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Agriculture's Youth In Action

One of the best examples of youth in action on the American scene today is the FFA, the national organization for students studying vocational agriculture in the public high schools. It is an organization run by the student-members under adult guidance.

Soon after vocational agriculture became a subject in many of the nation's high schools in 1917, instructors became aware of the need to provide practical training beyond the traditional classroom approach. Their idea was to make the instruction more interesting by making practical work experience, competitive livestock judging, and agricultural leadership development activities part of the instruction. Vocational agriculture instructors and students eagerly accepted the learn by doing principle.

The FFA was founded nationally in 1928 after similar organizations had started in several states. Right from the beginning, the FFA has stressed leadership, cooperation and citizenship—all vital to success in modern agriculture.

Today the FFA has a membership of over 500,000 with chapters in approximately 8,500 high schools throughout the nation. The organization has state associations in all states, except Alaska, and in Puerto Rico.

Vocational agriculture or agribusiness programs are funded in part by the National Vocational Education Acts through the U.S. Office of Education, state departments of education and the local school systems. The FFA operates under a federal charter granted by an Act of Congress in 1950 (Public Law 740, 81st Congress). The charter provides for a national board of directors and a board of student officers elected from the membership.

FFA activities are specifically designed to be a part of the instructional program in vocational agriculture. Members learn through active participation how to conduct and take part in public meetings, how to speak in public, and how to take a leadership role in their school and community.

Each local chapter and each state association elects its own officers each year. In all cases the teacher of vocational agriculture is the advisor of the local FFA chapter and the State supervisor of agricultural education is the advisor of the state association.

FFA members have full opportunity to practice the principles of democracy in conducting the affairs of their organization by exercising their privilege to vote at chapter meetings, serve on committees, and otherwise assist in carrying on the work of their organization. Elected delegates to the state and national conventions, held each year, are asked to decide on major issues facing the organization.

Advancement through the degrees in the organization from the Green Hand through the Chapter Farmer, State Farmer, and American Farmer or Agribusinessman is based on achievement in farming, ranching, or agribusiness careers.

Nearly 8,500 public high schools have FFA chapters. One of the requirements for membership in FFA is that a student be enrolled in vocational agriculture. Students may retain their membership until they are 21.

Competition is a key element of the FFA from the chapter to the national level. Each year the FFA recognizes more than 80,000 members at local, state and national levels for outstanding achievement in activities related to agriculture career and leadership development.

Funds for awards are provided by more than 800 businesses, organizations, and individuals that sponsor FFA programs through the National FFA Foundation, Inc. The Foundation provides nearly half a million dollars to make the incentive awards available to deserving FFA members in the following award programs: Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman awards, 19 agricultural proficiency awards, public speaking, national chapter awards, national chapter safety, Building Our American Communities Awards, national judging contests, establishment in agriculture awards, and through state initiated programs for improving agricultural leadership.

Recent food shortages in this country have reaffirmed the need for continuing a strong program of vocational agriculture and the FFA. Thus there is a bright future for trained agriculturists ready to serve America.

People and Events At St. Bridget's Church

Twenty-five days to celebrate the 25th anniversary of St. Bridget's parish in Nyssa began Sunday, January 30, with a breakfast at the parish hall. Bill Wahlert and crew served eggs, bacon and hotcakes to all. Adrian people also attended the event.

Blessing of the candles was Wednesday, February 2.

Blessing of the throats was Thursday, February 3.

Sunday February 6, coffee and cookies were served after all Masses. Home movies and slides were shown Saturday, February 12, with popcorn served.

A Solemn first communion was Sunday, February 13 at 11 a.m. Mass with coffee-punch and cookies served to all present by the Altar Society and pictures were taken.

Sunday, February 20, after all Masses, pictures were taken of members of the parish by Max Brittingham.

The final event was a social Sunday eve, February 20 at 6 p.m. at the parish hall, a potluck supper was served by

the social committee Pat Perez and Ruth Castro. Merle Towne, Louise Guerra and Deloris Gomez helped with decorating and setting tables. Ham, rolls punch and coffee were furnished by the parish. Janis Sillonis baked a large cake beautifully decorated in white with yellow flowers and 25 stars.

This was former Pastor night. Father Rembert Ahles who now works in Huntington Beach, California was a special guest. There were 120 present who enjoyed the dinner and evening.

Youth Rally

Youth Rally Friday night, 7:30 p.m., at the Penticostal Church, 7th & Emission. Refreshments served, and everyone welcome.

More Than 500,000 Students Of Vocational Agriculture Are Members Of The FFA



Letter to the Editor

To the Editor and Citizens of Malheur County: I would like to call to the attention of the Citizens of Malheur County a problem which is rapidly becoming a very critical matter.

