

STATE 4-H ROSTER GROWS AS 33,456 YOUTHS IN 1960 PROGRAM

Oregon's enrollment in 4-H clubs climbed to new heights this year with 33,456 boys and girls pledged to "make their best better."

F. L. Ballard, associate director of Oregon State College extension service notes that membership in 4-H clubs is increasing at a faster rate than Oregon's present population growth rate.

Nearly twice as many girls as boys are enrolled in 4-H projects—22,212 girls and 11,263 boys, notes Burton Hutton, state

4-H leader. Youth's main interests appear to be in clothing, livestock and food, with 29,000 youth enrolled in at least one of these projects.

4-H seamstresses, 10,690 girls enrolled in clothing projects, made a total of 38,052 articles last year. Ruth Brasher, state 4-H extension agent, reports that knitting was the fastest growing project with an increase of 984 members. Current fashion trends in easy-to-knit bulky sweaters and youth's normal bent toward creativeness may account for some of this growth.

Cal Monroe, state 4-H agent, reports that nearly a third of all Oregon's club members are enrolled in livestock projects—beef, dairy goat, horse, rabbit, sheep, swine or dog clubs. A nationwide movement of families from cities and farms into suburbs and parent's desires to provide youth experience in raising and caring for an animal is credited with some of the continued interest in livestock, suggests Monroe.

Food preparation, preservation and meal planning was practiced by 9,230 4-H youth in foods, food preservation and outdoor cookery projects. Beginning food manuals are being rewritten to include more on food buying, nutrition, and experimental cookery, according to Lois Redman, state 4-H agent.

Other popular projects are health with 3,715 members horticultural projects (flower and vegetable growing) 1,761, forestry 1,450, junior leadership 1,209, photography 622, entomology 398, and poultry 370. Altogether Oregon 4-H'ers enrolled in 48,265 projects during the year.

Projects are revised and new ones introduced to keep the program up-to-date and satisfy demand voiced by Oregon youth, reports the state 4-H staff. New child development, health, and automotive projects will be offered this fall. Gun safety and archery, recent additions to the wildlife series, have stimulated enrollment of more than 400 more boys in the project.

A total of 5,300 adults served voluntarily as 4-H leaders last year. Hutton estimates that these leaders devoted more than one-half million hours to teaching, training and counselling 4-H members.

In Morrow county, enrollment increased 18% to reach the largest yet in the history of 4-H club work here. There are 40 clubs with 315 members which include 108 boys and 207 girls. Projects include electricity, flowers, beef, dairy, saddle horse, sheep, swine, archery, gun, wood-working, six divisions of clothing, five of foods, knitting and junior leadership. There are 194 agricultural projects, 196 home economics and 19 members carrying junior leadership.

ners included: Tamara Smith, Heppner; Leora Van Winkle, Lexington; Delores Emert, Ione enrolled in Teen Wise Clothing. Shirley Gaines, Heppner and Brenda Billings, Boardman enrolled in Fun and Sun Clothing.

Marlene Griffin, Beverly Blake, Mary Slocum, and Judy Brinda, Heppner; Carol Ann Palmer and Beverly Davidson, Lexington enrolled in Clothing IV B.

The old woman in the shoe, that had so many girls—she knew not what to do—was portrayed by Mrs. R. E. Davidson, Lexington. Mrs. Hubbard, the neighbor who told her about 4-H, was acted by Mrs. Jack Healy, Heppner. Mrs. Richard Meador, Heppner was narrator; Elaine Laird and Jeanne Schmidt furnished the music for the event.

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Three 4-H Girls Eligible for State Style Revue

Seventy five girls modeled their 4-H clothing projects before a capacity audience Wednesday night at the Morrow county fair. To the theme, "Old Woman in the Shoe", aprons, skirts, cotton dresses, head scarves, play clothes, best dresses and formals were displayed.

Three girls were chosen to enter the style revue at the State Fair. These all rating champion in their divisions are Pat Miller, Boardman; Jean Martin, Ione; and Julie Pfeiffer, Heppner.

Pat Miller, 14 Boardman, won her championship rating with a black and grey and white plaid cotton teen age one piece dress with a full skirt. Jean Martin, 17, Ione, a nine year sewing club member, symbolized the Beautiful Lady in Blue.

Julie Pfeiffer, another champion, showed her bright red wool two piece suit, featuring a roll collar with fringed ties adorning the jacket.

Of the 75 girls taking part, several others won champion ratings who will not be entering the State Fair. A dirndl skirt and matching apron won champion for Anna May McQuaw, Boardman; a cotton dress using her first pattern won for Penny Jones, Irrigon; and a sportswear outfit for Pat Miller, Boardman.

Blue ribbon awards were given Jeanette Ledbetter, Lexington; and Karen Hams, Ione on their dirndl skirts and aprons. Cheryl Corley, Arleta McCabe, Elaine Garsland, Cheryl Lundell, all Ione; Margaret Green, Heppner and Penny Jones, Irrigon, on cotton dresses made with their first patterns; Geraldine Morgan, Ione; Janet Palmer, Lexington;

Chloe McQuaw and Dorothy Rash, Boardman, sportswear; Jo Ann Turner, Judy Morgan, Ione; Sarah Burnside and Geraldine Swaggart, both Heppner, on best dresses; Bernice Thomson, Shirley Van Winkle, Libby Van Scholack, Fern Albert, all of Heppner, on party dresses; and Brenda Townsend and Linda Hams, Ione; on wool suits.

