

Onion Growers Ask Changes In Labeling Laws

Malheur onion growers will work through their association for needed changes in Oregon laws on labeling of onions, according to decision reached at their first Onion Growers' association meeting in Ontario Feb. 2. Association President Joe Saito of Ontario presided at the meeting, which was attended by over 100 onion growers. A proposal now in the legislature to tighten enforcement of labeling and grading laws drew fire from the assembled growers, who pointed out they had been unable to comply with the law in the past, and stricter enforcement would only intensify the problem. Labeling of onion containers under the law has required that all packages be labeled with No. 1 or No. 2 grade and that any onions not meeting requirements of these grades be labeled culls. Growers pointed out that of the 1954 crop about half their onions would have gone to market labeled culls, if the law had been enforced. Inability to make a strictly No. 1 or No. 2 grade was caused by the amount of invisible decay that could be seen only by cutting the onions and could not be removed on the sorting table.

Onions with over the 2 percent tolerance allowed for decay in No. 1 and No. 2 grade went to market as percentage grades, such as 85 percent U. S. 1 or 90 percent U. S. 1 and were shipped in bags without grade markings, with the grade showing only on the inspection certificate. It is this method of marketing that Malheur growers wish made legal under state law. Association leaders point out that shipping just across the state line in Idaho is done under this type of grading, and that stricter provisions on the Oregon side would only result in the local crop being trucked across the state line for packing.

Futures trading in onions was noted by Charles Burns of Nampa as detrimental to fresh market prices, and the Onion association voted to support legislation for more strict regulation of futures trading on the commodity exchange.

DeLance Franklin of the Parma branch experiment station discussed new onion varieties and practices of growing onions, and pointed out that hybrid breeding is the most promising method of tailoring a variety to the needs of a particular area. He pointed to these practices as being helpful: rotation of land to avoid repeating onion production and building up disease; planting later, to allow stands to get off to a good start; control of irrigation water to provide ample moisture without creating swampy conditions; avoiding nitrogen fertilization heavy enough to delay maturity; and providing ample time for curing in the field before the onions are put in storage.

Roy Hirai of Nyssa, a director in the association, reviewed progress to date with establishing a marketing agreement for onions for the Malheur county and western Idaho district. Provisions reported for the proposed agreement included controls on sizes and grades of onions, controls on packages, and provisions for establishing a marketable percent-

BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Troop No. 445 participated in the Malheur District Court of Honor, Feb. 7 at the LDS stake house. Jed Lewis was the main speaker of the evening.

An Eagle badge was awarded to Lawrence Hansen, assistant scoutmaster of the Nyssa first ward by President Arval Child.

Merit awards were made to Darryl Duffin, Tony Roberts, Monty Burningham, Stanley Pett, Darwin Gorrell, Leon Thompson and Dean Fife, scoutmaster, by Don Benson.

Frell Blair awarded the second class badges, and six tenderfoot Guide Scouts received awards.

Troop No. 445 conducted the Sunday evening church service at 7:30 Feb. 7, in the Nyssa first ward LDS chapel under the direction of Scoutmaster Dean Fife.

A candlelighting ceremony preceded the awarding of tenderfoot badges to Van Bake, Leo Beus, Boyd Blair, Voyne Mitchell, Lynn Banner and Ronald Gorrell, and tenderfoot pins to their mothers.

History of scouting was given by Vern Moncur. A report on participation of boy scout work in Nyssa and Nyssa stake was given by Frell Blair, and a talk "A Mother's Views of Scouting in her home," and the "Primary Interests in Guide Scout Work," was given by Dorothy Leavitt.

The flag ceremony was conducted by Jerry Myrick assisted by Tony Roberts and Verl Banner.

Music was under the direction of Pearl Woodard. A trumpet solo was rendered by Billy Jeffries, and a song by Michael Scott and Baby Jeffries.

Scout Troop No. 445 wish to express their appreciation to Wilson Bros. for the use of their window on Main street for their Boy Scout Week window display.

Boy Scout Troop No. 445 entertained their parents for a social evening of fun and refreshments, Feb. 1, under the direction of Scoutmaster Dean Fife at the Nyssa first ward church.

