

# BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB WORK HAS GROWN DURING THE YEAR

By W. D. KINDER.

Club work in Multnomah county deals with only the territory outside the city of Portland. There are a few small towns in the county and therefore most of the club work carried on is beneficial to the rural communities. Since February 1924 there has been organized in the county 52 clubs consisting of agricultural and home economics projects.

The year's work from February 1 to December 1 for the county club agent reads as follows: general activities: 14 junior judging and demonstration teams trained, 421 farms visited in conducting extension work, 356 homes visited, 351 office calls, 371 telephone calls, 35 1/4 days spent in office, 184 1/2 days spent in field, 674 individual letters written.

There has been a total enrollment of 411 members of which number the following have been engaged in the following projects: sewing, 101; cooking, 80; homemaking, 29; canning, 6; garden, 41; potato, 15; calf, 35; pig, 31; corn, 7; poultry, 58; sheep, 7; rabbit, 1. Of the 441 members enrolled 375 members finished their work; thus making 91 per cent completions in the county.

The total cost of the work in all projects was \$7,955.63, the total value was \$13,239.25 and the total profit \$5,293.52.

The work was carried on in approximately 20 communities with the aid of 53 local leaders. Without the local cooperation it would be impossible to put club work over very extensively. The 53 men and women giving their undivided time in helping the boys and girls with their various projects is remarkable. Material on projects was sent to these people from the state club office at the Oregon Agricultural College.

The Local Leaders in Multnomah county have what is called a local leaders' organization, consisting of the leaders of the various projects. This organization has its by-laws and constitution and meets at a stated period when the problems confronting the old leaders as well as the new ones are worked out.

Approximately 375 club members exhibited their work at the county fair held in Gresham during the latter part of July. Over \$900 was won in prizes by the club boys and girls exhibiting. Later the prize winners of the county fair exhibited their work at the state fair at Salem, winning cash prizes amounting to \$233.

Many of the boys and girls exhibited their farm crops and livestock at the Pacific International exposition held at Portland in November. The fat stock belonging to members was sold at a premium price. Multnomah county boys and girls came home with \$397 from sales of their fat stock, and cash prizes amounting to \$375.

The following is a brief resume of each project by itself:

### Sewing.

The total enrollment in sewing was 101, divided among 14 clubs, taking in 12 communities. Sewing has always been a popular project among the girls.

### Homemaking.

There were only two clubs in the homemaking project this year, due to the lack of knowledge of the project. Many requests from over the county have come in to organize home making for next year.

### Canning.

Due to the Botulinus poisoning the canning material had to be revised

and was received too late for the girls to organize and carry on the work. Canning is going to be a mighty good project for 1925.

### Cooking.

Of the enrollment of 80 members in cooking the boys and girls were divided into eight clubs, representing eight communities. Cooking was made popular this year by the addition of the prune bread demonstration work.

### Livestock.

The majority of the livestock now owned by the boys and girls is purebred stock. Calf club work is increasing step by step each year. We find that if the boy or girl has some money in a good purebred calf that interest can not help but come out. The boys and girls growing out pens of four pigs for market purposes came through in fine shape. They received an extremely good price for their hogs at the sale held during the Pacific International Livestock exposition. The prices ranged from one to three cents above the market price.

### Poultry.

Many of the poultry boys are getting into the work very extensively, as a large portion of those in the poultry project are caring for and managing large flocks of producing birds. A large number of the boys having chicks last spring are growing these birds out and are preparing to put them through the winter of egg production.

### Sheep.

Sheep club work has been slow in developing, but gradually we are working the Shropshire sheep into the county. The majority of the sheep club members this year owned purebred animals.

### Gardening.

Owing to the extreme drouth of the year the field crops did not do well. The gardens did not produce a great deal. Some good potatoes were produced in spite of the dry conditions but were not up to standard. The corn crops were very poor in most sections.

### Livestock Judging.

A great deal of interest was taken this year in the stock judging contests. Many tours were taken over the county where good stock was available for the boys and girls to judge.

### Rabbit.

One small boy living in town was interested in rabbits and having purebreds, cared for and exhibited them in a manner becoming well bred animals.

### Summer Session.

Fifty-three delegates from Multnomah county enjoyed the privileges, good times and opportunity to learn new things at the two weeks' summer school for boys and girls held in Corvallis during June. Two large school busses conveyed the members to and from the session.

### State Club Leaders.

Much credit is due the efficient state club leaders of Oregon for the showing the boys and girls made, as it is through their willingness to cooperate and their far-sightedness that the club work can be carried on in the manner it is over the state.

### Outlook for 1925.

Already a number of clubs for next year's work have organized. The enthusiasm of the corps of teachers over the county is something that has never been witnessed before, as each and every teacher feels that club work is a part of their regular routine of

work and many of them would like to act as local leaders themselves.

It is the aim of the county club agent and his helpers to have a better enrollment with a larger percentage of completions than ever before, to live up to the club motto, "To Make the Best Better and Smile as You Go." Multnomah county will try to live up to the ideal through the coming year.

### Ford's Philanthropy.

A young man, 18 years old, set fire to seven barns on Henry Ford's estate last April. He was convicted, and ordinarily would have been sent to spend his early manhood in some prison university of crime.

