

# Irrigon is Scene of Coordinated Community Program in 4-H

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Dedicated volunteer leaders, energetic youngsters, a variety of projects and coordinated club activities have made 4-H work an important part of life at Irrigon. This year over 60 youngsters have participated in the Irrigon 4-H Community Club and the 12 project clubs which branch from it. Several of them belong to three or more project clubs.

## Unique Organization

Unlike most Oregon 4-H clubs, which include members enrolled in a single project, the Irrigon set-up provides the Community 4-H Club, in which all the 4-H members of the areas meet together monthly for recreation, business meeting, demonstrations and project reports. In addition each project club holds separate meetings for project-centered lessons, demonstrations, etc. For all this, a 2 hour time limit on meetings has been kept.

It is quite a thrill to see the 60-plus members of the Community 4-H Club conduct their business meetings in a very orderly fashion. While much planning is done by the committees final decisions are made by the group as a whole.

Serving as club officers were: Bruce Jones (chairman); Jennice McElroy (vice-chairman); Dee Ann McElroy (secretary); Tammy Snyder (treasurer); Donna Fumell (reporter).

Although there is not time for each member to present a demonstration at community meetings, one demonstration presentation is made by each project club during the year in addition to those by individuals at project club meetings.

## Planning Pays Off

Planning—a key factor in any good program—becomes even more important with a larger group. The program of work for the Community 4-H Club was developed early in the year, beginning with evaluation of the past year's experience by the group. In November a group of the leaders, junior leaders and officers met to study program planning ideas based on slides and other information with Donna George, County Extension Agent. Later a plan adapted to the local club was made and presented to the total membership for further discussion.

Special events during the year included assisting at cemetery work day, a picnic at Hat Rock, a plant sale and hosting a com-

munity gathering at which Nellie Van Caicar, International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to Jamaica, was featured speaker. (Club members undertook several responsibilities for the latter, including invitations to all 4-H clubs in the neighboring community of Boardman, posters, refreshments, room arrangements, etc.)

## Leaders Serve With Dedication

Both new and experienced 4-H leaders have contributed toward the success of the 4-H program. Mrs. Floyd Hobbs has played an important role as head leader of the Community 4-H Club and in recruiting new leaders and coordinating project clubs with the community club. Despite her busy schedule as a teacher and mother of five she has managed to maintain her leadership of the 4-H Community Club and be co-leader of a clothing club.

Continuing as leaders of project clubs in existence last year were Mrs. Wilbur Olin (knitting), Mr. Olin Lathrop (saddle horse), and Mrs. John Swearingen (clothing). When Mrs. Swearingen moved to Hermiston she still returned to Irrigon for the 4-H meetings. Mrs. Andrew Skiles, who has many years experience as a capable leader of various projects, this year undertook a new project, Home Improvement.

Mrs. Chester Wilson took over responsibilities with the Busy Bee Keepers when Mr. Wilson found his duties as Mayor of Irrigon conflicted; she was assisted by Mrs. Charles Early and Mr. Wilson gave instruction in actual beekeeping practices. In July the club sponsored a film on Bees which was viewed by several other community residents.

Darrell Swanson, a teacher with young children of his own, still found time to lead two different 4-H projects—gun safety and soil conservation. The soil conservation was later dropped but the Sagebrush Shooters continued as the county's largest club with 23 members.

Mrs. Max Jones, who is employed at Umatilla, took charge of the Kooky Kookers foods club with the agreement that they meet on her day off. A second girls' foods club was led by Mrs. Elmer Zehner and Mrs. Pete Richards.

Leaders new to the 4-H program included Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Ritzer (electricity and woodworking) and Mr. Pete Richards (livestock). A big challenge was met ably by Mrs.

Kenneth Lamb and Mrs. Vernice Stewart, also new to 4-H with the Boys' Foods Club. At the beginning 27 boys had signed up; later some dropped out to leave an interested dozen; most plan to re-enroll next year.

