

Parent-Son Banquets Set by FFA Chapters

Activity Reports To Be Given by Crater, EP Units

Crater and Eagle Point High schools' Future Farmers of America chapter will report on their activities when they hold their annual parent-son banquets April 30 and May 4, respectively.

Phoenix held its annual banquet earlier this month. The boys will be reporting on activities which are carried on a nationwide scale by 8,993 chapters in 49 states and Puerto Rico which represent 377,922 active members.

Designed to encourage and reward chapter efforts, is the national FFA chapter award program. Both the interest shown and the actual accomplishments made by FFA chapters over a period of years give evidence of the effectiveness of this award.

In receiving the chapter awards, the chapters are grouped into gold emblem, silver emblem and bronze emblem classifications, according to their records of accomplishment in supervised farming, cooperative activities, community service, leadership activities, budgets and general activities.

Each chapter in the contest is selected on the state level to be entered in the national competition. Crater was one of the two chapters in Oregon to win a national chapter award.

Future Farmers of America is a program coordinated with a regular high school course in vocational agriculture. The two programs work hand in hand to prepare the student who may wish to take agriculture in college.

Perhaps the most important phase of the FFA program is leadership for it includes handling the budget, meetings, and the general program of work. Unlike some student organizations, the FFA is governed by its members, not by the advisors or officers. Each member is in charge of at least one committee. This way, boys are able to think for themselves and to plan what they are to do and then assume the responsibilities that the duties are completed.

Each boy active in the FFA must plan his time so he can give an average of two hours a day to chapter activities besides doing his regular studies. Such a youth through his chapter activities and projects learns to keep careful records of chapter investments and expenditures. They also learn the ability to cooperate with other people in carrying out chapter goals.

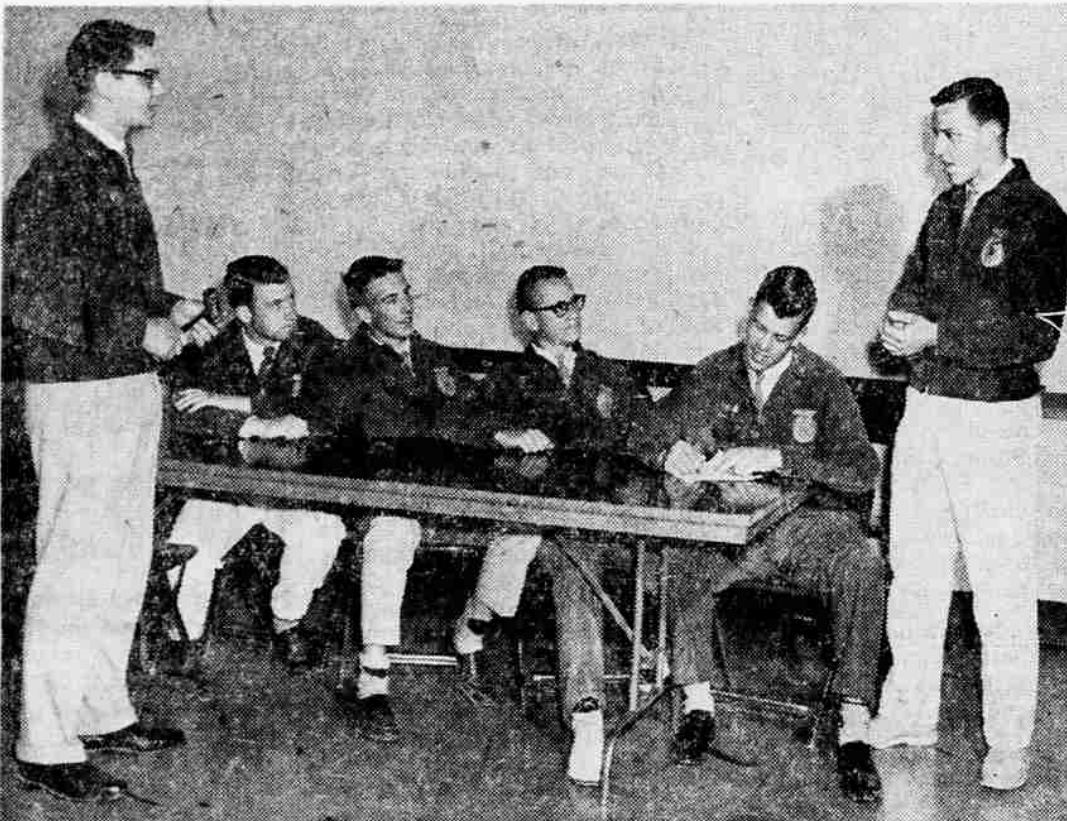
Evidence of Cooperation
Evidence of this cooperation are the chapter livestock chains such as those in the Phoenix FFA chapter. A chapter either buys or is donated an animal. A boy cares for the livestock, then when it has offspring, he keeps the original animal and returns the offspring to the chapter. The offspring can be sold to purchase another type of livestock with which to start a chain or the offspring can be distributed to chapter members to keep the chain moving.

