

# 4-H CLUB WEEK OBSERVED HERE

## 611 County Boys And Girls Belong, Tell of Projects

### Head, Heart, Hands, Health Are Symbolism

The nation's two million 4-H'ers today begin their annual observance of national 4-H club week that will publicize the theme, "Better Living for a Better World," as promoted by the four H's—head, heart hands and health.

Particular emphasis will be placed on the national observance in Oregon, where 16,000 out of a total of 63,000 rural homes are represented by 4-H club members and in Jackson county where there are 99 4-H clubs out of a total of 3,206 throughout the state.

The principal aim of 4-H clubs this week will be to inform the public about the activities and principles of the biggest volunteer youth organization in the world.

Participation in 4-H club work, it is explained, is built around the completion of projects such as canning, clothing, poultry, dairy, swine and 20 other different projects. Each club member chooses one or more projects which he is expected to own, keep detailed records on and exhibit at the close of each club year. Club members learn by doing and they all own what they work with. Their programs are based on the needs and interests of the young people themselves.

### Youths Net Profit

Last year 611 Jackson county boys and girls completed 878 4-H projects. Their work had a cash value of \$88,710.85 and cost them \$73,888.32. The net profit, therefore, was \$14,822.53, a figure that impresses local youths with the fact that honest work can be profitable as well as fun. Rufus H. Cate, Jr., county club agent, Friday released a report that shows the wide range of last year's 4-H activities here: 19 members had crop projects, a total of seven acres planted and harvested solely by the 4-H'ers; 37 members had poultry projects, 1,588 birds; 65 had dairy projects, 125 animals; 62 had beef projects, 126 head; 68 had sheep projects, 212 animals; 78 members kept a total of 182 swine; 17 members raised 149 rabbits; eight members had a colony of bees each; 124 girls carried out cooking projects, preparing 2,564 dishes and serving 845 complete meals; 16 girls canned 536 quarts of foods and froze 371 quarts; 123 girls made 355 articles of clothing, including 174 complete garments. An additional 241 youths participated in the health program and others carried out projects in homemaking, woodwork and forestry.

### High Principles Fostered

The startling variety of the activities reflected in Cate's report and the quality of the work completed, as indicated by the cash return, is impressive evidence that the local 4-H program is realizing its national objectives.

In the first place, 4-H club work strives to instill in the minds of young people an intelligent understanding and appreciation of nature and the environment in which they live; to teach young people the value of research and to develop in them a scientific attitude toward the problems of farm and home.

Secondly 4-H club work trains young people in cooperative action to the end that they may increase their accomplishments and, through associated efforts, better assist in solving problems; helps them develop desirable ideals and standards for farming, homemaking, community life and citizenship, and a sense of responsibility for their attainment.

Through their projects, club work affords young people technical instruction in farming and homemaking so they can acquire skill and understanding in these fields and a clearer vision of agriculture as a basic industry and homemaking as a worthy occupation.

As a corollary of these aims 4-H club leaders attempt to develop in young people habits of healthful living, to provide them with information and direction in the intelligent use of leisure, and to arouse in them worthy ambitions for a fuller and richer lives.

### Federal Sponsorship

The contribution 4-H work makes toward the welfare of youth in the nation was recognized in 1914 when the congress passed the Smith-Lever bill providing for national sponsorship of 4-H clubs. Called a county extension agent for 4-H club work, Rufus Cate is a public employee

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**CHAMPION DAIRY HERD**—This is the championship dairy herd exhibited at last year's 4-H fall show by the Roxy Ann club as a group project. Standing, left to right, with their handsomely groomed animals are Billy Verstege, Garry Hauley, Sharon Verstege, Dennis Whitecher, and Cecil "Bud" Thames.



**THERE IS CEREMONY, TOO**—The one formal aspect of 4-H club activity is illustrated here by an initiation ceremony in progress at the Bellview club. While ceremonies are not emphasized as part of the program, they do play a part in solemnizing the ideals and principles that the 4-H movement strives to translate into action.

hired specifically to direct and coordinate the activities of the county's 99 clubs. Under his supervision come clubs in Evans Valley, Gold Hill, Sams Valley, Table Rock, Central Point, Eagle Point, Antelope, Shady Cove, Prospect, Butte Falls, Roxy Ann, West Side, East Side, Howard, Griffin Creek, Fern Valley, Upper and Lower Applegate, Wagner Creek, Valleyview, and Bellview.

The yearly work of the hundreds of 4-H'ers here reaches its climax each September when the 4-H fall show makes a three-day stand at the county fairgrounds. It is Jackson county's closest approach to a county fair and it gives valley residents a chance to see pen after pen of prize livestock and poultry bred and reared by hard-working teenagers. Last year's fall show was described by Cate as "without a doubt the largest 4-H exhibit ever held in Jackson county."

