

Chats With Your Home Agent

Annual 4-H Party Proves To Be Happy Occasion

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Four-H achievement parties are always a happy occasion. This was surely true last Saturday night, November 4, when 4-H boys and girls, their parents, leaders, and younger brothers and sisters squeezed into the Catholic Parish hall at Heppner to see the annual awarding of pins and certificates for their completion of another 4-H year's work. (Pins are donated in Oregon by the First National Bank).

Four-H work, you know, is the youth program of your county extension service, in cooperation with Oregon State University and the United States Department of Agriculture. All bulletins and records used by the 335 Morrow county 4-H members, 33,500 4-H's in Oregon, and 2,250,000 in the United States, are furnished free by the extension service.

While boys and girls are working on their projects they are not only being taught skills, but responsibility, cooperation, leadership, and ambition. All these go into the making of a useful and responsible citizen when they reach adulthood.

Four-H also helps parents to guide the development of their sons and daughters. They get a helping hand in this in Morrow county by the 63 willing 4-H leaders who have a genuine interest and desire to work with young people. We hope parents realize this and have taken the time to say "thanks" to the volunteer leader.

Four-H members go places, too. This past year several clubs toured industries in the Hermiston and Pendleton areas. Seventy attended 4-H summer camp in the Blue Mountains in July; 36 older 4-H members spent an eventful week at 4-H summer school on the OSU campus in June.

In Home Economics we have 24 clubs—seven foods, 15 clothing, and two knitting.

We were happy to see this past year more 4-H members taking part in extra-curricular activities, such as contests and demonstrations.

In Home Economics we had 50 take part in the judging contests, eight in the cake baking and wool sewing, and 18 girls demonstrated. The outstanding event of the year was the outdoor style revue put on by our 4-H girls at the Morrow County Fair. Close to 400 people marveled at the lovely garments constructed by the girls.

Some 30 girls exhibited at the State Fair in Salem in foods, clothing and knitting. Julie Pfeiffer and Marlene (Griffin) Gray were blue ribbon winners. And just last week Libby Van Scholack was declared winner of the District, "Make-it Yourself with Wool" contest in Pendleton.

It is no wonder that we are proud to recognize the work of our boys and girls at an annual achievement night.



FOUR-H GIRLS Jean Stockard, Sheridan Wyman, Sue Townsend, all of Ione, and Barbara Blake, Heppner, look over the Betty Crocker cookbooks they each received at the 4-H achievement party Saturday night for outstanding work. (G-T Photo)

Big Achievement Night Marks Climax of 4-H Club Year Here

Over 300 bright-eyed 4-H youngsters, enthusiastic leaders, and proud parents, gathered to recognize that Morrow county's 4-H membership has "Doubled in Ten" at the annual achievement party on Saturday evening, November 4, at the Catholic parish hall in Heppner.

"We have 46 clubs with a membership of 335 boys and girls carrying 437 projects," announced Esther Kirmis, Morrow county agent. "Ten years ago there were 34 clubs, with 161 members carrying 190 projects. A great deal of credit goes to N. C. Anderson, Morrow county agent, who has served the county for over 16 years and has laid the groundwork for this 4-H advance."

The stage was appropriately decorated in the theme of "4-H Doubles in Ten," and fall flowers vased in large orange pumpkins were used on the platform and the refreshment tables. Coffee, punch and cookies were served following the presentation of awards.

Special music was furnished by an ensemble of 4-H members and a 4-H singing group from Ione. Arnold Melby and Mrs. Norman Nelson arranged for this entertainment.

Pins, furnished by the First

National Banks of Oregon, and certificates were presented to each club member by their leaders.

Some 160 4-H's entered their record books in the contest and five clubs entered 100% and the awards were enlarged this year.

Record book winners in the junior division were David Hall and Terry Greenup in agriculture, and Terry in saddle horse; senior division, Bobby Harris and Kenneth Wright in agriculture, and Ronnie Belma in saddle horse; home economics junior winners were Cheryl Smouse and Pamela Proudfoot, Ione, and Sheridan Wyman; senior division, Marilyn Morgan and Arlet McCabe, Ione, and Judy Smith. Miscellaneous 4-H junior winner was Michael Smith, secretary books junior winner was Barbara Bloodworth and senior was Cheryl Corley, Ione.

A new contest this year was the news reporter's record with the junior winner, Karen Hams, Ione. Best set of records from a club was awarded to "Merry Cookerettes," led by Mrs. E. M. Baker, Ione.

National award pins were presented to deserving boys and girls. Local organizations such as the extension units, Cowbells, and Lexington PTA presented gifts to Home Economics winners in demonstrations and judging.

"Highlight of the evening was the recognition of eight ten-year 4-H club members, the largest number to ever graduate from 4-H at one time," states Joe Hay, 4-H agent. "Most of them are away at college or trade schools and were unable to attend. As it should be." The members were presented 4-H emblem necklaces to the girls and tie clasps to the boys.

They include: Connie Anderson, Heppner; Linda Hams, Umatilla; Karen Lundell, Jean Martin, Marilyn Morgan, Kenneth L. Smouse, Brenda Townsend, and Jo Ann Turner, all of Ione.

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Weed Conference November 13-14

Weeds won't stand much of a chance in Oregon pastures, orchards or lawns after their control is viewed from all angles at the statewide weed conference, Nov. 13 and 14, in The Dalles.

The 10th annual event will begin Nov. 13 at 10 a. m. in the Civic Auditorium, announced Rex Warren, Oregon State University extension farm crops specialist and secretary of the Oregon Weed Conference. Registration will start at 9 a. m.

Both chemical and biological control of weeds will be reviewed. Dr. Virgil Fred, head of agricultural chemistry at OSU, will talk on "Getting the Most from Our Weed Chemicals." Frank Phipps, OSU research assistant, will comment on chemical fallow; J. D. Vertrees, Klamath county extension agent, using herbicides on quackgrass; Robert W. Every, OSU extension entomologist, biological control of weeds; and Warren, uses of soil sterilants.

Future new chemicals will be outlined by a panel of chemical company representatives.

Weed research at OSU will be reported by Dr. W. R. Furtick,

farm crops, Dr. Garvin Crabtree, horticulture, and Fred. Range weed control studies will be reported by Walter Gould.

Weed control in pastures and hay fields will be discussed by Dwight Peabody, Mt. Vernon, Wash. experiment station. W. M. Mellenthin, superintendent of the OSU Mid-Columbia Branch experiment station at Hood River, will review weed control in orchards; and Roy Goss, of the Western Washington experiment station at Puyallup, weed control in lawns and turf.

A county extension agent, a county weed supervisor, a farmer, and a spray operator will form a panel to discuss the need for teamwork in weed control. Panel members will be John Frizzell, The Dalles; Tom Branstetter, Pendleton; L. E. Kaseberg, Wasco; and Roy Warner, Pendleton.

Perennial weed control in the western states will be outlined by Dick Fosse, Amchem Products Inc., Niles, Calif. Weeds, brush and livestock will be discussed by J. W. Southworth, Oregon State Department of Agriculture.

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