

Adrian High School "Farmer" Reports On FFA Vocational Work

By Dallas Chaney

Since I joined FFA and vocational agriculture in the fall of 1953 I have learned many basic things including all phases of shop work, judging of animals, public speaking and parliamentary procedure. I also have learned quite a lot about the care of animals and crops.

My supervised farming program my freshman year included seven acres of barley, seven head of registered herefords, four fattening swine and one steer, which I showed at the Malheur county fair.

To start my sophomore year, I was awarded the swine chain from the chapter. Also in my project in my sophomore year I purchased two dairy heifers and six weaner pigs. I also owned seven herefords. During my sophomore year I was in the chapter speech finals.

At the start of my junior year I was fifth high livestock judge at the county fair and was a member of the first place county judging team that went to Salem to the state judging contest. Later that year I was elected treasurer

of the Adrian chapter. At our banquet I was awarded the farm electrification award.

During that year I was also a member of the state parliamentary team. The projects I had that year were: 20 acres of grain, five acres of alfalfa, 12 head of herefords, two head dairy, six head fattening hogs and one fat steer.

At the county fair at the start of my senior year I was chosen to be a member of the judging team which came out first in the county and 11th in the state. At the beginning of the year I was elected vice president of the chapter and later in the year was moved up to president. At the 16th annual banquet of our chapter I was awarded the farm mechanics award.

At the state convention held in La Grande last week I was awarded the state farmer degree. My projects for this year are: 20 acres of crops, 11 head of beef and four head of dairy.

Besides the awards mentioned above I have received a letter each year. Letters are awarded to the top one-third of the chapter. Out of all this I have learned to get along with people by coming in contact with them.

Altogether I have traveled almost 3,000 miles on FFA activities. It has been very educational and I would urge all boys to take FFA and vocational agriculture if it is offered in the high school.

Farm and Barn News and Views

By LeRoy Pulliam

This past week I attended the 29th Oregon State Future Farmer convention in La Grande. Approximately 600 boys from all over the state started arriving Sunday and stayed until Thursday. As host city, La Grande had the welcome mat out for all the boys. The La Grande Chamber of Commerce coordinated the lodging and the boys stayed in the motels and hotels in La Grande.

Each of the eighty-four chapters in Oregon sent two delegates to carry on the state functions of FFA. Since these boys spend nearly 8 hours a day in session, most chapters bring two alternates to fill the chairs when the delegates get tired.

The top two percent of the total Future Farmer membership were awarded the degree of State Farmer. In our area this award was won by Stanley Sisson, Larry Hickman and Duane Drydale, Nyssa, and Bill Looney and Dallas Chaney of Adrian. Malheur county was also very fortunate in that Frank Yraegen of Vale not only received the State Farmer degree but was elected state vice president for the coming year.

Dan Dunham, last year's national president from Lakeview, showed pictures and gave a talk on his recent trip to Japan. He and Dr. Tenny of the Office of Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C., spent 3 months in Japan helping and examining the programs of the Future Farmers in Japan. They run their vo-ag, and Future Farmer work very similar to ours here in America. Dan explained that they are very friendly people and he enjoyed his visit there very much.

Roger Knutson, national vice president of Pacific region, Livingston, Mont., attended and brought greetings from the national level and helped out on committee work. Greetings were also presented by Miss Colleen Simper, FHA state president from Newport.

We give six top awards in the state for which the boy receives a \$100 check for being tops. These were Adin Hester, Canby, public speaking; Mike Ringas, West Linn, farm mechanics; Dennis Haney, Eugene, rural electrification; Adin Hester, Canby, soil and water; Don Scott, Cottage Grove, star farmer. On a chapter basis the North Marion chapter won the farm safety award for doing the most in the promotion of farm safety.

The parliamentary contest was



4-H CLUB ACTIVITIES

By County Extension Agents

Spring 4-H Show

The Malheur county 4-H leaders council met last Wednesday and set the dates for the annual 4-H club spring show June 4, 5, 6, and 7. The show will be in the Ontario high school as it has been for the last few years. Those of you who have been 4-H club members before know that this is the show, during which the members of home economics 4-H clubs have the opportunity to exhibit that work which they have done during the year in their project meetings, and to enter competition in contests. I have listed below the contests which club members will have the opportunity to enter demonstration contests, and this includes cookery

very interesting. While Vale placed only fifth in the state we are very proud of them in that it is one of the most difficult contests in which a group of boys can participate.

Last but not least concerning the convention—this chapter has been winning first in the district secretary's books for three years. This year we won first in the state, an honor of which any secretary can be proud. Stanley Sisson is "pencil pusher" for the Nyssa chapter.

The farmers of this area should not feel too badly about the weather and the mud. The farmers in the La Grande area are having similar difficulties. I talked with two farmers who had their tractors stuck in the field. One said he did not know whether he was rushing Spring or whether spring was going to be rushing him.

demonstration, dairy foods demonstration, bread baking demonstration, clothing and miscellaneous demonstration contests. Other contests are cake baking, dollar dinner, bread baking, wool sewing, flour measuring and the dress review contest.

Junior Leaders

The junior 4-H leaders met this last week at Shirley Skippers home in the Owyhee community. The major items on the program included an installation ceremony, Barbara Hickman, Nyssa, in charge. Progress report and discussion on the 4-H club annual led by Lynn Hoffman, editor, Cairo, and E. M. Hauser and Miss Johnston led a discussion on record keeping. The next meeting will be the 3rd Tuesday night in April.

