

4-H Clubs Get Valuable Aid From Grange

Scholarships Provided and Numerous Projects Made Possible as Units of Farm Industry.

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One of the chief concerns of the Grange in its program is that of the welfare of young people. Grangers believe that if proper care were given children, especially in the matter of training, a new world can be brought about in two generations. Grangers recognize in the 4-H club work a program oriented to real democracy and not one which is hitched to a star. In other words, they recognize in 4-H club work a means for people learning what democracy is by actually participating in democratic work. Grangers have helped Douglas county in not only increasing the amount of club work but in improving the quality of it.

Of this county's seventy 4-H clubs who attended this year's summer school on the Oregon State college campus, Grange provided 16 by providing scholarships. Each year one day is set aside at this summer school at State Grange day. On this day state officials and subordinate granges assemble and put on a program at the afternoon session and all 4-H club delegates are present from the platform. Douglas county granges who provided scholarships for summer school are: Pomona, 1 scholarship; Riverside, 2; Days Creek, 2; Melrose, 1; South Deer Creek, 1; Riddle, 1; Kellogg, 2; Glide, 1; Evergreen, 1; Look-Inglass, 1; Loon Lake, 1; Myrtle Creek, 1; and Sutherland, 1.

Projects carried and completed in this year's 4-H program included: livestock, poultry, corn, barley, oats, sugar, potatoes, forestry, vegetable gardening, wood working, cooking, clothing, canning, room improvement, marketing, rose and flower gardening, health and hobby.

Livestock Project

One of the most important projects carried by boys chiefly in that of livestock. During the past year 14 clubs with a membership of 142 carried the livestock projects. These projects include hogs, sheep and dairy cattle. 4-H club boys of Douglas county own very close to 400 animals. These boys have been given an opportunity to pick up considerable information on livestock at the 4-H club summer school, on the 4-H livestock judging tours, in judging contests and from participating in their own club meetings. Many of the boys find ranches outside of the county well known for excellent livestock and farm methods. For instance, 30 of the livestock members visited one dairy ranch where they saw six world's record Jersey cows in one herd.

Poultry Raising

In the matter of poultry raising, 22 members registered in this project. Sixteen of these produced china pheasants for the game commission. This group produced 1054 birds for which it received \$775.50 from the game commission. This is a very profitable project and is of short duration as the birds are only kept from ten to twelve weeks. Besides making profit from this project, these pheasant raisers acquire an attitude of protection for game birds and animals. Other poultry raisers are raising chickens and turkeys. Some of these are older members and have considerable sized flocks. A poultry tour was held this year. Four members took advantage of this opportunity and were given a lot of help by members of the poultry staff at Oregon State college and enjoyed a visit to the entire Geats Poultry Plant at Eugene.

Corn Project

Considerable experimenting has been done with hybrid corn this year among club members, there being 20 different strains of hybrid corn planted and cared for. Don Harmon, near the Country club, has four different kinds of hybrid corn. Walter Marks at Riverside has 11. Cabote Hitchie of Garden valley has 10. Layb Spore at Days Creek has 2, and George Marsh of Look-Inglass has 4. These corn trials were made to determine whether or not it would be profitable to grow hybrid corn on these lands. From general appearances, it seems that the hybrids are inferior to the open pollinated varieties heretofore planted, at least inferior to the open pollinated corn grown along side of the hybrid this year. These boys will determine yield per acre at harvest time and will have a moisture content analysis made at Oregon State college so that they will be able to provide accurate information.

Clothing and Cooking

Among the girls' work, clothing and cooking seems to be the most popular this year, there being 20 clothing groups with a membership of 228 and 26 cooking clubs with a membership of 232. The work in these two projects has increased over other years and certainly has improved in quality. Several persons who understand clothing stated to the writer that the 4-H club girls seem to be a lot better dressed than they used to be.

