

Vernon Haley Wins State Award for Meat Project

Vernon Haley, Bonanza, has been named winner of a state award—a seventeen jewel watch—in the national 4-H meat animal awards program donated by Thomas E. Wilson, chairman of Wilson and Company.

He was selected for his record in nine years of beef work in 4-H. The 18-year-old Oregon State College freshman graduated last year from Bonanza high school and now has a Hereford herd of 15 animals. He started with one in 1944.

The meat animal awards program is to help 4-H club members produce meat for home and commercial uses, learn differences of animals in their ability to utilize feed and produce desired products, learn the value of home-grown feeds and balanced rations and how to properly manage meat animals.

Below is young Haley's own story of his achievements and experiences in his beef projects.

By VERNON HALEY

In 1943 I was urged by the Klamath County 4-H leader, Cliff Jenkins, to start a 4-H project. My parents, being ex-4-Hers, promoted the deal and I put a calf on feed, then joined a Beef Club in 1944. It was all very new to me and I had a lot to learn.

Our Bonanza Community had no beef leader at this time, so I joined a club in near-by Langell Valley. At Klamath County Fair time I became acquainted with many new people interested in 4-H club work. My first year was finished and I knew that I wanted to continue in this work.

As time went by and I became more familiar with feeding animals I decided to feed out a calf for the Cow Palace Show in San Francisco. In 1947 I headed for

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NPC Resolutions Call For USDA Streamliner

Resolutions adopted by the National Potato Council at its annual meeting Nov. 6 and 7, 1952, in Washington, D. C.:

No. 1
WHEREAS, taxes are excessive, and WHEREAS, the cost of government must be decreased;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the National Potato Council does hereby recommend that the Department of Agriculture be streamlined, both in Washington and in its field offices, to the end that an optimum of services be rendered at a minimum of cost. This will call for the reduction in the number of employees and a decrease in agricultural expenditures.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that similar action be taken in all other Governmental agencies.

No. 2
WHEREAS, the Golden Nematode is known to exist in Spain; and WHEREAS, such potatoes produced in Spain are permitted to enter Cuba; and WHEREAS, such disease is known to remain in the soil for many years; and WHEREAS, potatoes produced in Cuba are now permitted to enter the United States; and WHEREAS, New York State last spring had Spanish potatoes with four incrustations and is spending much money on control;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the quarantine which is effective against the exporting country of Spain, shall be equally effective against the importing country of Cuba. This shall apply to any country where similar conditions exist.

No. 3
WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture has carried out extensive research activities for the betterment of the potato industry; and WHEREAS, such research has resulted in greatly increased production and marketing efficiencies;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the National Potato Council heartily endorses such activities and urges the continuation of the program.

No. 4
WHEREAS, the new Administration will undoubtedly consider agricultural legislation; and WHEREAS, the Administration is committed to the support of basic commodities; and WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving such price support there will of necessity be acreage re-

Tests Show Nitrogen Needed Here

Experiments conducted during the past two years by the Klamath Experiment Station have shown—from results from 10 locations—that nitrogen is the most necessary element in Klamath County's mineral soils.

According to soils expert Dr. Al Halvorson of the experiment station, the trials were made on plots with both oats and barley, with nitrogen, phosphate and potash elements applied.

Best responses, he said, have come from nitrogen especially when it is applied down into the soil rather than right on the sur-

face. In some very nitrogen-deficient fields, Halvorson reported, as much as 100 to 120 pounds of actual nitrogen have been applied to an acre—and still paid off.

Where clover straw has been plowed under, or where heavily fertilized potatoes have been grown, Halvorson said nitrogen deficiency was not so noticeable.

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Wasp Secret Exposed

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Oregonians who figure that a wasp is simply a wasp will be surprised to hear that there are 500 different species in the state and that wasps—best known for their sting—really have considerable economic value.

Dr. H. A. Scullen, Oregon State College entomologist, points out that while wasps are poor pollinators, they help to reduce the numbers of harmful insects.

The wasps prey upon the insects as food for their young. Dr. Scullen explains, Some use aphids, grasshoppers, spiders, leafhoppers or beetles. The wasps of the tribe studied by Dr. Scullen war as a rule on the snout beetles. They kill them with their sting, bury them in the ground, and lay their egg on the dead body.

In some 25 years of study of wasps along with his research on bee pollination, Dr. Scullen has become recognized world authority on the tribe Ceterini, which is found in every section of the world. He is often called upon to make identifications for museums and institutions across the nation and in many foreign countries.

Morocco Boy Wants Farm Job

Some farmer may or may not be interested, but here's the plea the state department of agriculture at Salem has from a 19-year-old boy in Casablanca, Morocco. The youth first became interested in Oregon when he wrote to the department to know something of the agriculture here.

"My big wish," he now writes, "is to go one day to the United States of America. I hope, I have study here in Casablanca, the Industrial and Commercial School. I am actually working for the Atlas Constructors, the American company well known building airfields. The job I do helps me to practice my knowledge in English language."

Then he outlines his interest in farming but says he needs a sponsor to "facilitate the immigration." He points out he is young, could learn easily and is ready to work hard (and adds this touch: "When we want we can"). He'll work, he says, for a year for nearly nothing in return for the farmer's kindness. He will supply more information to anyone who wants it.

The letter, written in English for his English "which is not exactly correct, but as a French boy of Morocco, I could not yet write as an American boy does."

CHAPLAINS KILLED

WASHINGTON 19—The Army says that, in the years' fighting in Korea, seven of its chaplains have been killed, five are missing and an undetermined number have been injured.

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Turkey Eggs Muddled by OSC

Oregon turkey-hatching egg producers, faced with high feed and labor costs, can find a careful study of their problems in a new bulletin just released by Oregon State college agricultural experiment station.

The bulletin, "Costs and Net Returns in Producing Turkey Hatching Eggs," shows how some producers, operating efficiently, hold down costs and increase profits. Main factors affecting cost of hatching eggs are number of hatching eggs per hen, feed, labor and depreciation.

D. Curtis Mumford, agricultural economist at OSC, studied 27 percent of the turkey breeder flocks in western Oregon in preparing the bulletin.

The study was based on the production of more than two and one-half million eggs produced at an average profit per egg of three-fourths of a cent. Returns to the operator for his labor varied from a loss to a net return of \$4.16 an hour.

Free copies of station bulletin 524 are available at county extension offices or from the College.

USSR Behind In U.N. Bill

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y.—The United Nations reports that Russia has handed in \$2,168,217 on her 1952 U.N. assessments but still owes more than four million dollars.

The United States and Britain headed the list of a number of nations who are paid up in full for 1952. The U. S. contribution was \$23,682,125.91.

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