

YOUR Gate City Journal's



What My Two Years of Training In Agriculture Have Done for Me

By Dennis Savage

In my first year of Ag. I had three projects: dairy, breeding and corn. In my dairy enterprise I worked 223 5/6 hours in which I earned \$1.39 an hour. In my breeding swine enterprise I worked 2 1/2 hours and earned 54c an hour. (As result I stopped trying to be a swine producer.) In my corn enterprise I worked 47 hours and earned \$2.70 an hour. My total for all enterprises was 275 1/2 hours and earned \$1.52 an hour.

In my sophomore year I got a little lazy and had four acres of corn and six beef steers for my project. I hit the market just right and I got 24c a pound for them. Since they were in with my father's cattle I spent only 3 1/2 hours which earned \$94.10 an hour. On my corn I spent 73 hours and earned \$4.64 an hour. (I spent 26 more hours on my corn this year than last year and earned \$1.94 an hour more for my labor.)

I haven't taken much advantage of the FFA program, which works side by side with the agriculture program, but what little time I have spent with them proves to me that it could be a lot of fun. It seems to help the other fellows in leadership ability and cooperation with a group.

Here's our problem: The United States agricultural factors now are geared to produce four to six percent more agricultural products than the current market will take at generally accepted prices.

Milk fever, a serious disturbance of calcium metabolism in cows at calving time, now can be prevented by feeding large doses of Vitamin D. Vitamin D prevents milk fever by offsetting the sudden drain on blood calcium into colostrum.

Adrian FFA Boys Choose Chaney As President

By Brent Hartley

Dalles Chaney was elected president of the Adrian FFA chapter last Friday evening to fill the vacancy created by the recent death of Eddie Nelson. Donald Ashcraft was elected vice president to succeed Chaney.

Other business included discussion of the parent-son banquet to be held soon and selection of the menu. Several state FFA officers plan to attend the banquet, it was announced.

The chapter decided to pay for hotel rooms of members who participated in the district contest at Baker.

Other officers of the chapter are Richard Lovitt, secretary; James McKinley, treasurer; Brent Hartley, reporter, and Kenneth Fenn, sergeant at arms.

Stitch-ettes Hold Meeting Saturday

The 4-H Stitch-ettes club met at the home of Mrs. Lester Cleaver Saturday. Roll call was answered with "What trouble I have had during the past two weeks."

A demonstration on the preparation of patterns was given by Evelyn and Alva Ann Cleaver. Refreshments were served by Marsha Savage and Bonnie House. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Eugene Cleaver.

Mrs. Howard Hatch of Adrian was a Monday dinner guest at the Owen Gann home.



4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

By County Extension Agents

Clubs Organized

January was a banner month as far as getting 4-H clubs organized was concerned. Enrollments for 34 additional clubs with an enrollment of 401 members was received during the month. A few of these had been started in December, with their enrollments coming in during January. Seems like we always have a few outstanding enrollments.

Broken down into projects, there were two health clubs with 46 members; an electricity club with 19 members; four livestock clubs with 67 members; 10 cookery clubs with 96 members, and 17 clothing clubs with 160 members.

This makes a total to date of 64 clubs with a total of 749 projects for which enrollments have been received. This is probably about two-thirds of our total enrollment for the year.

Particularly pleasing is the number of entirely new clubs that have started up this year. Among these is a health club at Grove; three clothing and one cooking club at Ontario; two clothing and cooking clubs at Vale; a clothing and a cooking club at Jefferson; a clothing and cooking club at Cairo; and a livestock club at Arock. A few additional new clubs are pending. And of course several of the established clubs have new adult leaders.

New Leaders Take Over

Among the men and women who are leading 4-H clubs for the first time are the following:

For health clubs, Mrs. Betsy Dawes, Juntura; Mrs. Guy Hills, Grove; Mrs. Josephine Howard, and Mrs. Phyllis Becker, Vale.

For home economics club, Mrs. T. A. Curtis, Mrs. Shigeo Murakami, Mrs. V. A. Holady, Cairo; Mrs. William Conger, Mrs. Clarence Hughes, Mrs. D. P. Bailey, and Mrs. H. G. Long, Ontario; Mrs. D. D. McKay, Mrs. Frank Coleman, Harper; Mrs. Nolan Field, Grove; Mrs. John Kenney, Willowcreek; Mrs. Frank Kendall, Mrs. Allan Hainline, Ironside; Mrs. Phillip Congrove, Mrs. Clyde Long, Mrs. E. E. Davis, Mrs. Walter Lennieux, and Mrs. A. R. Kochsmeier, Vale; Mrs. Mamara Wakasugi and Mrs. George Hashitani, Jefferson; Mrs. Orland White, Arcadia; Mrs. Keith Tallman, Ridgeview; Mrs. Mabel Andrews, Big Bend; Mrs. Helen Hammons, Arock.

