

County Fair Will Display Projects of Clubs

756 4-H Members To Show Work Done During Past Year

The 4-H and FFA county fair, starting Tuesday, will put on display the work of some of the approximately 756 4-H club members in Jackson county.

The total membership of about 750 boys and girls represents 120 4-H clubs led by 140 volunteer community leaders. Projects displayed at the county fair will be similar to the 1,100 projects successfully completed by club members during 1956.

970 Articles Made

During that period Jackson county boys and girls made 970 articles in 250 clothing projects. They prepared 820 meals and 6,350 individual dishes in about 230 food projects.

Twenty-five girls made 40 knitted articles. Nine girls made a total of 41 articles to help improve their homes in homemaking projects.

Four hundred and fifty 4-H members raised 1,135 animals in livestock projects, and 732 birds in poultry projects. Eighty-five boys and girls completed projects in horticulture, forestry and entomology.

Agricultural Engineering

The agricultural engineering field attracted 55 boys and girls who completed projects in tractor maintenance, woodworking and electricity. In all projects they were guided and instructed by local club leaders and parents. Twenty-seven of the older 4-H youths assumed leadership roles within their clubs during the year.

Club members adopt the 4-H slogan, "learn by doing," and the 4-H motto, "to make the best better," in all their club work. Throughout the year, this work received recognition at community events such as achievement programs, parent nights, PTA and grange meetings, mother's teas, and community fairs.

County activity included 4-H camp, crops and livestock tour, and county fair. From them some went to state and interstate events such as the Oregon State fair, Cow Palace in San Francisco, and Pacific International at Portland.

Total Investment

When these young businessmen and women returned home to figure up the totals, they learned they had \$121,643.03 invested in their 4-H projects. Of this sum \$22,787.23 showed a profit or savings for the year's work—higher this year.

Less tangible but more important gains were made in personal improvement and contribution to better living in the member's home, club, community and county.

These club members are already looking ahead to a new and better year. Many 4-H clubs have started a new series of meetings and project activities. The county fair is "harvest time" for the 4-H members. These young people who were successful this past year are not resting on their laurels of past accomplishments, but are looking forward to making "the best better in 1957."



HOGGING IT!—These prize pigs were among those which "hogged" the show at the annual 4-H and FFA county fair two years ago. From left: Gary Smith, Stan Smith, 4-H Leader

C. H. Elmore, Truman Elmore and Charles Elmore, all of Applegate. Approximately 150 4-H hogs are expected to go on display at this year's show.

Supervised Farming An Important Activity of Nation's FFA Groups

Supervised farming is an important activity of the Future Farmers of America.

Future Farmers believe "learning by doing" is the best way to learn. Each FFA member has some form of home project so his agricultural education can be extended to a practical home and farm situation. These farm projects vary from an investment of a few dollars to an investment of several thousand dollars.

The FFA member receives class instruction in approved practices for agriculture enterprises in his community. This instruction enables the boy to choose proper crop varieties, fertilizers and soil types for his crop projects as well as proper breeds, feeds and management practices for his livestock projects.

Various Incentives

The Future Farmers program offers various incentives also to stimulate interest in supervised farming. One method is to offer promotional degrees for achievements in agriculture.

A beginning student in vocational agriculture is required to own some form of agriculture enterprise before he is given the "Green Hand" degree.

The second year student must further demonstrate his proficiency in supervised farming and leadership before he receives the "Chapter Farmer" degree.

Boys holding either the "Green Hand" or "Chapter Farmer" degree must keep accurate records on their supervised farming projects in project record books. These record books include pages for agreements, budgets, inventories,

labor diaries, job planning and daily expenses and receipts. Boys demonstrating outstanding achievements in supervised farming and agriculture knowledge are awarded the "State Farmer" degree. This degree is limited to two per cent of the FFA members in the state.

Eligible for Degree

A boy must have completed two years of vocational agriculture before he is eligible for the state farmer degree. The four members of the Crater FFA chapter now hold the state farmer degree are Clifford Bigham, Billy Ryan, Ralph Simon and Bob Eldon.

The Eagle Point FFA chapter has completed its second year as an organized chapter and some of the Eagle Point members plan to apply for the state farmer degree this year.

The newest FFA chapter in Jackson county is the Phoenix chapter which was started last year. In two more years Phoenix will be able to submit state farmer applicants.

Highest Degree

The highest degree in the Future Farmers is the "American Farmer" degree. Only two boys in Oregon may be awarded this degree in any one year. Clifford Bigham of the Crater chapter, plans to apply for the American farmer degree next spring. Clifford now has a full farming program in progress.

Various livestock judging contests also are held throughout the state for FFA members. The Eagle Point chapter placed second in dairy judging at the State Fair last fall. All three Jackson county chapters entered teams at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition last October. The local chapters have teams in competition at the

Crater FFA Chapter Owns, Operates Its Own 10-Acre Farm

The Crater Future Farmers of America chapter is unique in that it owns and operates its own farm.