Henry Ford appealed to the court, and had the young man put on probation, guaranteeing that he, Ford,

would send the young man that burned his barns to the Ford trade school.

More trade schools and more Fords might make jails less numerous.

Eavesdropping at the rural telephone is more prevalent than ever says a Fairview woman. It is said that one sign of eavesdropping is the receding tone of the speaker's voice. Some one has "cut in." Acting on this hint, the woman who had her suspicions aroused said to her friend suddenly: "Some one is listening." Instantly, from nowhere in particular, in a strange voice, came an indignant exclamation: "I'm not doing any such a thing."

Bright sayings by modern thinkers are found in the want column.

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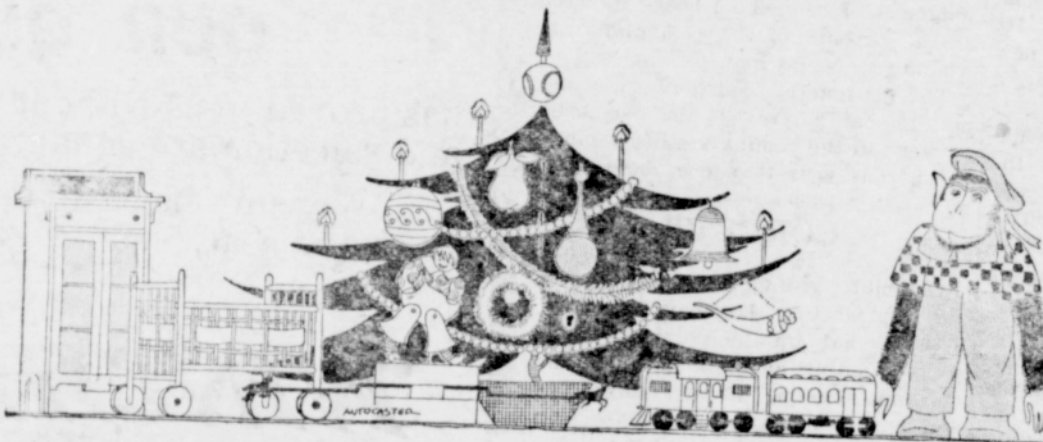


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## OREGON'S LARGEST ROSE FARM IS LOCATED NEAR GRESHAM

"Roses rich and roses rare, roses, roses everywhere;" not a walk bordered with them, but 60 acres of them. About four miles east of Gresham, in the Cedar district, and skirting the world-renowned Columbia river highway, is the largest rose farm in the state of Oregon. It is under the management of the Mountain View Floral company, a firm composed of Jacob Peser, of Portland, who has charge of the Portland nursery, and Otto Griesel, who superintends the development of the farm near Gresham. They also operate a third nursery farm near Linnemann station, which is on a considerably smaller scale, however, than the one in Cedar.

The floral company purchased the Conrad farm of 135 acres a little over four years ago and immediately began plans for the development of an immense floral garden to be composed principally of roses. To that end they aim to set out each year from 25 to 30 acres of rose bushes until the maximum acreage shall have been reached. Besides the 400 varieties of roses, the farm has over 200 kinds of evergreen shrubs and hardy perennials for beautifying lawns.

When called upon recently, Mr. Griesel and his assistants were busily engaged in packing large boxes with rose bushes, a carload of which was being prepared for shipment to New Jersey. A car will hold about 25,000 bushes. They are sent annually from this farm to practically every state in the union, also to British Columbia, the extreme eastern states being particularly anxious to procure the western stock. Customers there say these roses are sought on account of their sturdy roots. The climatic conditions of Oregon are such that an enduring root is produced without irrigation.

Messrs. Peser and Griesel are florists who received their training in Germany. They first served an apprenticeship of three years and later specialized in floriculture and landscape gardening in a college course. They are optimistic over the future of the rose industry. They have wonderful plans in mind for developing their fields adjacent to the highway by setting out some of every variety of rose to form one grand display garden which will attract the attention of the never-ending procession of tourists. In connection with this they will build an office on the highway. These plans, while more or less tentative, will probably materialize this coming spring.

For the purpose of furnishing artificial irrigation for the farm, garden and certain of the shrubbery, a 12-foot dam was built near the barn this past summer. A pumping station, electrically propelled, will be added before another season to insure water during the dry period.

### UNION HOME ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

By WALTER RAMSER.

Ole Rodun has about 600 sacks of especially fine potatoes to sell from the splendid crop which he had this year. For this season of the year the weather has been very favorable for digging. Most of the farmers have finished.

Miss Ise Schwedler celebrated her twelfth birthday on Sunday, December 7, and a few of her school chums made the day very pleasant for her. Catherine Metzger and Betty Thorne of Gresham remained over night and returned with Ise on the school bus Monday morning. Dorothy Dole of Portland and Elizabeth Schwedler assisted Ise in the celebration.

J. W. Lingle, who lives half a mile east of Damascus, has started a meat route which covers this section. He intends handling only the best meats. Mr. Yeast is plowing the old orchard east of his house, while Mr. Hayes is digging out the apple stumps left by the fruit inspectors who cut down most of the fruit trees on the place a year ago last summer, after they were condemned because of disease.

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