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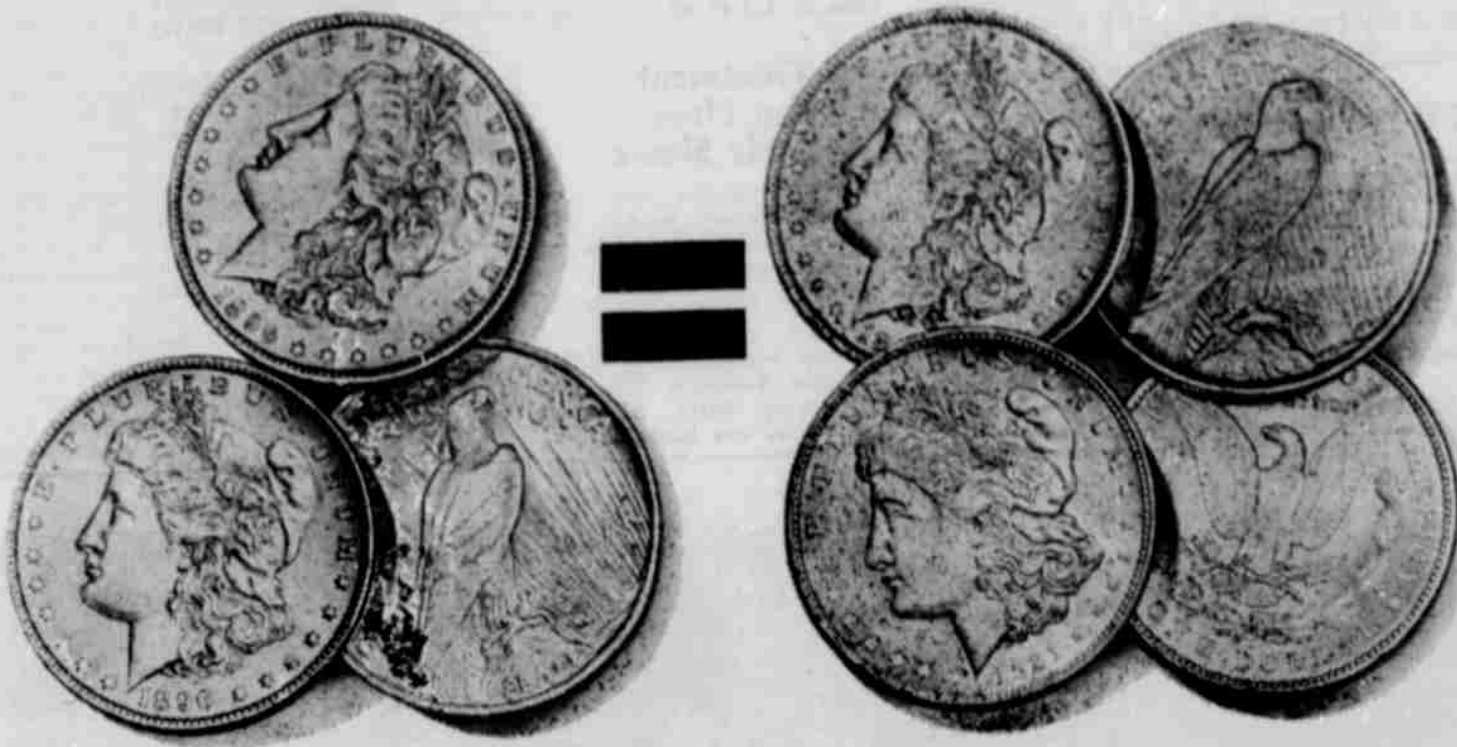
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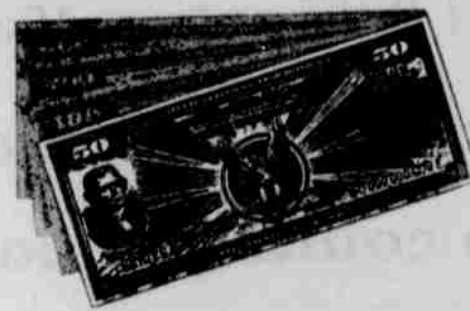
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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Whitey's a Man With Both Feet on the Ground

Whitey Fisher and his missus got back from their first European vacation the other day. But before they left, Mrs. Fisher tells us, Whitey had some pretty strong feelings about their transportation—a new jet plane.

"Should go by boat," Whitey complained as they boarded the jet. When they were seated Whitey murmured, "I'll get air-sick on this thing for sure."

And a few minutes later, he added, "Course I'm all right now, but wait until we take off." Just then the pilot announced, "Folks, we're now

cruising at an altitude of 26,000 feet!"

From where I sit, sometimes we all jump to conclusions without knowing the facts. For instance, some people are like that about my favorite beverage—beer. They insist that coffee or tea goes best at dinnertime, when actually it's a matter of choice. We ought to be tolerant—and know before we take off on our opinions.

Joe Marsh