YMIA president, Carroll Roberts introduced the present committee, consisting of institutional representatives, Delbert Peterson, stake explorer leader; district representative to thteenm

age of the crop in years of surplus. Hirai indicated more grower support by means of petitions would have to be presented to the U. S. Department of Agriculture to get that agency to proceed with hearings on establishment of the agreement.

Finances of the association were discussed by Vice President Lawren King of Ontario, showing that a sizeable budget for onion promotion has been achieved through a membership program providing for deduction of 1 cent per cwt.

Election of directors for the group resulted in the following growers being selected to represent their respective districts: directors at large, Joe Saito and Lawren King of Ontario; Oregon Slope district, Charles Joseph and Aye Nagaki; Vale district, M. F. Barlow and Tak Kuwuhara; Nyssa district, Roy Hirai and Warren Farmer; and Ontario District William Hepworth and Sig Murakami.

Elder Duncan Is Pastor of Nyssa Baptist Church

Elder M. J. Duncan of Porterville, Calif., missionary for the Missionary Baptist churches of Oregon and Idaho, has been called by the Nyssa church as their missionary pastor. He was formerly pastor of this church in 1946-47. He now lives in Boise and will supply the church from there. He will move Mrs. Duncan and daughter to Nyssa when school is out.

The Missionary Baptist church will begin a series of bible studies on the subject, "Millennial Reign of Christ." There are three doctrines being taught on this subject, which are non-millennialism, pre-millennialism and post-millennialism. Studies are every Friday night beginning at 8 p. m. with Elder Duncan as moderator. This is an open discussion and questions may be asked. The pub-

Nyssa Graduates Top In His Class

Pvt. Carl J. Bair was honor graduate from his cooking class No. 22, when services were held Feb. 3 for the sixth Army area food service school at Ft. Ord, Calif. In a letter, that Bair sent to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bair, it was stated, "... for being the most outstanding student of the class." He was presented with a pen and pencil set, by Lt. Col. George T. Grimes.

Bair entered the Army Sept. 1. He was graduated from Nyssa high school in 1952 and attended BYU.

He is invited to attend this series of studies.

Several from Nyssa attended the youth rally at Caldwell Missionary Baptist church last Sunday. The next youth rally will be at the Missionary Baptist church at Boise on March 13.

Funeral Services Held Sunday For Paralee W. Kinser

Funeral services were held Sunday for Mrs. Paralee Wilburn Kinser who died Feb. 10 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Schirman. The Rev. Carl H. Gross of St. Paul's Episcopal church conducted the services at the Lienkaemper chapel and a Rebekah Memorial service was held. Interment was in the Nyssa cemetery under the direction of Lienkaempers.

Mrs. Kinser was born July 6, 1874 in Redmond, Calif., and moved to the Payette community with her parents when she was a young girl. She married William Curtis Kinser in 1894. Mrs. Kinser has made her home with the Schiremans for the past 14 years.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Ollie LeClair of Seattle and Mrs. Mae Schirman of

Pancake Supper Planned Feb. 22

The annual St. Paul's Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be held Tuesday evening Feb. 22 from 5:30 until 8:30 at the Episcopal church parish hall.

A feature of the evening will be the singing waiters and a silver offering will be taken.

Mrs. Ralph Laurence, president of the St. Paul's Guild, sponsoring group for the pancake supper, announced that the public is invited.

Nyssa and a son, Earl Kinser of Seattle, four sisters, Mrs. Minnie Wann of Santa Barbara, Calif., Mrs. Mae Orrell of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Belle Dymoke of New Plymouth and Mrs. Polly Hall of Portland; two brothers, Banks Wilburn of Ontario and Tom Wilburn of Baker; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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PVT. BATT ARRIVES FOR 9 DAY LEAVE

Pvt. Robert W. Batt arrived in Nyssa Sunday morning to spend a nine day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Batt.

Pvt. Batt just completed his basic training at Fort Ord, Calif., and will go to Fort Monmouth, N. J., where he will attend Signal school and study teletype writer maintenance.

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