Currently the Phoenix chapter, for instance, has a beef chain consisting of a registered Hereford cow and heifer calf. Gerald Sloper is the first recipient of the chain which began with the purchase of a bred heifer on Oct. 8, 1958. Funds for purchase of the initial animal were provided by the Sears, Roebuck Foundation.

Swine Chain
A swine chain was donated by Larro Feeds and was started



PARLIAMENTARY TEAM—Crater High's parliamentary team, state winners this year, pose for a picture. From left (standing) Don Denning, Peter Melstead, Dave Foote. From left (sitting) Nate Barry, E. Caster



PUBLIC SPEAKING—A group of the Crater FFA chapter's public speakers listen as Don Denning, extreme right, expounds on a subject. From left: J. E. Caster, Larry Ryerson, Nathan Barry, Pete Melstead and Don Ryan. To participate in community

ed in October, 1957. The initial bred gilt, a registered Berkshire, was purchased from A. T. Lathrop, Central Point, and was given to Gary Neel. Harry Gay now has the chain which will be rotated again next year.

Sears, Roebuck Foundation has also provided funds for a sheep chain in the Phoenix chapter. This chain is self-perpetuating and is rotated every two years. This particular chain is due for transfer to an interested and eligible freshman or sophomore this month. The chain consists of 13 ewes and one buck. A dairy chain has been applied for through the Sears Foundation.

As evidence of the interest in the work of the Future Farmers of America, more than 250 business and industrial concerns, organizations and individuals make contributions to their national FFA Foundations, Inc., each year. This is done to help and encourage FFA members toward goals of becoming established in farming, development of rural leadership,

and the practice of good citizenship.

Awarded Medals
Foundation award winners on the chapter level are awarded medals, \$100 cash awards on the state level and cash awards up to \$250 on the national level.

Foundation awards are presented for public speaking, farm safety, dairy farming, farm electrification, farm mechanics, soil and water management and Chapter star farmer.

When a boy enters vocational agriculture and particularly the FFA he must have a supervised farming program. This is the student's opportunity to farm under the supervision of a man specifically trained to teach planning and improvement of the farm projects and the efficiency of the boys farming.

A pupil is taught supplementary practices which increase his skill, general abilities and "know how." This is designed to help the vocational agriculture students to become better farmers. All supervised farming activities re-

quire planning from the student, his parents and the instructor, so the farming problems can be solved on the boy's level.

The supervised farming program should be planned and carried out with a definite goal in mind—that of turning the pupil into a satisfactorily established farmer.

Learns by Experience
A student learns through experience and the greater opportunities to provide these experiences the better the student can solve his own problems in a real life situation on the farm. The program is designed to develop in him many desirable skills, abilities and to provide important information which will help him become a better farmer.

Consequently, if a student is to become satisfactorily established in farming he needs to have a well-balanced program to offer these experiences such as is provided through both FFA and vocational agriculture.

FFA members and vo-ag students include in their projects production enterprises, improvement farm practices, supplementary farm projects, and agricultural mechanics.

The Phoenix chapter has 46 head of beef, 22 head of swine, 123 acres of crops, 39 head of poultry, 18 head of rabbits, seven head of dairy animals, some bee-hives and some orchard land.

Seeking Improvements
The FFA members of all chapters are continually looking for means to help and improve their communities. Eagle Point chapter has been working on establishing a community park and is earning part of the money for this project and other projects by maintaining milk dispensers in various locations around the area. Both Eagle Point and Phoenix chapters distribute food baskets to the needy at Christmas time.

Chapter money-making projects to bolster the chapter's treasury in the three chapters include cone harvests, chopping firewood, taking soil samples, and selling Christ-

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546 Cases of Flu Illness Reported

A total of 546 cases of influenza-like illness was reported in Jackson county last week, according to the Jackson county health department.

A total of 323 cases was reported for the week ending April 17, the health department reported.

"The flu-like infections reported do not fall into the three general types of flu according to virus studies made by the state board of health," Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health officer explained. "The three general types—Types A and B and Asian."

"This particular outbreak is much more severe in its gastro-intestinal symptoms, that is, more vomiting and diarrhea," Dr. Merkel explained. "Regular flu has a greater tendency toward pulmonary symptoms," he added.