In Livestock clubs, Tom Brigrance, John Lequerica, Arock; Mrs. Dorothy Fenne, Grove; Cecil Houston, Arcadia; Charles Pickthorne, Ontario; Bob Thompson, Hyline.

Malheur 4-H Leaders Council

The program for the February meeting of the Malheur 4-H Leaders council will hinge around national contests and awards. We will go over these in detail, explaining the requirements of the different contests, who is eligible, what records should be kept, etc. Although entry in these contests will not take place until August, it is very important that club members start preparing their records now.

Another item for discussion at this meeting will be dates for the annual 4-H Spring Show. A decision on this is needed now so

Accomplishments Gained in FFA, Vo-Ag Activities

By John Marsh

In shop, I have learned how to weld with both the arc and acetylene welders and how to use the acetylene cutting torch. I learned a little about grinding, force work and soldering. I also learned how to use wood working materials a little better.

In the agriculture class we have been taught how to grade different animals such as swine, beef, dairy, horses, etc. We also were taught the differences between seeds of plants and what and how many proteins different plants have. We learned how much a ton of manure is worth to a farmer and how to test the fertility of soil, etc.

In FFA in my sophomore year I was elected sophomore delegate and I attended state convention in Corvallis. I learned a little about parliamentary procedure. I attended all of the FFA workdays in which I bucked potatoes for the first time and also picked apples for the first time.

In FFA I was the manager of the canteen the latter part of my sophomore year and the first part of my junior year.

Farm Building Credit Available In Malheur County

A line of credit is now available from Farmers Home Administration in this area to improve or build new farm buildings, such as milk houses, loafing sheds, storage facilities, etc., including houses. It may also be used to provide water for household or farmstead use, for borrowers or their tenants.

It is the belief of Harry Featherston, chairman of the Farmers Home Administration committee in Malheur county that many farm owners could improve their

that details can be arranged, judges obtained, etc.

Then plans for the concessions booth at the bull sales sponsored by the state Cattleman's association, and by the Eastern Oregon Hereford breeders will also be threshed out.

Again we want to remind all new 4-H leaders that they are not only welcome, but are urged to attend these 4-H leader council sessions.

Farm and Barn News and Views

By Joe Witly

Farming operations for the past 2 weeks or so have been largely confined to feeding and caring for livestock. The unusual amount of snow has even hindered this operation. Many of the farmers have had their water lines frozen and some have had difficulty starting their tractors used in feeding the livestock. Dallas Chaney was unable to go to Baker to the District FFA contests because their water lines were frozen the morning we were to leave.

Talking about feeding operations bring to my mind the cattle feeding program of Sam Hartley. It is interesting and some of the farmers would probably gain some valuable information by looking over the set-up.

Mr. Hartley is presently feeding 400 head of cattle. The cattle have been purchased from Baker, Burns, Caldwell, Ontario and Hereford. The steers and heifers are divided according to age and weight. The largest pen has 128 steers.

Each pen of cattle is being fed according to age and size. The larger steers are getting 2 pounds of stillbirth, 2 pounds of beet pulp, and 12 pounds of chopped alfalfa hay. A lot of 50 smaller heifers weighing about 550 lbs. are receiving 1 pound of stillbirth, 1 pound of beet pulp, 2 pounds of barley, 20 pounds of corn silage, plus some chopped alfalfa hay. All the cattle seem to be doing exceptionally well.

Brent Hartley recently sold the

farm buildings and increase the potential earnings of their farms. The importance of getting maximum production to meet operating costs cannot be overemphasized. Nationally, 1700 loans have been made during the past seven months for building purposes.

In addition to being a farm owner, the applicant must receive substantial gross income from the farm and other sources to meet family living and farm operating expenses in order to repay his loan and other debts.

Farm housing loans are repayable over periods up to 33 years at 4 percent interest and are secured by a mortgage on the farm.

Farm owners and families operating part-time farms may obtain information about these loans at the Farmers Home Administration office in Ontario each Monday.

Regional FFA Contest Won by Nyssa; Adrian, Nyssa Youths Rate Honors

Adrian FFA

Nyssa FFA

Adrian—Placing first in the parliamentary procedure contest at the annual regional FFA meet in Baker last Wednesday and Thursday was the team from Adrian's FFA chapter, of which Donald Ashcraft was chairman. The first place award entitles the team to enter a district contest to be held at LaGrande Feb. 16.

Other members of the team were Kenneth Fenn, Brent Hartley, James McKinley, Richard Lovitt and Jim Thomson.

Bill Looney brought additional honors to the chapter by winning first place in the speaking contest and second in spelling. Ronnie Smith walked away with top honors in the seed identification contest.

Other placements were by Thomson, who was third in carpentry; Richard Clubb, third in soldering and Lovitt, third in electrical splicing.