One project for 8th graders only

which is of prime importance to the grangers is that of marketing. Over 200 8th graders participated in this program. In April the Roseburg chamber of commerce, through its agricultural committee, held a "Marketing day" for all those 8th graders who completed their project. This committee arranged to have those 4-Hers shown through various departments of the court house, the U. S. weather bureau, the U. S. forest service, the press room of the Roseburg News-Review, and the Roseburg

Where National Grange Convention Will Meet



Pictured above is the Portland auditorium, which will be headquarters for the national grange convention in Portland November 16 to 24, inclusive. Outstanding in the program for the national meeting, being held for the first time in Oregon, are the following events: Special train arrives from east mid-afternoon November 15th. Business sessions in Multnomah hotel. Seventh degree classes, afternoon and evening November 18th. National master's address afternoon November 16th. Cooperative breakfast, 7:30 a. m., November 18th. Lecturers' and officers' conference 1:30 p. m., November 18th. Juvenile conference 2:00 p. m., November 18th. Home economics conference 2:30 p. m., November 18th. Last chance, Fifth degree, Portland, 2:45 p. m., November 18th. Last chance, Sixth degree, Portland, 4:00 p. m., November 18th. Insurance breakfast, 7:30 a. m., November 19th. National radio broadcast, national officers and state masters, 9:30 a. m., November 19th. Assembly of Demeter, auditorium, November 19th. 3:00 p. m., November 21, closing National grange session. Any member securing five applications for new members or reinstatements by November 1 will receive a ticket for the Seventh degree from the state grange.

Dairy and Soda works. At noon they served a free lunch to those people in the dining room of the armory and, following this, they were guests of Donn Radabaugh in their choice of either the Home or the Indian theatres.

Many achievement days were held in the various communities of the county last spring, at which time all projects which had been completed were exhibited and scored and ribbons awarded. These achievement programs did a lot of good in the way of explaining 4-H club work to adults. All 4-H club members who exhibited at this program, on bringing their exhibits to the county fair, brought the same ribbons and did not have the exhibit scored over again.

Other Helpful Events

Other events incident to the success of the 4-H club programs were those of the Kiwanis-Grange programs, at which money was raised for scholarships; overnight camps for both boys' clubs and girls' clubs who went out under their own leadership; the livestock and poultry tours which took boys to some of the best ranches and plants in the state, where they had all farm practices explained to them; the fat lamb show, where sheep raisers were permitted to show their lambs in competition with others; the Northwestern Turkey show for those who raised turkeys to exhibit in competition and pick up a world of knowledge raising turkeys; the five community fairs, where more club members than ever exhibited this year and had a chance to look over all exhibits and talk with exhibitors; and the State fair where 15 local club members had a chance to inspect all exhibits. Those events yet to come which are expected to prove of value are the Pacific International Livestock exposition, which begins October 1st, where at least ten Douglas county members will attend to inspect the northwestern best, and the Northwestern Turkey Show which is to come in December. Officials of this show plan to provide for turkey judging by all 4-H club members interested in poultry. Judges being brought for that show will also instruct those 4-H club members participating, regarding the good points about turkeys.

Agent's Report Coming

The annual report of the county club agent, which will be made up by December 1st, will probably show an enrollment in 4-H club work of 1800 in Douglas county. It will also show an enrollment of more than 150 adults as leaders. This organization of leaders is known as the Douglas county local leaders' association and includes all the men and women leaders of 4-H clubs in the county. Mrs. J. M. Bartley of Roseburg is president of the organization.

4-H club leaders and boys and girls have all the facilities of the land grant colleges of the United States department of agriculture back of them and at no direct cost whatever. A 4-H club member does not pay any membership fee or dues and is provided with his project material and record book free of charge.

PARCELS POST ACT OBTAINED BY GRANGE

As early as 1887, the grange advocated the establishment of a parcels post, which was strenuously opposed by the express companies, then holding a monopoly in the field of transportation. However, the grange kept steadfastly at work until the present parcels post law was enacted in 1912. The numerous attempts which have since been made to cripple or destroy this useful service of the government have met with the strong opposition of the grange.

SOUTH DEER CREEK HAS LIVELY GRANGE

Community Activities of Varied Forms Center at Organization's Hall.

One of Douglas county's live wire subordinate granges is located on South Deer Creek and serves the residents of that area. Organized in 1912 with 35 charter members, it has a present membership of 55.

