

# Medford Fairgrounds!

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## 4-H CLUBS AND F.F.A. FALL FAIR

at the Fairgrounds

AUGUST 19-20-21-22-23

Through the encouragement and assistance of the National 4-H and F.F.A. organizations, young people of the Rogue River Valley learn to manage farms, homes and their own lives! They cultivate qualities of better citizenship . . . leadership. The firms of this page salute 4-H and F.F.A. members for their achievements!



CLEANS HOOF—Clint Gibson, 12, of Central Point, cleans the hoof of his horse in preparation for the horse show section of the Jackson County 4-H and FFA County Fair.

### Supervised Farming Results Will Be Seen at County Fair

Among the exhibits at the Jackson County 4-H and Future Farmers of America fair will be results of the supervised farming programs conducted by the various FFA chapters.

Supervised farming is an important activity of the FFA, chapter advisors stated.

"Future Farmers believe learning by doing is the best way to achieve success," according to Ed Griggs, vocational agriculture instructor and FFA chapter advisor at Crater High school, Central Point.

Each FFA member has some home project to give his agricultural education practical application in the home and farm situation, Griggs explained. Farm projects vary from an investment of a few dollars to several thousand dollars, he said. Each student is guided by the vocational agriculture instructor during 12 months of the year.

**Class Instruction**

"The FFA member receives class instruction in approved practices for agriculture enterprises in his community," Nat Etzel, Eagle Point vocational agriculture instructor and chapter advisor said. "This enables him to choose proper crop varieties, fertilizers and soil types plus proper breeds of animals, feeds and management practices for his livestock projects."

One of the various incentives used to stimulate interest in supervised farming is a promotional degree program for achievements in agriculture, Etzel explained. A beginning student in vocational agriculture is required to own some form of farm enterprise to receive the "Green Hand" degree.

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

**Accurate Degree**

Boys holding either of these two degrees must keep accurate records on supervised farming projects. Record books include pages for business agreements with parents, budgets, inventories, dairy and labor records and daily expenses and receipts.

Students who demonstrate outstanding achievements in supervised farming and agricultural knowledge are awarded the "State Farmer" degree. This degree is limited to 2 per cent of the FFA members in the state. A boy must complete two years of vocational agriculture before he is eligible for the state farmer degree.

Youths in Jackson county holding the degree are Allen Barnes, David Mack and George Gillman of the Crater FFA chapter and Art Gardner of Eagle Point FFA chapter.

**Completes Second Year**

The Phoenix 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 highest degree is the "American Farmer" degree. Only two boys in Oregon may be awarded this degree in any one year.

As part of the continuing activities of the local FFA chapters, various livestock judging contests are held throughout the state each year. Crater, Eagle Point and Phoenix FFA chapter members attended the livestock judging contest in Josephine county Aug. 13 in preparation for the Jackson county contest this week. All three chapters plan to send teams to the Oregon State fair contest Aug. 31 in Salem.

**Awards Presented**

Awards are presented each year on the chapter, state and national level to individual members for achievements in such supervised farming activities as dairy farming, farm mechanics, farm safety, and soil and water management. Each year chapters enter contestants in the district better farming contest.

"The boys feel that an active supervised farming program will help them to reach their goal which is the successful farmer of tomorrow is the Future Farmer of today," Etzel concluded.

### 5 BIG DAYS - - - HERE'S THE PROGRAM -

Tues., August 19	Wed., August 20	Thurs., August 21	Fri., August 22	Sat., August 23
1:00 PM—Poultry Judging & Contest 1:00 PM—Rabbit Judging & Contest 4:00 PM—Showmanship Contest — Rabbits & Poultry	6:00 AM—Weigh Swine & Sheep 9:00 AM—Crops & Forestry Judging Contests 10:30 AM—Livestock Judging 12:30 PM—Flower Arranging 1:00 PM—Beef Fitting Contest 1:45 PM—Beef Showmanship Contest 7:00 PM—Beef Showmanship Championship	6:00 AM—Steers weighed 9:00 AM—Swine Judging & Sheep Showmanship 10:30 AM—Dairy Judging Contest 1:00 PM—Beef Judging, Sheep Judging, Market Classes 7:00 PM—Swine Showmanship	9:00 AM—Dairy Judging, 2 rings 7:30 PM—Livestock Auction	9:00 AM—Sheep Judging, Breeding Classes 9:00 AM—Dairy Showmanship 2:30 PM—Tractor Driving Contest, Sheep Shearing Contest 7:30 PM—Style Revue, Special Awards Program

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