

Oregon 4-H's Win National Honors

SIX OREGON 4-H Club members were announced as national winners in the 1954 4-H award programs at the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Each received a \$300 college scholarship. Their names, the programs in which they were honored, and the donors of their awards are:



Harold Hotchkiss, 17, of Burns, Tractor, General Petroleum Corp. Ellen Mitchell, 18, of Zig Zag, Girls' Record, Montgomery Ward. Harold Berger, 17, of Hillsboro, Health, Kellogg Co. Betty Cline, 19, of Independence, Garden, Allie-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Tractor Division. Timothy Bagley, 17, of Clatsop, Forestry, American Forest Products Industries, Inc. Judith Gates, 18, of Hillsboro, Entomology, Hercules Powder Co. Over 1,200 4-H Club boys and girls from the 48 states, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Canada attended the Congress, along with young people and youth leaders from 25 foreign countries. A highlight of the Congress was the major policy address by Secretary of State John Foster Dulles at the opening banquet. Thus the 4-H's learned more of their Congress theme, "Working Together for World Understanding," from the Nation's No. 1 diplomat. During the week, the delegates participated in discussions, heard other outstanding speakers, met top stars in the sports world, enjoyed top-flight entertainment at banquets and major meal events, attended the International Live Stock Exposition and Horse Show, took part in press conferences, radio and TV appearances, toured the city and visited the museums, and attended a party at the Aragon Ballroom. The National 4-H Club Congress is a cooperative effort of the Agricultural Extension Service, business and civic organizations, and the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, Chicago.

Navy Secretary Clears Nixon

Los Angeles — (U.P.) — Secretary of the Navy Charles Thomas has denied that Vice-President Richard Nixon was responsible for the Navy refusing security clearance to Dr. Edward U. Condon.

Thomas told the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce yesterday that Nixon was in no way involved in the action against Condon, former chief of the Bureau of Standards.

"The Condon case came up before a regional board in New York and he was cleared," Thomas said. "The people in my office said I should take a look at the file. I did and withdrew clearance."

Condon resigned last Monday as research director of the Corning Glass works, stating he felt he could not secure "a fair and independent judgment" in a government review of his security status.

Thomas' statement was in reply to a charge by the atomic scientists of Chicago that Nixon had intervened in the Condon matter.

The group charged "political abuse of the personnel security system has finally forced the resignation" of Dr. Condon.

Speed Detection Units

Hunt Down Lawbreakers

Fond Du Lac, Wis. — (U.P.) — Motorists are used to radar-equipped traffic police, but the new speed detection units are now hunting law-breakers on water and rail.

The Fond du Lac police department flags down speeding motorboat operators on Lake Winnebago and it plans to use radar to get the goods on locomotive engineers who race their giant vehicles through the city.

Mayor Edwin F. Weiss said the city always has had a speed limit for boats in the harbor, but it has been difficult to tell how fast the craft were going.

"But now with radar, we can tell exactly how many miles an hour they are making," he said.

Ocean Harvest Brings

Income To Residents

Portland, Me. — (U.P.) — An ocean harvest of pulpwood, dumped into the Atlantic by hurricane Edna and swept ashore by returning tides, is bringing unexpected income to coastal residents of Maine.

Forty thousand cords of pulpwood, worth \$20 a cord, went swirling down the Kennebec River when a retaining boom broke during the Sept. 11 hurricane. About half the wood went into the ocean. Owners offered a \$5 reward for each cord returned to Augusta.

Practical Joke Costs

Ohio Women Damages

Toledo, O. — (U.P.) — It cost two local women \$1,500 to frighten a companion with a lifelike rubber lizard.

Mrs. Mary Lewis testified in common pleas court that when she got into a car with two companions to accompany them to church, one of the women put the lizard on her lap and the other called her attention to it. Mrs. Lewis said she was frightened and threw herself backward so violently that she broke a bone in her back. A jury agreed the women conspired to frighten Mrs. Lewis and awarded her \$1,500 in damages.

Greenland Appearance Surprises Explorer

Boothbay Harbor, Me. — (U.P.) —

Read Adm. Donald B. MacMillan the Arctic explorer, says one of the sights that surprised him most on his 30th voyage to the far north this year was Thule, Greenland.