Several persons assisted with various parts of the Community Club program to ease the load of work on project club leaders. These included Mrs. Paul Slaughter, Mrs. Dean Acock, Mrs. Orville Buchanan, Mrs. Helen Stitzel, Mrs. Harold Van Horn and Mrs. Louis Shade.

## Junior Leaders

Most of the older members carried a Junior Leadership Project, assisting with at least one project club and the 4-H Community Club. School Cooperated. Leaders, parents, members and school all play a part in the Irrigon 4-H program. School rooms have been made available as meeting places for many 4-H events; in turn the 4-H members have taken responsibility for arranging and putting away the chairs, etc., used.

## 4-H Program Aids Science Training

Is American young people's interest in science lagging? "Not so," says T. W. Thompson, service director for the National 4-H Service Committee. And he backs up his statement with facts taken from records representing 78,000 inquiring 4-H entomologists.

Thompson pointed to the record of a 15-year-old New York Miss who was instrumental in organizing an International Teen Entomology group. Her 4-H project has broadened and now she supplies moth eggs to the state agricultural experiment station, museums, and to entomologists in this and other countries. This summer the young scientist plans to study with an entomologist in England and after her return in the fall, an Australian Miss will join her in the study of entomology.

A New Mexico 4-H youth has amassed a collection of more than 2,000 insect specimens. The collection has been used in the instruction of 4-H members and school science classes. His interest has been directed to the control of insects on crops and he now assists airplane pilots

## Preserving Foods Oldest Project For 4-H Girls

The first culinary art learned by 4-H Club girls more than a half century ago was that of preserving food. "Canning Clubs" they were called in those early days, and the canning project continued to be valuable in the 4-H program. Later home freezing of foods was taught and the familiar canning program was expanded to include frozen foods. The name was changed to "Food Preservation."

This information comes from the National 4-H Service Committee which arranges for sponsorship of 4-H award programs supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service.

The 4-H Food Preservation program is sponsored by Kerr Glass Manufacturing Company, the original sponsor of the canning program. This marks Kerr's 37th straight year of 4-H support, the 4-H Committee reports.

A preference for home preserved vegetables, fruits, jams, meats, cooked dishes and baked goods appears to have reached a new high in 4-H. A stronger emphasis on nutrition also has been a factor. Enrollment is increasing, and with the recent broadening of the program, continued growth is expected.

As with other 4-H programs, modern methods, knowledge, skills and scientific investigation are all embodied in the food preservation program, a committee spokesman said.

There are opportunities for testing, experimenting, trying different methods, demonstrating and exhibiting. Upon completion, the food preservation projects are evaluated by local 4-H leaders and extension persons for the purpose of showing progress and superior achievement.

dusting crops in his area. An Idaho 4-H girl has her own newspaper column which advises readers on methods of insect and pest control. She hopes to become a member of the Peace Corps.



BEE'S BUSY BUDDIES 4-H club was interviewed on radio during a trip to Pendleton. From left to right are Gary Thomas, Clint Krebs, Mrs. Ewing (Bee) Hynd, leader, (back), Jane Krebs, Marlene Magill and Mrs. Henry Krebs, leader.

## Cecil 4-H Club Carries Projects In Crafts Work

Four-H club in the Cecil area was organized in 1964 by Mrs. Ewing Hynd who is more commonly called "Bee" by her many friends. The youngsters proudly named the club "Bee's Busy Buddies." Since Cecil is quite a distance from Ione, it was not practical for the youngsters to join clubs in that area.

Woodworking, leather craft, knitting, clothing and home improvement have been projects carried by members. A total of seven youngsters have been members but at the present only four are carrying projects.

Marlene Magill, Jane Krebs, Clint Krebs and Gary Thomas are present members. Marlene and Jane are in knitting (phase 2) and Clint and Gary are in junior leathercraft. All the present members take home improvement.