Flu-like cases reported in the county totaled 240 in Medford, 74 in Central Point, 67 in Ashland, 45 in Camp White, 42 in Shady Cove, 39 in Phoenix, 20 in Jacksonville, 10 in Rogue River, four each in Applegate and Ruch and one in Talent.

The county health department noted that not all of the doctors have reported nor are all such cases necessarily treated by a physician. Some of the cases this week may have been reported too late to be included in the figures, it was explained.

Central Point Plans Clean Up Campaign

Central Point—The Central Point city council in cooperation with the local police department is sending letters to property owners asking them to remove old car bodies and other unsightly debris from property.

The council has adopted an ordinance imposing penalties for those who do not observe city ordinances regarding debris.

City Administrator Lyle Paull said that most residents are cooperating in the "clean up" program and many are stopping by the city hall commenting on the cleaner appearance of the city.

Paull said residents wishing to burn debris must obtain burning permits from the city hall. Instructions regarding burning may also be obtained from Paull, or from the city fire department.

Man Cited After Two-Car Accident

Cars operated by Franklin Hugh Townsend, 22, of 509 1/2 Scenic ave., Ashland, and Alton Charles Trask, 49, of Lihia apartments, Ashland, were involved in an accident on Highway 99 at the Bear Creek Orchard intersection about 4 p.m. Friday, state police reported.

Police said Trask was cited for violation of basic rule after the car he was driving struck the rear end of Townsend's car, which was stopped at a red light.

A passenger in Townsend's vehicle, Ernest Amy Frank, 47, of 730 Oak st., Ashland, complained to police of an injured neck.

Recreation-wise, FFA chapters have dances, sponsor basketball teams, have western bands, hay-rides and some even sponsor summer trips.

All chapter activities are summed up in the national FFA motto—"Learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live and learning to serve."



PRESENTED SETS—Vice President H. J. Field (left) and President W. J. Warner of the Jackson County Federal Savings and Loan association are presented desk pens in recognition of their years of service as directors of the association. The presentation was made by Glenn O. Tayler, vice president and attorney for the association, at a dinner for directors and employees last week commemorating the association's 50th anniversary. Warner was elected to the board in 1934 and Field in 1938.

The Family Council Blitz Centennial Band to Play Here

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Arnold E.—I'm not the marrying kind.

Mrs. N.E.—We can't be happy until he's married.

Arnold E.—I am a happy bachelor of 32. I have a good job, good friends and a good life. I really enjoy things—or I would if people in general, and my parents in particular, didn't constantly nag me about getting married.

It just happens that I am not the marrying kind. If there is anything I love it's privacy. The idea of having to account to somebody else for my comings or goings or to have to be responsible for somebody else's welfare and happiness makes me sick to the stomach.

My parents seem to think I need somebody to "look after" me, but I am capable of taking care of myself. I don't drink, smoke or carouse. I do my daily dozen, get plenty of sleep and fresh air and eat three squares a day—all living by myself.

Mrs. N.E.—My husband and I just can't understand Arnold. We are very warm people and we have always given him and his brother loads of affection. His brother was very affectionate in return, but Arnold never was. From earliest childhood he pushed away anyone who tried to get too close to him.

We think that bachelorhood may be all right now, but it is terrible in old age. Now Arnold has loads of friends and enjoys getting around, but who will care about him when he is old and perhaps infirm?

Arnold is so well liked and successful in his field that all his friends introduce him to the loveliest girls. He enjoys going out and dancing, but he drops the girl the minute he thinks she is starting to get ideas. We feel that we can't be happy until he is safely married.

The Council: The idea that a man should get married to have someone "look after" him isn't a very good one. Anyone who marries on this selfish basis is not likely to achieve much fulfillment in marriage.

Also, the pressure of the N.E.'s on the basis that "we can't be happy until he is safely married" is most unfair. Arnold should not be made to feel that he ought to marry to make his parents happy. He should have to feel guilty to them at not marrying.

Outside of that, we can only say that while marriage seems to provide the happiest

life for most of the people, it doesn't for all of them. Among the many unhappy married individuals are quite a few who might have been better off unmarried. These people were probably less clear-minded and less fulfilled in other directions than Arnold is. Probably they sought marriage as a way out of a muddle or as the line of least resistance to parental and social pressure. Surely, their old age will be no happier than that of a bachelor or spinster who has enjoyed life.

If Arnold really enjoys his single state as much as he claims and is conscious of no serious lack in his life, we would say he's doing fairly well. It is a rather selfish existence, to be sure, but it is better to be honestly selfish than to get involved in a situation that would require going through the motions of unfeeling love and giving.

However, we would warn Arnold not to let pressure make him too rigid in his attitudes. It is possible that he still is growing mentally and emotionally and that his position will change if he doesn't fight it.

