

FARMS

LEACH IS INSTRUCTOR

41 Central Boys Take Part In Smith-Hughes Ag Course

By BEN MAXWELL, Capital Journal Writer

At Central High School, (Independence - Monmouth), 41 boys between the ages of 13 and 18 are enrolled under the Smith-Hughes Act for agricultural training by Alvin Leach, for 11 years a member of the school's teaching staff.

Leach offers his boys a practical, down to earth course and makes no bones about it. Youngsters in the 13-14 age group, who enter as freshmen, select their project following a careful analysis of their experience, adaptability and the capacity of a site to successfully sustain their project.

They learn the necessity for careful bookkeeping, the significance of a budget and receive instruction in livestock and crops. In addition they receive shop training in carpentry, blacksmithing and allied subjects. Says Leach: "They learn by doing."

3-Year Elaboration

Elaboration upon the selected project and instruction in soil management, surveying, drainage, irrigation and fertilization is continued through the next three years.

At the end of the senior year, the potential farmer has received the equivalent of a college training in agriculture reduced to his high school level.

For the past four years, Leach's boys have received top state awards in judging contests; in 1953, poultry; 1954, livestock; 1955, dairying; and in 1956, poultry.

Leach slants his instruction toward scientific, efficient farming and concuring profits. Take Irwin Riddle, for instance.

This 17 year old senior cleared a profit of \$3,500 last year with poultry, 35 head of Southdowns, 20 acres of barley and 24 acres of rye. Harry Cummins of Pedee and his brother, Dewey, sheared 4000 head of sheep last year at 50 cents a head and grossed \$2,000.

In Oregon now, says Leach, there are 86 departments offering training in agriculture under the Smith-Hughes Act of 1919. All in all there are 3,600 aspiring farmers registered for this instruction.

Number Will Diminish

But, says Leach, the number will almost certainly diminish. Original purpose of the act was to induce more young men to enter agricultural production.

Now there is a vast surplus of agricultural products and the cost of establishing a sustaining farm for a family is near \$50,000.

It is the opinion of this Central High School instructor that training should now embrace aspects of agricultural marketing, distribution and processing as well as production.

Not many aspiring young farmers can now hope to become producers unless they receive a farm as a patrimony or become associated with a parent who is a producer. More likely, opportunity lies in some field of specialization associated with agriculture.

Leach, as an instructor under the Smith-Hughes Act, retains the interest of his students by competitions and contests in livestock judging, public speaking and parliamentary procedure.

They're Program Participants



Harry Cummins, Pedee student at Central, receives advice from instructor Alvin Leach in the top photo. In the lower picture Nancy Watson, student in domestic science, gives some cooking pointers to Albert Kroeger, a Smith-Hughes student. (Capital Journal Photos)

UNUSUAL HONOR

White-face Cattle Breeders Praised

Unusual honor came to Oregon white-faced cattle breeders in this year's nominations to the American Hereford Ass. Registry of Merit.

The registry, started 41 years ago, is a recognition for outstanding Hereford sires and dams based on show winnings. Both top position females came from Oregon.

The first placed female is Miss Royal Dhu 29, a seven year old cow bred by Herb Chandler of Baker. Her produce, also shown by Chandler, made 64 points, only 25 being required.

Double M Ranch of Adama bred and showed produce of the second placing female. She was M M Princess Royal 15, a seven year old cow whose calves scored 57 points.

Only 17 females in the nation got into the registry this year. Chandler also had one of only four new bulls receiving the honor in 1957. He is M W Larry Domino 37, calved in 1952 and bred by Milky Way Ranch, Phoenix, Ariz. Chandler was principal showman of the bull's get who made 120 points, 100 being required for entry.

Once an animal is in the Register of Merit, it's offspring continue to

Farm Calendar

- April 9 Eastern Oregon Lecturers' Conference, Eastern Oregon College, LaGrande.
- 10 Annual Feeders' Day, Malheur Branch Experiment Station, Ontario, 10:00 a.m.
- 11 Polk County Homemakers' Festival, Oregon College of Education, Monmouth.
- 22-23 Oregon Fairs Association Second Annual Spring Workshop, M. U., OSC, Spring Cleanup Week.
- 26 Farm Machinery Field Day, Lee Hammel's ranch, Center Ridge (Wasco County) begins at 10:00 a.m.
- 26-28 Home Garden Show, State Fairgrounds, Salem.
- 28-May 5 National Home Demonstration Week.
- 30 Grant County Homemakers' Festival, Monument Grade School.
- 30 Linn County Homemakers' Festival, Lebanon.