Officers of South Deer Creek grange are Mrs. Cora Collison, master; Mrs. Clyde Keister, lecturer; William H. Bailey, secretary; Mrs. Esther Morberg, home economics chairman; C. L. Beantson, chairman of the agricultural committee.

South Deer Creek grange erected its grange hall in 1912. The hall has since been enlarged and altered and kept thoroughly modern and serves as a community center. It has been the scene of many conferences with professors from the agricultural college, has accommodated a great many audiences who have gathered to hear public speakers, and has served in general to supply the meeting place needs of the community.

The grange has for several years held joint meetings at its hall with the Roseburg Kiwanis club, and has for the past 25 years conducted a "harvest ball" in October, when the hall is tastefully decorated with products of the farm and forest. The hall frequently has been used for church services, Sunday school, parent-teacher meetings, etc.

Debt Honoring Recalled

An interesting incident to the credit of South Deer Creek grange was the payment for a wire fence surrounding the local cemetery. Years before the organization of the grange, money had been collected to pay for a fence around the three-acre burial plot, but the person to whom the money had been entrusted failed to pay the account. When the Roseburg merchant who had sold the fencing led the organization of the grange, he mailed a statement to the secretary asking the account be paid. While the indebtedness was not contracted by the grange and was outlawed by the time, the amount was paid in full.

REGULATION PUBLIC UTILITIES URGED

One of the first and most far-reaching services of the grange was the fight which it launched in 1872 for the regulation and control of transportation companies. At a time when the railroads of the country were largely a law unto themselves, and when they were guilty of many excesses, the grange secured from the courts a decision that the creature can never be greater than its creator. The Interstate Commerce Commission, which was established in 1887, had its inception in the successful culmination of this great fight in defense of the rights of the people. The right of the government to control public service corporations is predicted upon the principle which was established in this connection.

COLLEGES RESULT FROM GRANGE FIGHT

Although the land grant act of 1862 made provision for the establishment of agricultural colleges throughout the country, practical

ly nothing was done to carry out the true purposes of this act until the grange began to function almost a decade later. Early in the seventies, the grange launched its heroic fight through legislation and otherwise, to check the misuse of land grant funds and to inaugurate and develop in the institutions established under this act the most comprehensive system of agricultural and industrial education the world has ever known.

GRANGE ADVOCATES SMITH-HUGHES ACT

The grange vigorously supported the Smith-Lever act, passed in 1914, establishing the agricultural extension service, county agents, home demonstration agents and club workers.

It strongly advocated the Smith-Hughes act, passed in 1917, providing for vocational and agricultural education; and has been a strong defender of this system ever since.

RESEARCH WORK AIDED BY GRANGE

In 1879 the grange began active work for the establishment of experimental stations for agriculture. These efforts were crowned with success when the Hatch act, as drafted by the grange legislative committee, was passed in 1887.

The grange likewise gave its support to the Parnell act and similar legislation to foster and promote agricultural research.

Portland Set For National Grange Meet

72nd Annual Session Will Be Held November 16-24; 7th Degree Class to Exceed 6,000.

Portland is rapidly making ready for its great November event, the entertainment of the National Grange, when the latter organization goes to the Pacific Coast for its 72nd annual session. The Portland event of November 16-24 follows last year's convention at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and twice before the National Grange has met at Portland, in 1904 and 1921, both times with pleasant memories of a city thoroughly awake to the privilege of entertaining such a nationwide gathering and doing the job well.

The neighboring states of Washington and Idaho are cooperating heartily with Oregon in planning entertainment for the Grange folks who will come from all parts of the country, while the civic and business organizations of Portland are also joining in an entertainment program which will leave no doubt of Portland hospitality. Although the National Grange holds three long business sessions daily, it usually sets apart a little time for relaxation trips, always attends church in a body Sunday morning, and invariably pays a visit to the state's agricultural college and other points of interest.

Friday, November 18, will be the big day of the Grange convention, when the supreme ritualistic degree will be conferred in the beautiful municipal auditorium at Portland, supplied with all the accessories needed for such an event. Even now there is assurance of a Seventh degree class of upwards of 6,000 and enthusiastic Pacific Coast Grange leaders venture a still higher figure. Those familiar with the ritualism of American fraternities declare there is nothing more beautiful than the Seventh degree of the Grange, and, with the rapidly-growing membership in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, there seems every reason for believing that the great Portland class anticipated will be fully realized.

