

Gains Push Oregon 4-H Total to 36,548

Oregon's 4-H club membership increased by 2,150 boys and girls this year as enthusiastic youngsters continued to enroll in new and existing 4-H programs.

Cal Monroe, state 4-H extension agent at Oregon State University, said major gains were in the horse projects, the new 4-H Outdoorsman project, junior leadership and health.

"Other projects showing appreciable gains," said Monroe, "were dog, rabbit, flower growing, vegetable gardening, archery, gun safety, electricity, woodworking, empire builders, food preparation and home improvement."

According to Monroe, 36,548 boys and girls are now enrolled in Oregon 4-H activities, a record total. Boys' enrollment increased 1,150 or 11 per cent. Girls' enrollment also jumped by 1,000, but because of the larger number of girls in the 4-H program, the increase was 4.2 per cent.

Monroe said a new TV action program added 1,115 projects in six eastern Oregon counties alone.

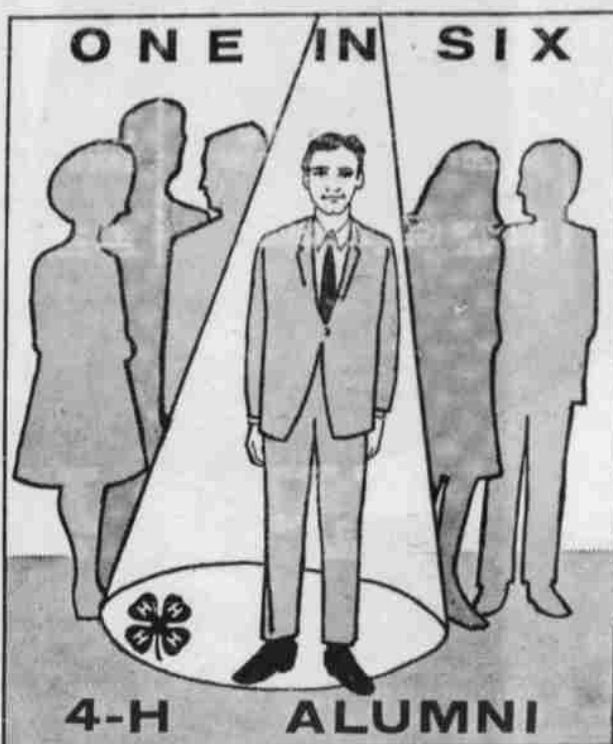
"A total of 593 boys and girls were not previously enrolled in other 4-H projects," he added. "This information," he concluded, "is based on a mid-year membership report."

County 4-H Club Enrollment Climbs to 341 Members in 1967

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Morrow county's 4-H enrollment increased from 290 members last year to 341 members in 1967. These members carried a total of 555 projects. Sixty-two volunteer leaders donated their time and service to lead these members in the various projects listed below:

PROJECT	MEMBERS	PROJECT	MEMBERS
Dairy	14	Gun Safety	11
Beef	45	Jr. Leadership	14
Sheep	28	Empire Builders	17
Swine	24	Leathercraft	5
Horse	71	Clothing	81
Dog	5	Knitting	73
Rabbit	3	Food Preparation	42
Chickens	9	Outdoor Cookery	1
Poultry Science	11	Canning	1
Bee	10	Home Improvement	22
Entomology	10	Skiing	52
Forestry	6		



One of every six adults in the U.S. has been a 4-H member, claims the Cooperative Extension Service. At the present time the total 4-H Alumni in 50 states is some 26 million men and women. Their influence in community, state and nation is often noteworthy and merits special attention. One such way is through the 4-H Alumni Recognition program, now in its 15th year.

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4-H Clubs Help Horse Comeback Across Country

It looks as though the horse is up-staging the automobile and boat in the American family recreation scene. While no accurate count is available, the number of pleasure horses from Maine to California has been estimated from 5 to 7 million.

The last U. S. horse census made in 1959 showed nearly 3 million horses and mules, mostly on farms. The greatest increase today is around the major population centers of the U. S.

The 4-H clubs have been one of the most enthusiastic boosters of the pleasure horse. Recent horse shows and fairs have featured 4-H owners and riders who have claimed their share of honors and trophies.

The national 4-H Horse program last year headed the list for enrollment increase in 32 major 4-H award programs supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service. The horse program gained more than 19,000 new members bringing the 1966 total to 165,600. Current participation is expected to bring the 1967 enrollment to well over 180,000 according to 4-H leaders.

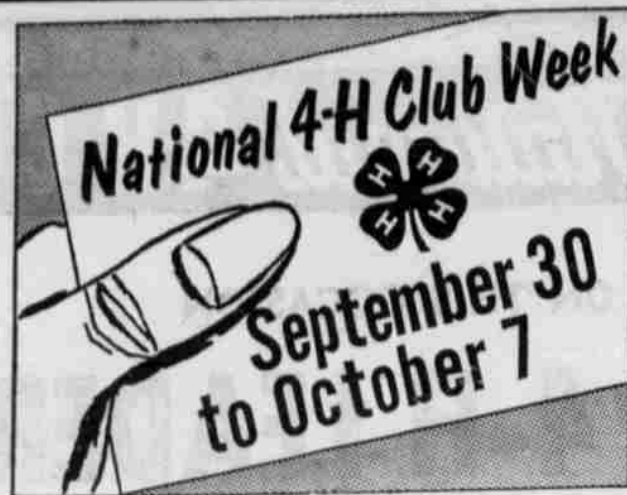
The young 4-H equestrians learn much more than to mount and ride. They learn to recognize horse color and markings; how to judge horses; to select proper tack and equipment and keep it in good condition. Horse science projects cover anatomy, nutrition, disease and reproduction. Members are coached in show ring performance and responsibility for the horse.

County extension agents, local club leaders, veterinarians, professional horse handlers and animal scientists work with the youngsters.

The 4-H Horse program is sponsored nationally by Merck & Co., Inc., of Rahway, N. J. Projects are judged annually for awards. Tops in the county receive the gold-filled 4-H Horse medal; best in state wins an expense-paid trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago the week after Thanksgiving.

From the 50 state winners and one from Puerto Rico, six national \$500 scholarship winners will be selected. Last year a Puerto Rico boy won a scholarship. The five other recipients were from Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Pennsylvania and Texas. They were all girls.

Mini-skirts, mods and the Monkeys are all a part of being young. And so is 4-H! Two and three-quarter million young Americans think it's groovy. They don't think 4-H is square at all—in fact it isn't—it's "lucky" shaped. The lucky four-leaf clover with the four H's on it now spreads around the world to 75 countries.



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- Through working together they learn the spirit of cooperation and team work.
- By demonstrations, they gain experience in public speaking and learn better ways to serve their community by informing others of improved methods.
- The 4-H members point the way to better citizenship and happier ways of life.

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