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Page A-4, The News-Review, Roseburg, Oregon – Wednesday, April 29, 1970 History Of OWGA Is Noted

The Oregon Wine Growers Association was organized in January of 1969 at the Roseburg Country Club. Officers elected were Paul Bjelland, president; R i c h a r d S o m m e r , vice president; Ted Anderson, Jr. secretary, and Dr. T. R. Mafit, treasurer.

Purposes and projects were established at that time. The objectives of the organization being: Promote interest in raising wine grapes, explore marketing conditions, promote interest and appreciation of various table wines and promote enjoyment of gourmet foods and wine cookery.

The future projects will include development of adequate library resources, grape land and availability surveys, table wine industry legislation, promotion of wine festivals and sampling sessions and consultation with county agricultural agents, Oregon State University and University of California at Davis wine specialists.

As of December 1969 the membership had grown to over 100 members from all areas of the West Coast. The members are hard workers and believers in a multi-million dollar industry that could help Oregon's economy substantially.