Broiler Event Plans Formed At Keizer Meet

By CLAUDE STEUSLOFF, Capital Journal Special Writer

Some 125 Willamette Valley poultry people attended chicken barbecue at Keizer this week as warm-up for the big Broiler Festival planned for Salem early in July.

The festival, designed to acquaint consumers with the excellence of barbecued chicken and to demonstrate the ease of this cooking method, is expected to draw several thousand persons to the State Fairgrounds where it will be held.

Half chickens, piping hot from the barbecue production line, will be served at cost, according to Cornelius Bateson, Pratum, president of the Oregon Broiler Growers Ass., whose members produced more than eight million Oregon Fresh broilers last year.

At Strategic Locations

Broiler festivals have been held at strategic locations throughout the U.S. for several years. More than 10,000 gathered for the one held at Modesto, Calif., last year, Bateson stated.

They are part of the promotion activity being carried out by the Poultry & Egg National Board. Ray Schwartz, west coast representative of the PENB, told the Keizer meeting that a budget of \$500,000 has been set up to maintain the position of poultry in market places this year.

Poultry growers will contribute 4-5 of this in their self-help quotas, the remainder is due from allied industry.

Income from all poultry sources in Oregon totaled \$41,375,000 last year, Schwartz pointed out. Egg sales brought in 58 per cent of this, turkeys, 18.6 per cent; broilers, 12 per cent; farm chickens and other sources, 11 per cent.

The California income of 270 million dollars was highest in the nation. Pennsylvania, Iowa, Georgia and Minnesota were other high producing states.

Fischer Presides

Charles M. Fischer, extension poultry marketing specialist at Oregon State College, presided over the Keizer barbecue pit. Claron Mace, Clackamas County agent, was assistant chef.

Fischer laid aside his basting brush to give some barbecuing tips that he has learned through turning out thousands of his

Animal Test Results to Be Told at OSC

Results of two methods of boosting beef animal gains with hormone treatment will be reported to Oregon cattlemen April 10 at the Oregon State College Malheur branch experiment station near Ontario.

Six test groups of yearling steers will be on display for comparison in gains between feeding stilbestrol hormone and implanting small pellets of the hormone under the animals' hides. The OSC trials have also drawn comparisons between feeding ammoniated beet pulp and regular beet pulp.

Neil Hoffman, Malheur experiment station superintendent in charge of the trials, says the program will start at noon at the station feed lots five miles south and west of Ontario on the Vale highway. The public is invited.

Oregon Ag Body Seeks Full List Of Bent Growers

Oregon's Department of Agriculture is seeking a complete list of growers of Highland bentgrass and their production.

The list is being compiled as a result of a petition filed by the growers of this grass asking for a commission for their seed industry. Cleaners of the grass are also being asked to provide the department with the amount of seed cleaned. All reports are to be in the office by April 22.

Public hearings on the commission will be held on the proposal for the commission as soon as possible and a grower vote will be held if the hearings show a need for such a commission.

Oregon Milk Production About Same in February as in 1956

Milk production in Oregon during February of this year was approximately the same as in 1956 after corrections were made for the extra day in February in 1956, U.S. Department of Agriculture statistics show.

In the nation, however, the figure, after corrections were made for the extra day in February, 1956, was above last year.

Cost to the Oregon farmer of producing that milk was slightly lower in 1957 than a year ago, this was due to the fact farm price was fully one-third lower than a year ago. Hired labor was higher.

Generally prices for milk were higher than a year ago. Prices received by producers in Oregon during March of this year was \$4.85 per hundred weight, compared to the \$4.60 in March a year ago. Nationwide there was

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New Materials Await Students Of 4-H Group

Oregon 4-H Club members, enrolled in food preservation projects, will have new materials awaiting them this spring, according to the state 4-H extension office at Oregon State College.

A new outline called "Food Preservation" has already been prepared and distributed to county extension agents for youngsters who enroll in the project.

Mrs. Winnifred Gilen, state 4-H extension agent who prepared the project outline, says revision was made at the recommendation of 4-H leaders, club members and county extension agents.

The project is flexible, she continues, because it fits into the family food preservation pattern, especially in the case of families who like to freeze or can all the family food supply.

In the revised 4-H food preservation project, the youngster can freeze all the foods in his project or can some if he wishes.

He prefers broilers which weigh about 2 pounds each, pan ready. With allowance for giblets, this gives a half chicken weighing about one pound.

