

## Experiment Station Superintendent Develops World's First Hybrid Onion

The world's first hybrid onion derived entirely from Yellow Sweet Spanish inbreds was announced this week by the Parma branch of the University of Idaho Agricultural Experiment station. The name is El Capitan.

DeLance Franklin, station superintendent who developed the onion, said it has high-yielding capacity and good storage quality. Onion seed producers have obtained parent seed of the first generation hybrid from the Parma station. A small amount of El Capitan seed should be available to growers by the 1965 season, Franklin said. A general supply is expected by 1967.

El Capitan is adapted to western areas where Spanish onions are most commonly grown—Colorado, Idaho and Oregon.

The announcement said the new onion is intended to fill a long-

standing need for a Yellow Sweet Spanish hybrid having all the desirable characteristics of the variety with few of its defects. It meets this requirement by having few "doubles," "bolters" or "scallions." Trials indicate considerable resistance to pink root—an ailment that troubles many onions.

**Trials Indicate Superiority**  
Performance of El Capitan in three years of trials at Parma and one year at Greeley, Colo., indicates superiority to open-pollinated Yellow Sweet Spanish strains in total yield, yield of U. S. No. 1 quality and percentage of bulbs larger than three inches in diameter.

At Parma in 1961, El Capitan averaged 1260 50-pound bags per acre, compared with 1070 bags of Bronze Perfection and 966 for a Yellow Sweet Spanish onion. During the two previous years, El Capitan had greater yield than Fiesta, another onion developed at Parma, and then open-pollinated Sweet Spanish varieties. In 1959, El Capitan averaged 1600 bags.

Similar yield advantages in comparison with other varieties were obtained at Greeley where the work was conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture.

**New Variety Described**  
El Capitan varies in shape from a full to a slightly flattened globe. The outer scales, which are yellow with a reddish tinge, adhere well to the bulb after long storage. Although multiple growing points develop, doubling of the bulb does not occur often enough to affect grade and shape because the growing points are usually surrounded by several layers of fleshy scales.

One of the onions from which El Capitan was produced was developed by H. G. Peckham of Wilder. This inbred was selected at the Parma station. The other was developed from the Utah strain of Yellow Sweet Spanish at the same station. Both inbreds showed desirable characteristics that have been carried over in El Capitan.

**CLUB SEES JUDGING FILM; GIVES PARK PICNIC TABLE**

At the April 9 meeting of the Adrian Livestock 4-H club, it was announced that E. M. Hauser would be present at the meeting planned April 16 to show some films on judging animals.

Dallas Chaney stated that the picnic table was ready. It will be donated to the Adrian park. Joe Hite gave a report on swine; Laura Mackey, beef; Teresa Topliff and Danny Cutler reported on County Government day.

—Jane Timmerman, Reporter

**GUESTS IN JACKSON HOME**  
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Patterson and family of Bend were Sunday guests in the Wilton Jackson home. The Pattersons were enroute to their home after spending Easter in Nampa. Bunt Daniels of Madras was also a Sunday visitor in the Jackson home.

## Navyman B. Conant To Leave for Florida



BILLY CONANT  
... Arrives Home on Leave

Kingman Kolony—Seaman Apprentice Billy Conant arrived by plane last Thursday evening at the Boise air terminal from the San Diego Naval base where he had been stationed for the past several months.

He was met by his parents, Mr.

## SMORGASBORD SCHEDULED SATURDAY AT EAGLES HALL

A smorgasbord and dancing will highlight activities at the Eagles hall Saturday evening. It has been announced by officers. Dinner will be served from 7 until 9:30. Dance music will be by Ralph Fry and his band.

## SUNDAY DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Malloy were Sunday dinner guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Bowns and family.

and Mrs. Willis Conant, and will spend a 14-day leave with them before flying to Key West, Fla., where he will attend fleet sonar school for six months.

A family dinner was served Sunday at the parental home. In addition to Billy, guests included Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conant and family of Mountain Home, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Stacy and Teresa Kay of Parma and Bob Mondy of Caldwell.

Afternoon visitors and evening dinner guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stednitz and Lola, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barnett and boys of Boise. The ladies are nieces of Willis Conant.

## Real Estate Ladies Plan Annual Party For Scholarship Fund

Plans for the annual bridge-pinochle party were discussed at the regular meeting of Women's council, Malheur County Chapter of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, held April 9 at Palomino cafe in Ontario.

Purpose of the party is to help provide funds for a business scholarship which the Women's council gives each year to a deserving senior girl from Nyssa, Vale or Ontario.

An evening of cards, entertainment and dessert is being planned and the public will be invited.

President Nell Christiansen presided at the meeting and appointed the following committees: bridge, Jen Taylor; pinochle, Shirley Little; prizes, Dorothea Chesler; tickets, Clarice Johnson and Ruth Cunningham; entertainment, Nell Christiansen; decorations, Doris Clausen.

According to Shirley A. Little, secretary, time and place of the card party will be announced at a later date.

Television isn't replacing radio half as much as it is homework.