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99 German Measles Cases Reported

A total of 99 cases of German measles were reported in Jackson county last week, according to Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician.

Of the total, 47 were in Medford, 42 in Phoenix, 9 in Central Point, and 1 in Jacksonville.

Other communicable diseases reported included mumps, Jacksonville 3, Medford 1; chicken pox, Applegate 8, Medford 4, Ashland 2, Jacksonville 1; infectious mononucleosis, Medford 2; measles, Medford 26, Central Point 3, Shady Cove 2, Ashland 1; pneumonia, Medford 5, Central Point 1, Shady Cove 1; scarlet fever, Eagle Point 1; and trench mouth, Central Point 2.

GLERGYMEN TAKE OATH
Budapest, Hungary—(UPI)—Archbishop Jozsef Groesz and other leading Roman Catholic Church officials have taken an oath of allegiance to the Hungarian "peoples republic," the Hungarian news agency MTI reported yesterday. The agency said the clergymen took the oath Friday in accordance with a Communist government order.

JOSEPHINE COUNTY TO DEVELOP PARKS
Grants Pass—The Josephine county park commission has plans to develop at least three recreational sites along the Rogue river west and northwest of Grants Pass this summer.

Work is planned at Griffin park, Indian Mary and Alameda Bar recreational sites, the commission said. All three are as yet undeveloped, but brush will be removed and picnic and camping facilities will be installed.

Some work may be done at the Illinois Valley park on the east fork of the Illinois river about a mile southwest of Cave Junction, the commission said.

Minor clean up and development work is planned at several other parks, it pointed out.

The Alameda Bar site, about five miles downstream from Grants Pass, has been purchased by the state game commission to provide access to the river. A boat ramp is planned at the 26-acre site.

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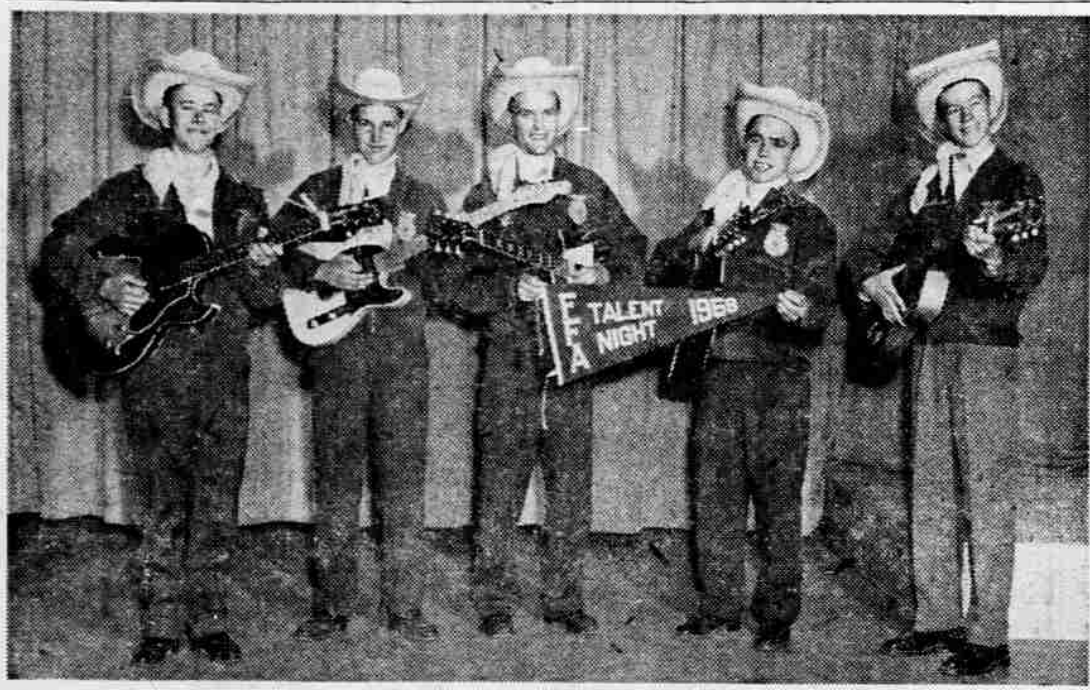
is located in a quiet non-residential area high above the valley, one and one-half miles east and south of Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital.

To appreciate the wonderful view of the valley, drive into the park. You will be impressed by the quietness and the beauty of nature.



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ENTERTAINERS—The Crater High school's FFA chapter's western band is shown as it prepares for one of its many public appearances. From left, members are Leon Sherman, Dennis Samples, Tom Samples, Floyd Sherman and Dennis Fisher. This is one of the many recreational activities of the chapter at Central Point and typifies general FFA programs. (Photos by Knackstedt)