Fischer rubs smoke salt on the chickens just before putting them on the grill. This type of salt is the material used in bacon and ham curing. Some folks use common salt and a barbecue sauce.

Skin Side Up

Chickens should cook mostly with the skin side up because the skin burns and chars easily when the fire is a bit too hot. Turn each five minutes and baste after each flip.

Usually it takes about an hour and 15 minutes for a Fischer perfection job. The "are they done" test is determined by a deft twist of the chick's leg. If it breaks loose nicely and the flesh is light, not pink, the bird is ready for the plate.

Fischer says a single layer of burning charcoal cubes gives proper heat. For best results the fire should be about 35 inches from the grates. Many home barbecues have the heat too close for chicken cooking in Fischer's opinion.

Use butter for basting. "It is simple to turn out perfect servings if you start with Oregon fresh broilers," Fischer concluded.

Applications Now Accepted for OSC Azalea House Unit

Applications to live in Azalea House at Oregon State College are now being accepted at the County Extension Office, according to Ermina Fisher, County Extension Agent in Home Economics.

Azalea House is a cooperative residence house built four years ago by extension women from 58 girls living in the house assume some of the household duties and so lower the cost of attending college. Marion County has a quota of three girls, two of whom are graduating this year - Lila Brown and Shirley Brantner.

Sprayers Warned Of Registration

With a record demand for weed spraying services in sight this spring, the State Department of Agriculture calls attention to the need to register all operators and spraying equipment. This applies to both air and ground operators and equipment.

Weed spraying work in Eastern Oregon, particularly in wheat fields, is off to the biggest start in years, says Ray Kelso, department supervisor of herbicide (weed killers) application. On a quick trip into Eastern Oregon last week (March 18-20) he licensed four new operators—three working in the air and one from the ground.

Any Eastern Oregon operators who need licenses in a hurry this spring should contact Verne Alexander, department representative stationed in the City Hall at Milton - Freewater.

Western Oregon applicators should contact the department headquarters at Salem, or they may appear there to take the state examination without previous experience. No now operator may engage in spraying or dusting legally until he or she passes the qualifying examination.

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'Neighbor' Theme Set For Polk's Festival

"The World Our Neighbor" is the theme of the Polk County 11th annual Homemakers' Festival to be held April 11 at Campbell Hall on the OCE campus at Monmouth.

The women will be guests of the Monmouth Chamber of Commerce for the festival, which is to be an afternoon affair. Registration starts at 12:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Joy Hills Gubser, assistant state superintendent of public instruction is the main speaker for the program. David Patterson, graduate student at Oregon State College, is to show slides and tell of his experiences as an International Farm Youth Exchange student to Finland. Choral numbers are to be presented by music students at the Oregon College of Education.

Increased Alfalfa Plantings Seen

Increased plantings of alfalfa for forage production are expected this year in Polk County, according to N. John Hansen, county extension agent.

The farm crops committee has recommended that the alfalfa acreage be substantially increased, as it is an excellent soil building crop and provides a good source of forage for livestock.

Recommended varieties for western Oregon are DuPuits and Talent. Other varieties doing good in this area are Ranger, Vernal, and Grimm.

Bluegrass Meet Set

A Marion bluegrass field meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m., Wednesday at the El Rancho Menta farm near Talbot, says Marion County Extension Agent Hollis Ottaway. The El Rancho Menta farm is located one mile west of 90E on the Jefferson-Talbot highway.

LEGALS

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALICE R. TRINDLE has, by order of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Marion County, been appointed as executrix of the estate of Eleanor Trindle, Deceased, Clerk's Registry No. 7161.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to present them, duly verified, with proper vouchers, to said executrix at Suite 210 Masonic Building, Salem, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 19th day of March, 1957.

ALICE R. TRINDLE, Executrix of the Estate of Eleanor Trindle, Deceased.

JONES AND ALLEN, Attorneys for Executrix Mar. 19, 26, Apr. 2, 1957.

FINAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I have filed in the Circuit Court of Marion County, Oregon, Probate Department, my verified final account as Administrator of the estate of FLORENCE MAUDE SCHUBERT, deceased, and said Court has set Thursday, April 25th, 1957, at 9:15 A.M. of said day, in the Circuit Court Room of the County Court House at Salem, in Marion County, Oregon as the time and place for hearing said final account and all objections thereto.

Dated April 1st, 1957.

JOHN G. ESTE, Administrator, Estate of FLORENCE MAUDE SCHUBERT, Deceased.

HOWARD KAPFON, Attorney Salem, Oregon. April 2, 9, 16, 23, 1957.

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