The Adrian chapter placed third in the overall contest with 22 points.

fat pigs he was raising as an FFA project. He sold them at the age of 5 1/2 months. The pigs averaged 245 pounds each. It cost Brent 13 cents per pound to raise the pigs and he sold them for 18 cents per pound. This allowed Brent 5 cents per pound profit. The fat pigs were self fed ground wheat and barley mixed. They also received a protein supplement which was self fed.

January 30 and 31 the annual regional FFA skills contest was held in Baker. Chapters competing were Adrian, Nyssa, Halfway, Ontario, Baker and Vale.

Nyssa managed to top the contest with 36 points, with Vale trailing very close with 35 for second place. Third placing Adrian had 22 points, Baker, 20, Ontario 12 and Halfway 3 points.

Nyssa boys placing were, in soldering, Kent Ashby, second, and also first in electrical work. Lowry Flake placed first in forge work, second for his project book, and second place in public speaking. Larry Hickman placed third in seed identification.

Keith Child placed first in arc welding, first in talent, second in gas welding, and third in hog calling. The Nyssa chapter also had first place secretary's book, and first place treasurer's book. Among other events were tool sharpening, carpentry, scrapbooks, spelling and stunt performance.

The Nyssa chapter received third place in parliamentary procedure with Adrian first and Vale second. The boys on the parliamentary team were Eric Boenig, Marvin Udlinek, Lowry Flake, Dennis Spitz, Stanley Sisson and Larry Hickman.

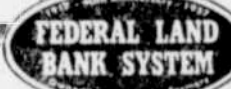
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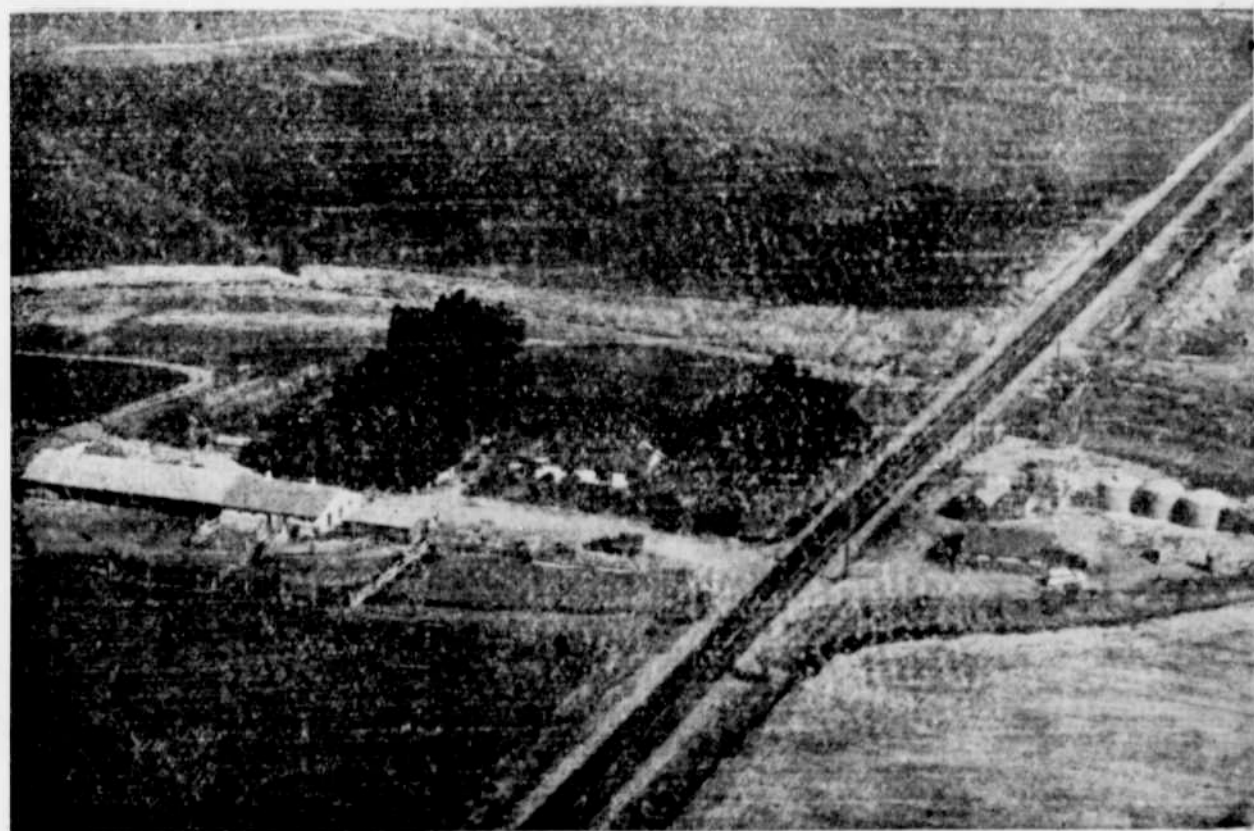
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