A tractor, plow, disk and mowing machine are owned by the chapter for its 10-acre farm as well as for individual members to use on their home farms.

Education activities in which the chapter participates require raising money from several sources. Money raising activities carried on by the Crater chapter last year included a concession stand at football games, tractor custom work, Christmas sales, soda pop sales from a chapter owned machine and revenue from the chapter farm.

Leadership activities of the chapter consist of public speaking, parliamentary procedure and district and state leadership meetings.

Bob Eldon and Clifford Bigham attended the national FFA convention at Kansas City last October. An annual parent and son banquet is sponsored by the chapter each April.

The chapter has received a master chapter rating for the last two years. This rating is awarded by the state FFA association for activities carried on by the chapter.

Executive Committee

The organization is governed by an executive committee of seven student officers. This year's officers are president, David Mack; vice president, Lyle Bigham; secretary, Bob Lichti; treasurer, George Gilman and Bill White; reporter, Carl Vanderpool, and sentinel, Allen Barnes. Agriculture instructors Ed Griggs and Bill McFarlane serve as advisors.

The FFA chapter at Crater High school was organized by Leonard Kunzman six years ago. Kunzman is now in adult agriculture education work with the state office in Salem.

The first covered wagon to leave Massachusetts for the Northwest Territory started from Hamilton in December, 1787.

FFA Shop Exhibits Among New Features

A new feature at this year's 4-H and FFA Jackson county fair will be the FFA farm shop exhibits from all three FFA chapters—Crater, Eagle Point and Phoenix.

Previously, Crater had the only shop facilities in which such an exhibit could be prepared, it was explained.

These exhibits consist of new farm equipment built by the boys under the supervision of their advisors at the respective school shops during the past school year.

The repairing and construction of farm equipment is one of the many phases of instruction which the boys receive during their academic school year.

Various gifts, gift certificates and a felt banner are being presented for shop division winners by Medford and Phoenix business houses.

These include stock trailer, \$10 gift certificate from Industrial Air; implement trailer, \$10 gift certificate from Moore Steel company; utility trailer, \$10 gift certificate from Hubbard Brothers; large metal construction, \$10 gift certificate from Moore Steel; large wooden construction, \$10 gift certificate from Nortons Lumber company; medium and small metal construction, \$5 gift certificate from In-

dustrial Air; medium and small wood construction, \$5 gift certificate from Hubbard Brothers. Used Toward Purchases.

The gift certificates may be used by the winners toward purchase of material and equipment to develop their home farm shop programs.

An additional award—a large felt banner—will be presented by Moore Steel to the chapter with the best chapter shop exhibit.

A soldering iron will be presented to the FFA boy who has the outstanding shop exhibit from American Steel and Supply of Medford.

Farmer Has Too Much Water During Drought

Plainville, Conn.—(U)—While most of the state withered in a three-month drought, farmer Frank Hartford complained of too much water. He reported that beavers dammed a brook, converting a pasture into a swamp.

He said, "Every day I pull the dam apart and every night the beavers rebuild it. I need help!"

The first summer school in the United States was held at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, in 1870.

Pigeon Races Set At State Fair

Salem—A daily race for homer pigeons entered at the Oregon State Fair will be one of the features at the poultry, rabbit and pigeon show. Superintendent Ken Jennings has announced.

Homer pigeon fanciers from Medford, Corvallis, Eugene, Forest Grove, Portland and Oregon City are cooperating. Each afternoon, pigeons will be released and their home arrival timed. Announcement of the winners will be made daily.

This is a new feature at the fair and it is expected to attract considerable interest from both pigeon owners and the public. The pigeons will be released outside the poultry building.

This year there will be a split show in the poultry department with poultry being shown the first four days and pigeons and rabbits the last four days. Poultry entries close Aug. 19 and birds must be in the show room not later than Thursday, Aug. 29.

Another new feature of the 1957 fair is greater emphasis on game birds. A number of classes have been added to this division and this is the first time in the west there has been game bird competition at a state fair.



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Congressman Offers Free Books on Grass

Rep. Walter Norblad (R-Ore.) recently received from the surplus storeroom an allotment of the 1948 Agriculture Book entitled "Grass." It was reported.

This book contains many articles on how farmers, ranchers, poultrymen, livestock raisers, dairymen, and the conservationists can grow and use grasses and legumes. It also contains information on grass for lawns, parks, roadsides, and playgrounds.

The book is in four parts. City people as well as farmers find it useful and informative. The Government Printing Office sells the book at \$2.00 per copy, but as long as the supply lasts, the Congressman will send a copy free to anyone requesting it.

Send your request to Congressman Walter Norblad, 1128 House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

Dairy Farmer Wins \$84,000 on TV Show

New York—(U)—Harold Craig, 26, a dairy farmer from Granville, N.Y., ran his winnings up to \$84,000 Monday night on the television quiz show "Twenty-One."

Craig defeated New York attorney George Munroe, 21-0, to add \$10,500 to his previous winnings. He tied John Bair, a Los Angeles industrial consultant, 21-21. They will play off the deadlock next Monday.



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