### Fair Exhibits Impressive

Over 250 members participated and exhibited a total of 512 separate entries. Included were 61 pens of poultry, 40 pens of rabbits, 110 head of dairy stock, 100 head of beef cattle, 92 head of hogs, 82 head of breeding ewes, and 17 crops exhibits.

At the auction that was the final event of the fair, 13,693 pounds of hogs were sold for a total sale value of \$3,930.70, and 49,932 pounds of beef cattle brought an auction price totaling \$17,230.83.

The annual spring fair, though smaller, still demonstrates the unvarying high quality of 4-H club work.

National 4-H club week opens today with commendations for the two million members from Oregon's Governor McKay and from President Truman. The governor wrote that he was confident that in the months immediately ahead, your endeavors will be tuned to the 4-H theme for 1950, "Better Living for a Better World."

President Truman called the 4-H'ers "a promise for the future."

## Spring Opening Is Well Attended; Auto Show Magnet

Seasonal opening events were becoming more of tradition here with the two held so far called "very successful" by the chamber of commerce committee in charge. Friday night's spring opening attracted thousands of window shoppers who milled about the streets in balmy weather to inspect gaily bedecked windows and to see the display of glistening new cars and farm equipment lined up along two blocks of Bartlett street.

The auto show proved to be one of the most popular features of the event and the largest crowds showed up there. Live models, showing the latest spring fashions in ladies' apparel in the windows of one store, were slowing traffic on Central avenue while a smooth-voiced female commentator described the style points of the gowns and coats over a public address system.

The retail trade committee of the chamber of commerce yesterday felt that the success of last winter's Christmas opening and of last night's spring opening assured the continuation of the events in the future.

## Police Judge Warns On Night Bike Riding

City Police Judge G. H. Nelson yesterday warned youngsters concerning the dangerous practice of riding bicycles at night without headlights and pointed out that such practice is contrary to city ordinance.

He pointed out that police currently have been conducting a drive against violators and that there have been several arrests. Bicycles must have a headlight on the front and at least a reflector on the rear, Nelson said.

He brought out that cyclists riding at night without lights create a hazard for themselves and motorists alike.

## News of 4-H CLUBS

### Upper Rogue 4-H Hog Club

The meeting was called to order by President Eddie Peile. Seven members and five visitors were present.

Betty Jo and Donald Hilderbrand will make a demonstration on "Swine Management." Jim McCleave will make a demonstration on "Construction of a Hog Pen." Betty Jo Hilderbrand made a motion that we have the meetings on the fourth Tuesday in the month.

Next meeting will be on March 28 at 8 p.m. at the Hilderbrand home. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

## NSLI Dividends To Go To Dead Veterans' Kin

National service life insurance dividends due deceased veterans will be paid to beneficiaries or heirs, according to veterans administration officials.

If insurance was in force when the veteran died, payment will be made automatically to the beneficiary of record and no application is required. If insurance was not in force at the veteran's death, the dividend will go to his estate. Where there is no administrator, payment will go directly to heirs under state inheritance laws.

In lapsed insurance cases, claim forms will be sent by the VA to persons entitled to the dividends. Persons are requested not to write the VA concerning the dividend or claim form.

## Chicken Dinner Still Alive As Family Pet

George Gates, Medford furniture dealer, who won a chicken dinner "on the claw" Saturday at the Kiwanis Kapers and Minstrel show, didn't have the heart to go ahead with the dinner, he reported today.

Gates said the bird followed him around, and to show her appreciation for his guardianship laid an egg every day. The furniture man said he figured that the hen was some youngster's pet swiped by Kiwanians. Rather than kill it, he gave it to a relative.

While one of the minstrel end men stated that he and his buddies stole the fowl, a more substantial report is that the hen was purchased from a local rancher.

## Lake Creek Man To Head College Rodeo

Corvallis, Mar. 4.—Bob Damon, Lake Creek, and Ray West, Corvallis, have been named co-chairmen of the Oregon State college rodeo set for April 29 at the OSC armory.

The rodeo is in connection with agriculture week-end activities. Damon is a senior in animal husbandry.

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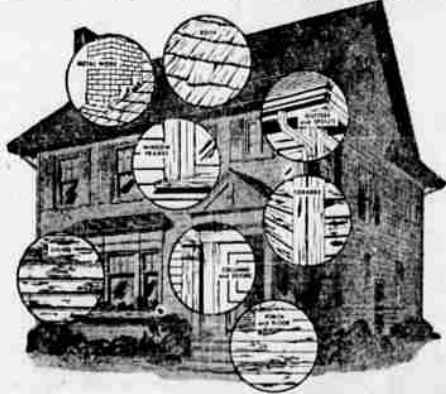
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