

## Valley F. F. A. Boys Figure In Contests

The two High schools in this valley, Union and Imbler, which have Smith-Hughes departments, sent a group of representatives to the recent sectional conference which was held at Ontario. Each school had a representative in the Eastern Oregon Future Farmers oratorical contest which was one of the big features at the meeting. Maurice Franes of Ontario won the contest, it is reported, while a boy from Enterprise and Howard Pottratz of Imbler each received honorable mention. Victor

Gamble of Union represented his school, and while he did not place in the contest he gave a very good talk on the subject of electricity on the farm. Victor had some interesting and practical things to say and as we got his address or oration, from him and give it herewith in full. He had chosen for his subject, "Electricity on the Farm," and having the desire to pass on progressive ideas, want to tell you that he said:

"The topic which I am going to discuss is 'Electricity on the Farm.' I will discuss the values of electricity in the far mahop and in the home."

"Illuminating the farm with electricity lessens the danger of fire in the dry seasons. It gives the farmer longer hours in the fields. Yard lights simplify the doing of the win- ter chores. Lights in the hay mow, in the dairy barn and milk house improve work and enable one to keep the place clean and also decrease the cost of lighting."

would have proper illumination, good stoves, running water and proper ventilation. The farmer's wife put in longer hours than any other person on the farm. Her work is in the

house from daylight to the middle of the night. Why let her work be a drudgery? It has been said: 'A woman who does the work that electricity will do for her works for less than 3 cents an hour.' Put electricity to work in the house as well as in the barns. Electricity for heating and cooking decreases the labor of the wife. There are no ashes to clear.

...at no wood or coal to enter up to  
...ness. She can have hot water a  
...times with the electric water heat  
...or for a few cents a day. She should  
...have a sewing machine, vacuum  
...cleaner and other small electrical  
...water-saving articles. There should be  
...an electric water pump for domestic  
...use so there can be running water in  
...the bathroom, kitchen, laundry  
...kitchen, chicken house, milk house

and provide water for the automatic  
cup for the dairy barn.  
Electricity for the laundry does away  
the old-fashioned scrubbing  
board and the irons that had to be  
heated on the stove. Electric re-  
frigerators are cheaper, cleaner and  
more economical in operation. They  
prevent the spoiling of vegetables  
and fruits and dairy products.

The milk and cream coolers keep the cream sweet so that it can be marketed for a higher price. It costs less now as two cents per 100 pounds of milk cooled. Quick cooling of the milk stops the bacteria from increasing and keeps the milk sweet for a longer period of time.

Electricity for power lessens man's labor. It is cleaner and cheaper than

The gasoline engine. Electricity reduces the fire hazard in chopping, grain, threshing, elevating grain and wood sawing. Why stand and turn a cream separator when an electric motor will do the work for from 1 to 2 cents a day or no more than it would cost to run a 100-watt high



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with the man who reads the meter. "Electricity in the chicken house increases the egg production. By that I mean that it wouldn't make the hens lay more eggs per year but increases the production during the high price period. It heats drinking water and keeps the chickens warm to hold up wheat."

Prospects are that Old Man Ogden will get more work done for less money is Governor Meier's ability "business manager" measures up his power.

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