Federal Legislation was passed in 1976 which authorized payments of moneys in lieu of taxes from the Federal Government to the various Counties who had Public lands of money "in lieu of taxes." The money from that Bill when paid to Malheur County will amount to a sum near \$600,000.00. The Bill authorizes such payment in each of the next five fiscal years. The initial effect of course is to provide Malheur County with new revenues and we will undoubtedly be happy to receive them. The consequential effect of receiving \$600,000.00 a year is to reduce the County's general budgetary needs by approximately \$600,000.00 of a \$900,000.00 budget.

This effect is potentially harmful in that it will reduce the County's Tax Base by two-thirds and at the end of the five years of plenty we will have a very long struggle because the lack of the \$600,000.00 for Tax Base will result in the loss to the County of two-thirds of the services which the Citizens of this County are presently receiving.

It would seem logical that we would try to seek out a method by which we could have the benefit of the receipt of this \$3,000,000.00 over the next five years without having the loss of services and financial stability which the county also needs. The next question is what is being done to resolve the problem.

It would be my suggestion that authorizing legislation be enacted during this Legislative year which would enable the County to maintain a Trust for the production of income, which income would be a direct off-set against the Tax levy for general County budgetary purposes.

The possibility of obtaining six per cent of \$3,000,000.00 in the succeeding years to reduce the County budget is a goal which I submit would be consistent with the purpose for which these payments are being made and by having the money go in to a Trust for future years, would not presently endanger the Tax Base which the County now has. It would be my further suggestion that only ninety percent of the income from that Trust would be paid as an off-set against Taxes in any one year, so that ten percent of that income would go back into the principal of the Trust and be a hedge against inflation. There is a further happy thought that the possibility remains that the Federal Government may see fit to extend the time of the payments and thus enlarge the Trust so that an even greater portion of the annual County budget could be paid for from the income from such Trust.

In any event, a continued

long term use of the funds is not possible, and a loss of the County Tax Base is not only probable but almost inevitable, unless prompt action is taken to get Legislation through in this Legislative Session which will enable such a Trust to be created. Pressure will have to be brought to bear so that those in a position to assist and encourage such Legislation will feel the necessity to act promptly.

Please call the members of the County Court and make your feelings known and write to them or to Denny Jones, your State Representative at the Oregon House of Representatives, Statehouse, Salem, Oregon 97310. Very truly yours, Cliff Looney P.O. Box 430 Vale, Oregon 97918

Editor, the Journal:

This letter is written in support of public kindergarten for all children. Only two states, Mississippi and Oregon, are without this foundation of basic education. Even in Oregon 101 of the 310 school districts have recognized the absolute necessity of this experience for their children. The children in the 209 remaining districts do not have equal educational opportunities. As they move within the state and nation, they will already be one year behind. House Bill 2331 seeks to correct this.

Research verifies that early childhood education programs raise I.Q.'s by as much as 10 to 15 points. A child develops 80% of his or her mature intelligence between birth and age 8.

As the House and Senate Education Committees begin defining basic education, we urge public support for recognition of kindergarten as the foundation of basic education.

Sue Pifer-Chairman
Prineville Branch
Oregon Division
American Association
of University Women

Kingman Kolony News

By Dale Wier

A week ago Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Moir and son Mathew of Mountain City, Nevada called on Mrs. Charles Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig Dennis of Petterson, Washington were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Osborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes and family went to Bully Creek Sunday. They walked to the lake. It was frozen at least a foot down. There was a big crack six inches wide that went clear across the lake. The ice was 12 to 16 inches thick there. Some were fishing in the holes in the ice, but they did not have an auger to make the hole.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gordon of Caldwell and Janeen Kygar of Ontario were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kygar.

To Russia With Love

The public is cordially invited to view this exciting and informative film to be shown at the Nyssa Nazarene Fellowship Hall Sunday morning. A free will offering for Bibles will be received at the close of the showing.

This gripping motion picture speaks to the heart. Many of the shots were filmed inside Russia and give eloquent testimony to the fact that hunger for the Word of God is very real in that land of multiple closed churches. It graphically portrays life today for many thousands of Christians in the communist third of the world.

Secret arrangements were made in advance for an English-speaking Russian Christian to rendezvous with a UE photographer on a visit to Russia. The two met quietly at the appointed hour, and for the next few weeks our cameraman captured a revealing glimpse of the underground church at worship. He found himself deeply moved by what he saw...the closed churches, the status of Christians living

under communism. To Russia with Love faithfully records all this.

An actual border crossing, which helps portray Underground Evangelism's wide-scale, Bible-smuggling ministry, is also seen.

During the first part of the film, the voice of Stefan Bankov, a young Christian lay pastor whose escape to the West with his wife and two children is dramatized in the film, is heard speaking in Bulgarian. English overtones are those of our narrator.

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United Methodist Church News

The United Methodist Church and the Rev. Jim Monroe welcome you to all church activities.

Thursday, February 24 - Special Lenten Study, "The Light Overcomes Darkness," 12 noon.

