Many Opportunities Available To Boys in FFA Chapter Work

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There are many opportunities available in leadership through the Future Farmers of America and vocational agriculture programs.

There are radio and television programs presented through the FFA. These programs not only give the boys a chance to talk over the air but also helps them in organizing their thoughts in an orderly manner.

Public speaking is another way to do the same thing, only to a much greater extent. It helps lessen stage fright and will improve every day conversation, perhaps one of the most important skills one can learn. Public speaking also holds much interest to most FFA boys.

Perhaps one of the most thrilling activities of the FFA is the parliamentary procedures team. The boys learn such points of parliamentary procedure as the motion to ratify a subsudiary motion relating to the main motion before the house. They learn how to deal with dilatory or absurd motions and the meaning to rescind.

After many months of drilling and work, there are three parliamentary contests. The district, sectional and state. In order to compete in the state contest the team must win both district and sectional. Last year the Crater parliamentary team placed second in the state finals at Bend.

The purpose of parliamentary is to develop an orderly way of thinking, educate the boys in parliamentary procedures that they may approach the yoke of leadership with an intelligent manner. Another reason is to be able to have the boys carry on an orderly FFA meeting in a parliamentary manner.

Several Trips

The members that work hard enough and exert enough energy through the year are rewarded by a number of trips. Early in the fall there is the State Fair in Salem. There are three boys who attend the national FFA convention in Kansas City each year. This year Crater was fortunate by having David Mack who won the state public speaking contest in Bend, entitling him a trip to Helena, Mont. He was accompanied by George Gilman, Ed Griggs and Bill MacFarlane.

The FFA officers form the executive council and holds more responsibility than any other club or group officials of the high school age bracket. The job of local chapter officers includes planning a banquet for approximately 400 guests, supervising 30 acres of farm land which the chapter owns, scheduling and planning several television shows, caring for chapter operated machines such as fruit vending machines, tractor and equipment and others.

There are district officers and also state officers which take care of problems dealing with district and state. Allen Barnes of the Crater chapter is district president, following George Gilman, also from Crater. Nine schools in the Rogue-Umpqua area make up this district.

In the classroom there are many interesting courses a student of vocational agriculture will study. Although only two-thirds of the time is spent in the classroom through all four years, the boys learn more in one year than most other high school classes learn in 1½ years.

The freshman begin taking a course in parliamentary law. This is not a hard or complex course, but does acquaint the boys with parliamentary procedures enough to take charge of a regular meeting for 15 minutes.

Other courses include animal husbandry, beef, swine, dairy, sheep, basic feeding and for most boys, the two hardest units, veterinary medicine and record books. The boys then spend nine weeks in the shop where they study shop skills. In the nine weeks they learn how to electric weld, acetylene weld, the art of forging, cold metal work and carpentry.

In the later years of school the boys build a shop project, usually an implement or stock trailer, study all phases of farm crops, soils, livestock, agriculture economics farm management and farm law.

DISPLAY—Shown above is a typical display booth which will highiight the first Jackson county fair in more than 20 years. The fair, being sponsored by the Medford Kiwanis club, will be held at the Armory, and nearby 4-H and FFA fairgrounds. The booth above is the type in the state fair. The Grange booth is being planned by Delmar Smith, who sought assistance from local farm groups.

New Agent Arrives For County Duty

Gene Winters, new county extension agent, arrived in Medford Sunday night from Clatsop county where he had been temporary extension agent.

He succeeds Ben Tucker as specialist in crops and soils for the local office. Tucker retired several weeks ago and was succeeded as administrative head of the office by Cliff Cordy.

Winters began familiarizing himself with the area this morning as he began working into his new position. With the addition of Winters, Cordy explained, the responsibility of members of the staff will be divided as follows:

Earle Jossy will be primarily in charge of dairy, livestock and beef cattle; Winters will handle crops and soils; Don Berry will deal with vegetables, small fruits, stone crops and partially with pears; Miss Mary Pat Lucy will work with home economics; Glenn Klein and Marilou Garner will head the 4-H programs; and Cordy will deal mainly with pears and administrative jobs.

Stevenson's Aunt Beaten and Robbed

Los Angeles—(UPI)—Adlai Stevenson's 67-year-old aunt, Mrs. Anabel East, was beaten and robbed of $40 Monday by an intruder who broke into her home and hit her on the head, police reported.

Mrs. East told officers she lay unconscious on her bed for about an hour after the attack, then called friends who notified police.

She was treated for head cuts at a hospital.

Air Force Man Has Home-Made Plane

Hamilton Air Force Base, Calif. — (UPI) — First Lt. Thomas C. Davidson is the proud owner of a low-wing single-seat airplane capable of crusing at 160 miles an hour. He built it himself.

The plane cost Davidson about $1,000 to construct, including $400 for a used engine.

He began the job in his garage while stationed at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. Transferred before he finished the plane he moved it to California by trailer for completion.

The midget craft has a frame of steel tubing covered with thin aluminum and fabric. The wing span meausures 18 feet. The engine is 85-horsepower.

NAP BRINGS ON SEARCH

Charlotte, N. C. — (UPI) — James Blake went for a swim in the Catawba river and when he failed to return his wife touched off a 26-hour search. Blake finally called his wife to pick him up at a boathouse where he had stopped to rest and had fallen asleep.

BREAD BAKER—Colleen Franek, 13, of the Buttered Buns 4-H club holds her loaf of bread, besides other entries she will have on exhibition at the county fair this week at the county fair grounds. Beside her is a glass of jelly, some canned fruit and a cake.

Transient Arrested By City Police

Thomas Henry Kneeland, transient, was arrested Sunday morning at the Jackson County Fair grounds on a charge of possession of stolen property, according to city police.

The charge was brought in connection with Kneeland's alleged attempt to sell a bicycle and successful sales of a steam iron and two fans, the report stated. The items had previously been stolen, according to police.

Police hoped that whoever purchased the iron and fans would return them.

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RABITEERS—Gayle Fisher, 10, of Central Point, holds a three-months-old rabbit beside her brother, Dennis Fisher, 14, owner of both rabbits and member of the West Side Rabbit club. The two rabbits will be entered in the 4-H and FFA Jackson County Fair this week.

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