An important feature of the Portland event will be the coast-to-coast special train, all Pullman cars, for which Grange passengers will be picked up throughout the Eastern states, assembled at Chicago and then run on a no-change, all-the-way trip to Portland, down the Pacific Coast to Los Angeles, and then back to Chicago, where the party will be disbanded, en route for their homes. Already complete preparations for this Grange special train have been made and there is likelihood of at least 200 passengers making the entire trip, in addition to attending the Portland convention.

With meeting-places and hotel facilities at Portland adequate for the Grange convention, the latter is expected to be without question

the greatest gathering of farm people ever held west of the Mississippi River, while the class of candidates who will receive the Seventh degree at Portland is likely to be larger than has been true at any previous session of the National Grange, except held at extreme Eastern points, where Grange membership is very heavy. Patrons in the great Northwest will drive hundreds of miles to reach Portland and in addition to receiving the climax degree of the organization will have the opportunity of seeing the National Grange in action, as it discusses great pending agricultural and economic questions and defines its policies for the future as the leading spokesman of the American farmer. The fact that the Grange is the oldest, and by far the largest, of all farm groups in America gives exceptional interest to the coming Portland convention.

AZALEA GRANGE ORGANIZED 1931

Azalea grange No. 786 was organized in the spring of 1931. Application was made April 17 for a dispensation from the national grange to organize a subordinate grange in Azalea—this was granted April 28. Regular meetings were held in the schoolhouse until the grange hall was completed several months later.

In January of 1932 our present property of one acre was bought from W. F. Tanner. A hall 40 feet by 60 feet was constructed and we have been finishing up and improving the building as we can. This spring two brick flues were built and the building was ceiled up and wired. At present we are building up a fund to be used for the construction of a kitchen and dining room.

There were 25 charter members. The following ten are still active members of the grange: Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Tanner, Mrs. Frank Hill, Henry Tanner, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tripp, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fisher and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Springer.

There are 58 members at present. Names of present officers: Master, Frank Tripp; overseer, Fred Lauber; lecturer, the Tripp; steward, Curtis Nichols; assistant steward, Donald Brady; chaplain, Louis Brady; treasurer, Ben Phelps; secretary, Bernice J. Jantzer; gate keeper, Henry Gaedecke; Ceres, Susan Tanner; Pomona, Bea Condry; Flora, Florence Norman; lady assistant steward, Nora Gaedecke; H. E. C. chairman, Sylvan Jantzer; agriculture committee chairman, Leonard Johns; executive committee chairman, Frank J. Rogan.

Booster night at Azalea will be Saturday, September 24. The following program has been planned by our lecturer, Mrs. Tripp. Reading of national master's message. Community singing. Grange orchestra. Monologue. Flower and fruit display.

Facts about grange history. Statements about grange activities. Solo. This will be followed by a general social evening. Refreshments will be served. Four members are planning to take the 5th and 6th degrees October 1. Our grange hall is used for many social affairs of the community. Sunday school is held there regularly.

BUTTER SUBSTITUTE LAWS ARE ENACTED

Early in its career, the grange directed its energies toward securing the enactment of legislation prohibiting the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine colored in imitation of butter. The first regulatory legislation in this connection was passed by congress in 1886, followed by the Groat act of 1902. In every legislative contest since then, the grange has been a stalwart champion of the dairy interests, sturdily opposing im-

tation butter, filled milk and cheese, the so-called cooking compounds and like products.

FOOD AND DRUG ACT URGED BY GRANGE

The grange was a pioneer in the long crusade which resulted in placing the pure food and drugs act upon the statute books of the United States. It was in 1881 that the grange launched its campaign for this epoch-making legislation, passed in 1906, which put an end to intolerable abuses and which protects the life and health of the people. It has supported all supplementary legislation of like character that has since been enacted.

DISEASES FOUGHT

Beginning in 1880, the grange urged legislation providing for the prevention and eradication of contagious diseases among domestic animals, coupled always with a demand for reasonable compensation to owners of animals thus slaughtered.

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