## 'Begin Now to Maintain Tax Records' Is Advice Given by Oregon State Bar

Now is the time to start a procedure that will aid you with next year's income tax calculations. That is to maintain a record of your income and outgo. Such a record can be simple and brief but it may save you tax dollars and many hours of work, according to a legal column prepared by the Oregon State Bar association.

The average man who works for a salary thinks he doesn't have to concern himself about keeping books and records. But he should!

Whether or not you run a business of your own, you have a partner who each year is claiming a substantial interest in your personal income. The law requires that you keep books for him in case he ever asks for an accounting.

Perhaps you own your home or are paying for it in installments. It's likely that some day you may sell that house. When you do you'll want to be able to prove whether you realized a gain or a loss on that sale. If a gain resulted, it will probably add to your income tax. If a loss was

suffered, that's another thing.

You may have made certain improvements on the house, while you lived in it, but unless you can show what out-of-pocket expense you incurred while making them, you may not get credit for them in your cost basis.

It may be that you are receiving an annuity on an insurance policy. If so, do you know how much that policy costs you and how much of that cost you have recovered tax-free to date?

There are many kinds of transactions you enter into that some day will affect the computation of your personal income tax. The best proof of the cost of anything you've purchased is a receipted bill or cancelled check. If one of these pieces of evidence relates to any transaction that may affect your income in later years, it is a good idea to keep it.

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## NHS Spanish Club Activities Told By Nyssa Student

By Joe Estrada

Recently I read an article in the Nyssa Gate City Journal about the All-American club in the junior high school.

I would like to let people know that the senior high has a Spanish club, too. It is called "Los Companeros" which means "The Companions." This club was organized the second semester of last year and has about 25 members. The requirement for membership is the ability to speak Spanish or to be enrolled in a Spanish class.

We have two regular meetings each month, one on the last Thursday of the month. One of them is an after school meeting and the other is a night session.

Purpose of the club is to promote interest in Spanish, the Spanish-speaking countries and to further participation in all the activities planned and approved by club members and officers.

At Christmas time we had a party with a pinata. We sang Spanish Christmas carols, exchanged gifts and had some Spanish refreshments. We also had a panel discussion on the Christmas customs of Spanish countries. Rosa Alvarez told about Yule activities in Chile.

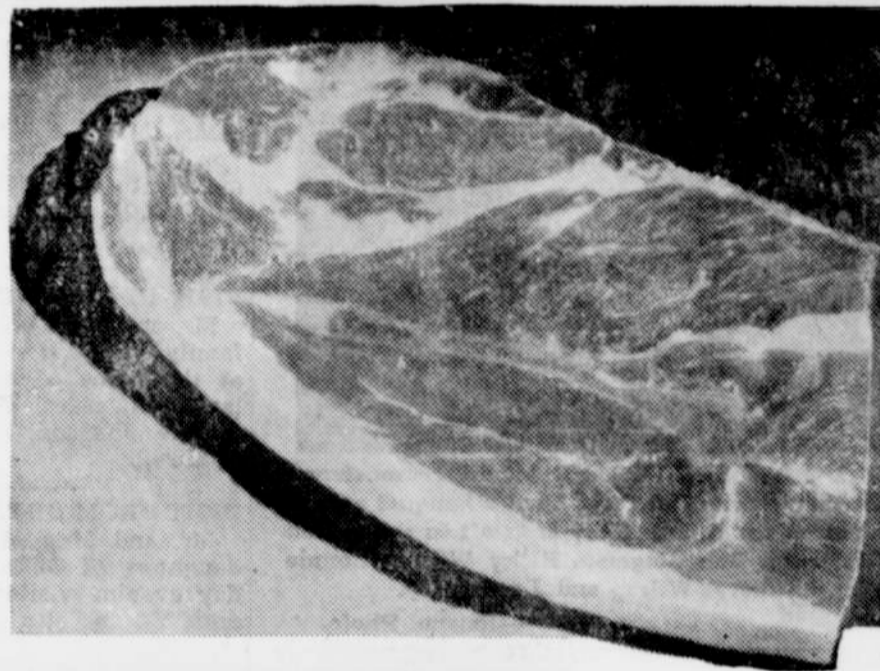
**Have Spanish Programs**

We have had a number of programs on Spanish-speaking countries—Miss Poulton showed pictures of her trip to Spain, Mrs. Witty of her trip to Mexico and Billy Hammon showed films on South America. Last year Leila Alampay talked on the Spanish background of the Philippine Islands and Rosa Alvarez discussed Chile this year.

At meetings the members sometimes prepare and give special reports on some Spanish-speaking nation. Also, in one meeting we had a humorous impersonation of Fidel Castro on a supposed visit to the United States. Castro was played by Joe Estrada and the governor was played by Tone Wahlert.

Mr. and Mrs. Irl Nolen were special guests one night and took some movies of the club's skit which were shown at a later meeting.

Los Companeros officers this year are Mrs. Bonita Witty, adviser; Joe Estrada, president; Virginia Montoya, vice president; Joe Grijalva, treasurer; Hazel Dillon, secretary; and Kathy Farmer, program chairman.



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