

Keep 281 Adult Leaders Busy

2,013 4-Hers in County, Report Says

Lane 4-Hers marked up "New Frontiers" of their own in 1962 with a year-end report that would leave most corporation presidents green with envy.

In brief, 2,013 4-Hers noted a 9 per cent increase in enrollment, increased their projects by 14 per cent to a total of 2,634 and improved their margin of completion by 10 per cent.

Parents who complain "Junior never finishes what he begins" can take heart from these figures: Lane 4-Hers completed 80 per cent of all projects, and in "getting the job done" Junior lagged

behind his sister by less than 3 per cent.

Adults, too, were swept along in the tide of youthful exuberance. Four-H leaders increased in number by 4 per cent—continuing a marked trend of the last five years. In 1959, 247 leaders were listed in Lane County's 4-H annals; in 1960, 268; 1961, 273, and 1962, 281.

Healthy Outlook

All in all, it's one of the healthiest conditions we can envision," was the comment of J. R. Gurton, extension agent in 4-H Club work in Lane County since 1948. "With this sort of enthusiasm from our young people for 'learning to do by doing' we know a strong generation is on the move."

Also packed in the 4-H Club report, a part of the Lane County Extension Service's annual report, are figures that carry far more than mere statistical interest.

"They reflect our young people's current interest—their emphasis on what they consider worthwhile," the agent explained.

In some cases, he added, the "emphasis" may stem from interest at home and may be the key to changing patterns in the county's agricultural economy.

Consider, for instance, the growth of the 4-H livestock project. In 1962, 718 Lane 4-Hers were enrolled in the livestock project, a 107 per cent increase over the 1958 enrollment of 347.

Yet, the increase is no big surprise to Gurton.

"The enthusiasm of the county's adult stockmen is infectious," he said. "When our 4-Hers hear about production testing, performance rating, herd improvement and quality stock they want to learn more. Our county stockmen in the Lane County Livestock Assn. have gone all out to encourage this interest by making fine stock available to

4-Hers, through awards and trophies."

Fashions Lead

This year, 4-H stockmen shinned up the 4-H motto "Make the Best Better" with a 84.1 per cent completion rate on their projects. This bettered by 10 per cent their 1961 record. Their livestock inventory: 195 horses, 165 dairy cows, 106 sheep, 96 beef, 43 poultry, 62 pigs, 6 goats and 4 dogs.

The single largest group of 4-Hers included 738 fashion-minded youngsters in clothing and knitting projects. Boys were included. Ten among the 555 were enrolled in clothing and four among the 183 knitters.

The 4-Hers completed 85.9 per cent of all sewing projects; 62.8 per cent of all knitting projects.

A perennial favorite, foods, remained among the "Big Three" 4-H projects of livestock, clothing and foods. There were 297 4-Hers enrolled in cooking projects, 19 in canning, 8 in freezing and 46 in outdoor cooking. Of the group, 65 were boys. The composite completion rate in these projects was nearly 57 per cent.

Things Grown

Four-Hers with a talent for "growing things" checked out a prosperous year: 61 grew vegetables, flowers or turned their talents to landscaping; 83 woodsmen marked up an 80.7 per cent completion rate of their projects as forester, ranger or tree farmer.

Other 4-H projects were cued to 4-Hers with a mechanical slant. The 4-H automotive project, in its first year in Lane County, had an enrollment of 15; electricity, 21; tractors, 4; welding, 3, and woodworking, 92.

The natural science enthusiast wasn't disappointed either. Seventeen turned to entomology projects; 46, geol-

ogy; 21, fishing and gun safety. Creative arts held attraction for other 4-Hers. There were 76 in weaving and crafts; 101 in folk dancing. Self-improvement was the goal for 206 in health projects and 34 in junior leadership. Nine 4-Hers were enrolled in child care projects.

Gurton notes that "what-

ever a youngster's interest 4-H can help in its development. This youth program is no longer rural-centered. It's as much a program for city youngsters as for farm youth."

He invites parents who'd have their sons and daughters take part in this free educational program spon-

sored by Oregon State University, United States Department of Agriculture, and Lane Extension Service call the 4-H Club office, Room 160, Courthouse, at DI 2-1311.

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Free child care service for youngsters will be provided Friday night and on the following Friday, Dec. 21, by youths of Glenwood Christian Church as a special service to Glenwood residents who want to do evening Christmas shopping.

The program is scheduled from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m., and will be available for children through the sixth grade at the church, 1740 Henderson Ave.

Laverne Leigh, minister of the church, said that youths serving as baby sitters will have adult supervision. As the church has no facilities for feeding the youngsters, Leigh asked parents to feed their children before bringing them to the church.

Christmas Party

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