Community Meetings

We mentioned some meetings in the various communities of the county week before last in this column, and stated we would give more information concerning these when dates were definite. Since this time we have received dates from several of the communities. The club members and leaders in the Cairo, Arcadia and Valley View communities plan to meet March 21 in the Valley View schoolhouse at 4:30 p.m., the Juntura and Beulah communities plan to meet Friday, March 22 at 3:00 p.m. in the Juntura school, Arook and Jordan Valley will meet Saturday, March 23. The Arook group will meet in the morning and Jordan Valley in the afternoon. We are not sure as to the meeting place for the Arook group, but the Jordan Valley group will meet at Mrs. Maxine Yturraspe's home from 2 to 4 p.m.

The club members and leaders from Harper will meet at 3:30 in the Harper school and Ironside set March 30 as the date for their meeting time, 10 to 12 a.m.

Don't Forget

The junior 4-H leaders have planned a radio program for Monday night, March 25. Mary Long and Gloria Keith, Vale View, have planned and will present this program as guests of Earl Jones, farm director, KSRV, at 7:30 p.m.

USDA Outlines Insect Control

Help for homeowners in combating lawn pests is available in a USDA bulletin "Lawn Insects and How to Control Them."

Some lawn insects live in the soil and attack plant roots, some feed on plant leaves and stems and others suck plant juices.

Pests such as chiggers, ticks and fleas may inhabit lawns. They do not damage the grass, but their bites are painful and annoying to people. Also, certain ticks may transmit diseases, including tick fever and tularemia.

Treatments to control these insects are inexpensive. A single insecticide application may control underground pests for several

years. Grass treated for chiggers, ticks and fleas will usually remain free of these pests for several weeks.

Considering the extensive damage some lawn insects cause, use of an insecticide is cheaper in the long run than reseeding. One mole cricket, for example, can destroy several square yards of a newly seeded lawn in a single night.

USDA's bulletin describes 33 lawn insects, tells how to locate them, lists effective insecticides and gives directions on how and when to use them. Single copies of "Lawn Insects and How to Control Them" Home and Garden bulletin No. 53 are free on request. Write to Office of Information USDA, Washington 25, D.C.

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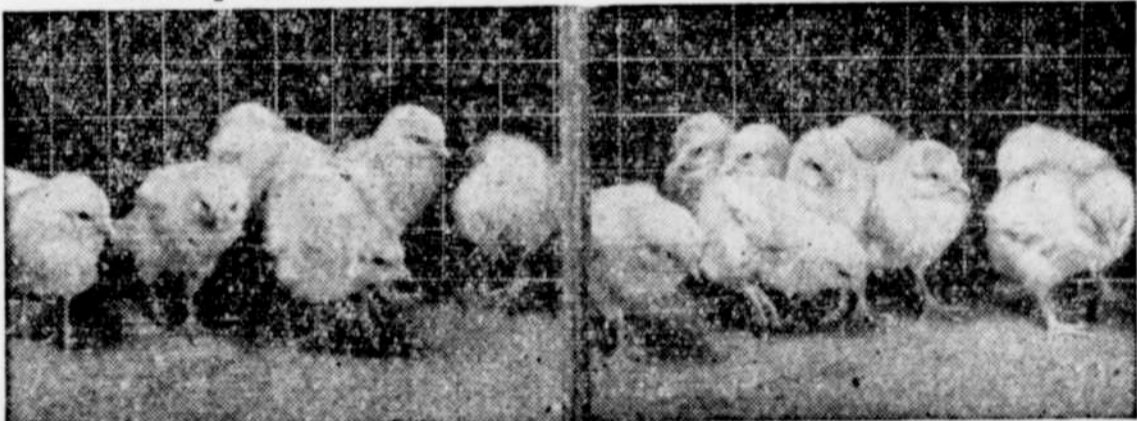
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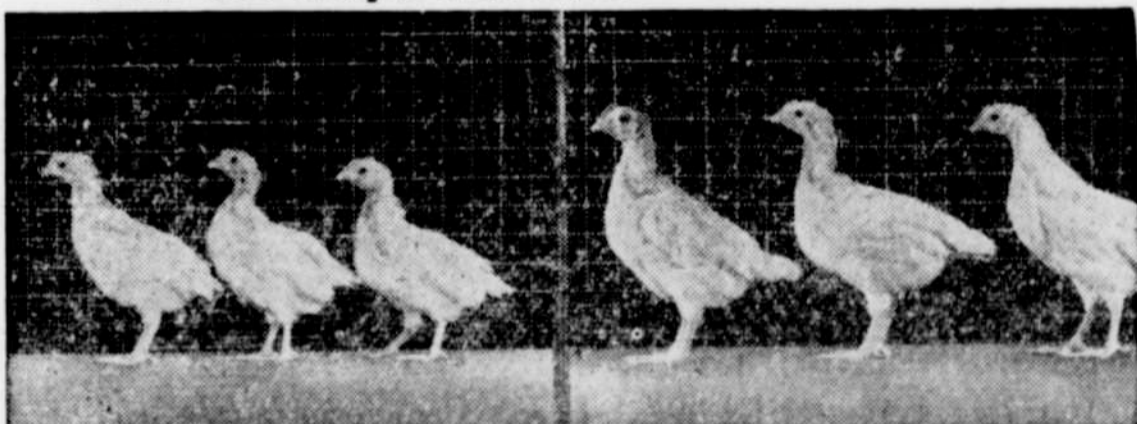
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