"Why," said MacMillan, "there must be 5,000 people there now that the U.S. Air Force has established a base. And whoever thought to see movie houses and traffic cops so far north?"

Prize-Winning Play Planned at Crater

Central Point — The prize-winning play, "You Can't Take It With You," is being presented by students of Crater High School tonight and tomorrow evening. About 20 are in the cast, and the production is being given in the school's cafeteria-auditorium.

Donald Lacy, instructor of drama and speech, directed the play. All classes in the school are participating in the production. Tickets are on sale at the door.

Rhode Island Indians

Remember Swamp Fight

West Kingston, R. I. — (U.P.) — Rhode Island Indians have never forgotten the Great Swamp Fight — one of the bloodiest massacres in 17th century America.

Armed forces of the United Colonies taking part in King Phillip's War, the Narragansett Indian fortress in southern Rhode Island's Great Swamp on Dec. 19, 1675.

Wigwams were burned; hundreds of Indian women, children and old men were slain.

Descendants of Rhode Island Indians meet annually at the Great Swamp to pay tribute to the memory of their slain ancestors.

Piano Movers Forget

One Small Matter

Schenectady, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Judson Gardner figured the simplest way to move a piano from a second-story apartment was out a window.

With the aid of neighbors, he decided to place two planks from the window to a truck below, tie a rope around the piano and let it slide down as they let out the rope.

They tugged and pushed the piano through the window as planned. But seconds later power lines snapped and a window was smashed. Police said Gardner and his assistants forgot one thing — the rope.

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Blind Children Keep Date With Santa At Detroit Department Store's Party

Detroit — (U.P.) — Santa Claus kept a date in toyland with more than 200 boys and girls Wednesday night.

Many of them never had seen Santa before. Many never will see him for the rest of their lives. They are blind. But they tenderly stroked his snow-white beard and laughed when he whispered strange promises in their ears.

Some cried. More than 60 of the children at the annual toyland party sponsored by the Ernst Kern department store were the sons and daughters of blind parents.

For the sightless, Toyland was only a world of strange and wonderful sounds, the touch of a cuddly panda bear; the feel of the smooth, straight lines of

Agriculture employs 40 to 45 per cent of the total Japanese population.

an electric train. A lot of free hot dogs, ice cream, pop and some kiddie-land rides were tossed in for good measure.

Eighth Year

It was the eighth consecutive year the big department store has thrown open its doors to blind families after regular shopping hours.

"My two children can see, but I'm blind," one young mother explained. "I came to this party last year and had a chance to inspect some of the toys my children wanted by just feeling the toys and trying them out."

But no sales are ever made at the department store party. Store officials say it would be "too commercial."

The parties were suggested in 1946 by Harry Hunter of Detroit, himself blind and president of the Associated Blind Activities. He has worked each year with the store officials to make the party a success. Hunter's wife,

Olga, is also blind, but they have two children with good vision. The Lions Club furnished transportation to the affair.

Clothesline Pranks Of Bird Brought To End

Westbrook, Me. — (U.P.) — A long-suffering housewife blew the whistle on a "big, black bird" that made wash day harder than ever for weeks.

Mrs. Elaine Poitras asked police to drive away the bird, which hung around her backyard, snapping open clothespins with his beak and happily watching freshly washed clothes fall to the ground.

Mrs. Poitras described the bird as "bigger than a crow."

Police solved the case by asking neighbors to stop putting out pans of food for the feathered prankster as they had been doing since it arrived in the neighborhood.

Clerks at the store volunteered their services to stay overtime as hosts and hostesses.

Wait To 'See' Santa

Long lines of children waited to "see" Santa. Some were frightened when placed on his lap. Others tenderly stroked his white hair and his red velvet suit. A freckle-faced chap tried to bite Santa's nose, but the jolly old man ducked in time.

Four-year-old Linda Hamm, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hamm, approached Santa cautiously in her dark world. Her mother and father, also blind, encouraged her from the sidelines.

When Linda climbed from Santa's lap she felt for the waiting arms of her parents, and laughed joyously when she told them of getting a box of candy from the old gentleman.

"Well, did you see Santa Claus?" her father asked innocently.

"Yes, I did," the little girl shouted. "I said I wanted a pi-ano when I saw Santa."

Surrounded by Christmas

trees and tinsel and all the greens and reds and yellows of toyland, the little girl looked straight ahead in the darkness.

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