nursing home July 1.

Parma Resident Tells Of Fight

Parma, July 8 (Special)—Rex McNees aviation machinist mate, second class, on a heavy cruiser which has participated in practically every news event in the South Pacific, arrived home in Parma to visit his father, B. H. McNees.

McNees, a graduate of the Parma high school, enlisted in the Navy in November, 1940 and received his preliminary training at San Diego before being assigned to a heavy cruiser in the Pacific.

From that time on his crew went into action in all parts of the ocean. On Dec. 7, 1941, McNees was within 50 miles of Pearl Harbor and took part in many of the engagements in the ensuing days. His cruiser was part of a naval unit which escorted the Doolittle party to Japan, and on returning from that mission participated in the last few days of the Coral Sea battle.

From there, the cruiser went on to new work of assisting the first Marines to land on the Solomon Islands and to participate in the battle of Cape Esperance. During the Cape Esperance battle, the cruiser was credited with saving a damaged light cruiser from total destruction. For this action the captain of the heavy cruiser received the Navy Cross.

It was as a result of the Cape Esperance action that McNees received his present leave. During that engagement, the fire and boiler rooms of the heavy cruiser were damaged and its water supply was diminished forcing its return to the mainland for repairs.

McNees will report for duty again in San Diego next week, but expects to have several months of shore duty before going to sea again.

Slaughter Men Must Give Facts

Every local slaughter and butcher who holds a permit to slaughter livestock for the sale of meat will be required to submit evidence by July 15, to substantiate the amount of livestock slaughtered during the period in 1941 or 1942-upon which his current quota is based, the War Food Administration said today.

Purpose of the ruling is to establish a more uniform system of permits and quotas and also to adjust these quotas already issued, that they will represent the normal slaughter of the country. Because of the rapidly with which the permits originally were issued, the policy in granting the quotas varied somewhat from section to section.

The new requirement is contained in Director Food Distribution order 27.3. Submission of the evidence must be made to the county war meat committee of the county war board where the permit was issued.

The permit of any local slaughterer or butcher who fails to furnish such evidence on time may be revoked. The evidence, which will from whom he has bought livestock grading certificates or inspection records; records of sales of hides; or any other evidence which may be considered relevant.

Officials emphasized that total sales of meat are of slight value as evidence of slaughter because it is difficult to segregate meat purchased for resale from meat slaughtered by the applicant. Likewise, plant capacity is little significance as evidence, as very few plants operate for an extended period at capacity, officials said.

Fishes In Idaho—

Kenneth Pond went fishing near Council over the week-end with two Parma, Idaho men.

Visit In Boise—

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nordale and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Witschinsky spent Sunday in Boise.

Visit In Idaho—

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Johnson spent the Fourth of July holidays with relatives at American Falls. They were accompanied by Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dwight of Parma.

Guild To Meet—

Mrs. J. R. Hunter and Mrs. H. R. Sherwood will be joint hostesses to the St. Paul's guild Wednesday, July 14 on the Sherwood lawn.

Have Picnic—

The C. A. Marshall and R. S. Sherwood families picnicked at the Marshall home July 4.

School District Tax Millage In Nyssa Will Drop

Budget of \$107,247.55 Drafted By Budget Board

A considerable drop in the tax millage for the local school district will be effected if the tentative budget as adopted by the budget committee at a meeting held July 1 is finally adopted.

Members of the newly created consolidated school district 26 are G. J. Mitchell, who was elected chairman; A. H. Boydell, elected secretary, and William F. DeGroff, Neil Dimmick and Dwight Smith. School board members present at the meeting were Carlos Buchner, chairman; O. E. Cheldelin, R. G. Larson, Lloyd Adams, B. B. Lienkaemper and Henry Hartley clerk.

Working on the assumption that the Oregon Trail school building will not be needed during the 1943-44 school year, a budget totaling \$107,247.55 was drafted. Of this amount, \$13,750 was set aside as a special reserve fund for use after the war. This fund is intended primarily for the purchase and replacement of buses.

The amount of money budgeted for cost of education was \$89,481.90. The amount for debt service for the newly-created district (old union high school debt) was \$3,990.65.

Probable receipts other than taxes, among which is \$30,425.65 cash on hand, were estimated at \$46,125.68 leaving a total of \$61,096.87 to be collected in taxes for the consolidated district.

The debt of former district 26 and former district 39 will be levied and collected separately. For former district 26 the amount to \$11,239.75, while that for former district 39 will be \$670.52.

The budget will be affected by the income tax offset, approved by the voters as an initiative in November, 1942, and improved and implemented by the 1943 legislature. The consolidated district will receive approximately \$20,000 from this source.

Taking this and other sources of income into consideration, and assuming the assessed valuation of the district to be \$2,750,000, the millage for residents of former district 26 will be 19.5 mills. This includes a general levy of 15.1 mills for the consolidated district and a levy of 4.4 mills for debt service on the old district 26 bonds. This is a decrease of 11.5 mills from the levy of 31.1 mills paid by residents of district 26 last year.

Residents of former district 39 will pay on the basis of a levy of 17.7 mills. This includes the general levy of 15.1 mills plus a levy of 2.6 mills for service of the old district 39 bonds. This figure represents a decrease of 21.5 mills from the levy of 39.5 mills paid by residents of district 39 last year.

Parents Of Daughter—

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Diderickson of Adrian are the parents of a 9 pound, 2 ounce girl born July 2 at the Nyssa Nursing home.



Edited by T. CAROL BYBEE

Poem dedicated to T. Carol Bybee, written by Millie E. Slater, Ogden Utah.

MOTHER

Her talents of heart may be many, But she pushes them all aside, To assume her duties and tasks, From the day she became a bride.

A masterpiece of music May prove her song unsung, Motherhood framed this sacrifice Which is sung on every tongue.

Music, literature and friendship; Let sail on the stream of life; It must be, she'll sacrifice these, To prove true as a mother and wife.

Though great adventures await her, Her mother instinct says, "No," First I'll answer the call of mother And go where I'm destined to go."

May life reward such service, Prove kind to her valiant trust, May lasting joy, fill her being, With delight, ne'er to waver or rust.