

Report of the Avocado Department, Orange County Farm Bureau

H. H. Gardner
Chairman

The directors for the year were: J. J. Carter, Raymond Easton, W. W. Tantlinger, R. F. Frantz, Walter West, Wendel Heil, H. H. Gardner, John Newman, H. E. Marsh, A. C. Finley.

The directors met regularly every two months, with the exception of one summer meeting. These meetings were well attended and many avocado problems considered and some acted on. Mr. Wahlberg and Mr. Marks attended all meetings and contributed materially to the success of the meetings.

Avocado Institute was held in March at La Habra in cooperation with Los Angeles County and the Extension Service. It was well attended and seemed to be appreciated by the growers. There was not enough time to answer all questions fully.

It was expressed in a motion that the feeling of the board was that we should continue the institute as a local affair and not turn it over to the state committee as has been suggested. Also, after consultation with interested organizations, it was decided to hold the institute in the fall hereafter.

Variety Tour in April. A variety tour of the county was held in co-operation with the Variety Committee of the California Avocado Association.

Legislative Hearing:. We had representatives at an avocado prorated hearing by a committee of the State Legislature in Los Angeles.

Production Cost Studies by Mr. Wahlberg-. We cooperated in these studies.

Field Tour in June, new varieties, pruning and windbreaks. We cooperated with the Extension Service.

State Avocado Committee of the C. F. B. F. We were active in the formation of this committee and took the lead in getting it organized on a non-partisan basis so that it represents the whole industry, both cooperative and independent growers.

Bud selection and varieties. We are cooperating with Mr. Shamel and Mr. Pomeroy of the Department of Agriculture in these studies.

Regional Meetings. We had representatives at the regional meetings and participated in the avocado meetings at the same. In fact, we seem to have overdone this, as we got the chairmanship of the Regional Avocado Department.

Avocado Growers' Dinner Meeting. It was decided to hold these meetings bimonthly with a suitable program. The first was held in October.

Recommendations. We recommend that all the activities of this year be continued and

especially recommend: State Avocado Committee, steady attendance; Institute, continuance as a local affair; bimonthly dinner meetings, continuance.