Sunday, February 27 - Prayer Service, 9 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, The beginning of a series of Lenten sermons on "God's Gift of Hope." This week's topic is "Key to Courage," 11 a.m.

This is Evangelism Sunday—Everybody bring a friend. Potluck fellowship dinner followed by a Sing-a-long. Communion will follow at 2 p.m.

Thursday, March 3 - General meeting of Women's Society, at the church, 2 p.m.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH NOTES

Thursday, February 24 - Confirmation instructions, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 27 - Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service, Evangelism Sunday, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 1 - Adult Bible Study at Grace Lutheran in Vale.

Wednesday, March 2 - Choir rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Lenten service, 8 p.m.

Church council 8:45 p.m.

Thursday, March 3 - Confirmation instruction, 6:30 p.m.

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We are now in the season of Lent which is a special time of preparation, as we prepare our hearts and lives for the suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

First Southern Baptist Church

Old-Fashioned Day will be celebrated February 27 at the First Southern Baptist Church, Fruitland. Pastor Kirby will be wearing a cut-away coat with other leaders of the church wearing similar costumes. Pastor Kirby will want to remind people to bring antique items for display, also bring their cameras to preserve the spirit of the day for future years.

Mrs. Nadine Thompson, the song leader has selected old-fashioned songs. There will also be some old-fashioned testimonies. The public is invited to attend.

The youth of the church will hold a talent show March 20. All the youth who play instruments are asked to bring them each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. There will be duets, quartets, solos, etc., by the young people. The junior choir will also be featured.

Each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m., the Young People's Bible Club meets in the fellowship hall, under the leadership of Mrs. Bob Belvoir. They went to the 88c store where they shopped for arts and craft items, then out for ice-cream and fellowship before returning to the church.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the ladies of the First Christian Church for serving dinner to the family of John Lane. A special thanks to all friends and neighbors for the memorials, flowers, food, cards and kind words of sympathy.

Hazel Lane
Mr. and Mrs. Max Le-Grande and family
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MR. AND MRS. DWIGHT SEWARD, Nyssa, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price, Adrian, were among the more than 3,000 delegates and visitors attending the 46th Annual Stockholders Meeting of CENEX (Farmers Union Central Exchange, Inc.).

The theme of the meeting, "Growing with the Country," emphasized the growth of CENEX and local cooperatives. CENEX President J. G. Tvedt told the delegates that the cooperative had record-high sales for the year, totaling \$570,597,569.

Church Directory

Nazarene Church News

Thursday, February 24 - Annual Adult Banquet to be held at the Charolais Restaurant in Ontario, 7 p.m.

Sunday, February 27 - Morning Prayer at the Church, 7 a.m.

Christian Education Classes, 9:45 a.m.

Children's Churches, 11 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Choir practice, 6:30 p.m.

Evening Gospel Hour, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 1 - Ladies Bible Study at the home of June Sloan, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 2 - Bible Study at the Nursing Home, 4 p.m.

Midweek Service for Caravans, Teens, and Adults, 7:30 p.m.

Orchestra practice following Bible Study.

THANK YOU!

We wish to thank those who gave us the lovely cards and gifts we received at our housewarming party. We appreciate them all very much. Special thanks to Adele Dockter and Irma Sillonis for giving the party.

Sincerely,
Dick and Joan Stam

Park Avenue Baptist Church

Sunday, February 27 - Sunday School classes for all ages, 10 a.m.

Worship Service in the sanctuary with message by Pastor Dale Mitchell, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, March 1 - Youth group meets in church basement. Project is fabric painting. All young people invited, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2 - Prayer meeting and Bible study at Paul Penrod home, 617 North 2nd Street, 7 p.m.

Monday, March 7 - Youth skating party (families invited) in Caldwell.

Conservative Baptist Church News

Sunday, February 27 - Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Evening Worship, 7 p.m.

Hi-Time, 8 p.m.

Monday, February 28 - Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 2 - Women's prayer meeting, at the home of Lillian Zittercob, 9:30 a.m.

AWANA, 6:30 p.m.

Bible study and prayer, 8 p.m.

Choir practice, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 4 - Men's Prayer group at Bauman's Inc., on Main Street.

Christian Church News

Friday, February 25 - Women's Bible Study at the home of Hazel Smith, 9:30 a.m.

Good News Club at the church, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 26 - Youth Group Prayer Meeting at the church 10 p.m.

Sunday, February 27 - Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service 11 a.m.

Youth Group Meeting 6 p.m.

Choir Practice, 7 p.m.

Last week we heard a very good tape by Jerry Lucas, this week we will have one by Mrs. Jerry Lucas.

Monday, February 28 - Work Day at the homes of Frances Focht and Donna McMillen, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, March 2 - Bible Study and Prayer meeting, place to be announced, 7:30 p.m.

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May we take this method of thanking our neighbors and friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in our bereavement. These expressions have been deeply appreciated.

The Rod Cowgill family

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