In February, the club was host to a community potluck in the Cecil Hall. A movie, "The Art of Leathercraft," was shown. In March the club made a field trip to Pendleton. They were interviewed on radio station KUMA by Mr. Ted Smith concerning their 4-H projects. They toured Hamley's saddle and belt factories, Severe Bros. saddle tree and saddle factory, and Pendleton Woolen Mills.

In April, a Parent Night dinner was held. Each member gave a demonstration and exhibited all the articles each had made.

In May, Gary and Clint appeared at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce to tell of their 4-H projects. Marlene and Jane told the Topic club at Ione of the work they had been doing.

The new officers for 1965-66 are Gary Thomas, president; Clint Krebs, vice president; and Jane Krebs, secretary-treasurer. A field trip to Portland to tour Tandy Leather Co. and Columbia Wool Scouring Mills is planned.

Dorothy Krebs, Assistant Leader

## 4-H Gains Despite Drop in Farms

It seems paradoxical that the number of 4-H youth engaged in agricultural endeavors is increasing although the number of U. S. farms is diminishing. The agricultural program has the second highest enrollment nationally of some 40 project areas offered to 4-H Club members.

Enrollment in 1965 was approximately 950,000. In 1964 nearly 893,000 members were reported by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Among the reasons for the upswing, 4-H leaders believe, is recent emphasis on science in 4-H projects and a quickening of interest in working close to nature. The realization that 9 out of 10 farm youth will seek employment elsewhere is another factor.

The boy or girl who raises a calf or chicks or pigs, they say, develops an appreciation for sustaining life, good health, adequate nutrition, clean housing and sound economics.

Crops and garden require a knowledge of soils, chemicals, farm machinery, safety and con-

servation. Record keeping is another required task. Adults working with 4-Hers provide many opportunities for rural youngsters to learn just what jobs are ahead.

A traveling display, "Careers in Agriculture," is available from International Harvester, sponsor of the national 4-H agriculture program. The challenging educational exhibit shows scores of jobs awaiting agricultural college graduates. Prominent is the statement that "a farm background and college training help to pave the way."

As one agriculture college professor observed, "Graduates of 20 years ago would be amazed if they took a close look at what their sons are studying in agricultural colleges today."

Management, marketing analysis, animal science, research methodology and horticulture are just a few of the long list of courses, he added.

The four H's in the 4-H emblem stand for Head, Heart, Hands and Health.



# WHAT 4-H MEANS To the Community And to Club Members

 <p><b>INTEGRITY</b></p> <p>THE PRINCIPLES OF BUSINESS APPLY TO THE IDEALS OF OUR YOUTH. INTEGRITY IS THE BACKBONE OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP — THE GUIDEPOST FOR PERSONAL AND BUSINESS DEALING THROUGH A LIFETIME.</p>	 <p><b>SERVICE</b></p> <p>TO OTHERS, THEIR COMMUNITY AND THEIR COUNTRY IS THE AIM OF 4-H YOUTH. THIS IS STRESSED AND PRACTICED IN EACH LOCAL 4-H CLUB.</p>	 <p><b>DEPENDABILITY</b></p> <p>OUR YOUNG PEOPLE DEVELOP THE TRAIT OF DEPENDABILITY EARLY THROUGH THE 4-H PROGRAM. THIS QUALITY CONTRIBUTES TO FINE CITIZENSHIP.</p>
 <p><b>PROGRESS</b></p> <p>THE FUTURE BELONGS TO AMERICAN YOUTH. TRAITS THEY LEARN IN 4-H CONTRIBUTE TO PROGRESS. WE CONGRATULATE THEM ON THE GREAT STRIDES THEY ARE MAKING IN ACHIEVEMENT.</p>	 <p><b>DEDICATION</b></p> <p>OUR 4-Hers ARE DEDICATED TO THE WORK, THEIR GOALS, AND TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OR USEFUL SKILLS.</p>	 <p><b>LEADERSHIP</b></p> <p>LEADERSHIP IS CULTIVATED AND DEVELOPED IN YOUNG PEOPLE AS THEY ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF 4-H CLUB WORK.</p>

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