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ONE FACET OF F.F.A.

A very important part of F.F.A. training is Judging-- being able to evaluate atimate or inatimate objects, and give reasons to justify your placing. Oakdale has placed very high in state-wide competition In the past and looks to do very well this year also. There are many kinds of team judging, to meet the interest of just about every member.

During the winter there are Tree and Vine Pruning teams and a Parliamentary Procedure team. Those involved in spring judging can compete on teams such as these: Livestock, Ag Mechanics, Horses, Dairy, Records, Tree

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F.F.A. Week draws attention to activities

The Oakdale F.F.A. and its 120 members are celebrating National F.F.A. Week--Feb. 15 to 25--during the week of George Washington's birthday. Being a farmer and our first president, he is a symbol of the treasurer's office in the F.F.A.

The 1974-75 officers are:

Joe Amaral--Pres.

Mike Grohl--V. Pres.

Skip Wright--Treas.

Janice Brooks--Sec.

Bob Albertoni--Reporter

Julie Raef--Sentinel

Paul Wedegaertner--Photographer

Bill Bryan--Chaplin

Christy Richards--Scrap book

The F.F.A. has had a very busy fall semester of activities, but the spring traditionally is their busiest time of year. A quick list runs as follows...

The Parliamentary Procedure team will represent our county in Regional competition.

Local project competition will be held Feb. 17, with Dave Bruce, Leonard Bianchi and Tom Lewis serving as judges.

The Greenhands will put up displays and posters for F.F.A. week, and at least fifteen

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A look at the Coop Comm.

The Coop. committee has many responsibilities. A few of these are as follows:

1. Repair and maintain Chapter-owned equipment.
2. Keep track of show equipment.
3. Build new storage areas and equipment.
4. Keep track of buying and selling of feed.
5. Care for the chapter-owned livestock.

This year's Coop committee has nine members. They are:

Tim Reed, Brian Pritchard, Bill Banducci, Joe Lang, Bill Swift, Liz Amaral, Tammy Mendonsa, Paul Wedegaertner, and John Mendes.

The Chapter buys feed in bulk quantities and stores this feed in large bins behind the Ag Department. The F.F.A. members then buy the feed from the Chapter. The members are able to save money this way, because the chapter buys the feed at bulk prices and passes the savings on

to them.

Members also have access to Chapter-owned equipment. There is assorted livestock equipment for the care of the kids' animals, so they won't have to buy such equipment for one or two animals.

Through the Coop committee, members also have access to two registered Suffolk rams and a registered Duroc boar (all three owned by the Chapter). The members pay a breeding fee to use them, and this money goes back to the Chapter to pay for feed, and the purchase of replacement animals.

JUDGING (con't)

judging, Soils, and Meats.

These teams are coached by Ag teachers. Members practice at noon, after school, and on weekends. They plan to participate at Merced JC, Modesto JC, and Delta JC field days. Fresno State Field Day is the statewide major contest just before the state championship meet at Cal Poly the first week in May. Several of the OHS teams could

make it to the state finals.

Many judging team members discover and develop career interests while involved in these judging contests, and many have gone on to college because of these contacts and activities. Being a member of a judging team that does well can be a highlight of an F.F.A. member's high school life.

Why the minute hands have stopped

OHS clocks have been on the blink lately. For an in-depth explanation of this strange occurrence, we turned to OHS Principal Robert Scherer.

Mr. Scherer informed us that last year also at about this time, OHS clocks started acting up to the disappointment of many clock watchers. A clock fix man said that the diamonds in the air together with the old fashioned winding system made the gears quit turning regularly. All we can do is wait for the weather to fix up to go on to counting the minutes until the bell rings.



LONGEST BUS RIDERS IN CAPTIVITY?

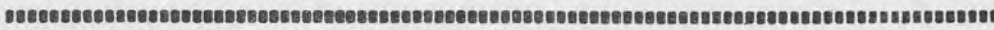
Most students of OHS go to school for four years, right? But here's an example of two who will go for nearly the equivalent

of five years. These select few are Evelyn and Judy McCoy of La Grange.

At the end of their internship at OHS, Ju-

dy and Evelyn will have traveled 42,240 miles apiece to and from school. That's 84,480 combined miles, or 60 miles a day for each girl. At least they get to ride! Do you realize that if the Real McCoys started in Oakdale and traveled 84,480 straight miles, they could circle the globe about 3.5 times?

Evelyn and Judy, junior and sophomore respectively, spend two hours on the bus every day. By the time they graduate, each will have spent 42,240 hours riding. This comes to 845 class periods, or 141 school days (almost another full year). When asked what she did with those long, long hours, Judy replied, "My sister and I talk." 42,240 hours of talking! That's a feat one would imagine even ol' Howie Cosell would be envious of.



Huh?

KELLEY HAMBY got a black eye while unplugging her stove...ROBERT FOWLER is still struggling with his guitar, but his playing leaves a lot to be desired as of last report...ROBYN DORIUS won first place in novice vaulting at a recent gymnastics meet, just by jumping over a horse...RICK MORGAN is President! Not of anything as awe-inspiring as the country, but of the Frosh-Soph Parliamentary Procedure team in F.F.A.... JIM and LYNN HAUSER are moving to Hershey, Penn. to become sole heirs

of the Hershey fortune (well...)... JANE MARTIN got straight "A's," except for P.E.--but who's nit-picking?...DIANE ECKBLOM made the F.F.A. Parliamentary Procedure team, as a reporter--a most honorable position ...RANDYSTAAL can reportedly drive his blue Vega like Evel Knevel on a bad day...DID YOU KNOW Barbara Shuck and Jenny Blake are not identical twins?...JIM FISICARO has his wheels from Haidlen's--it's a groovy (?) Rancho.



'75 Sweetheart

The five finalists for the 1975, Oakdale F. F. A. sweetheart were: Cheryl Ichord, Karen Schwab, **Julie** Gibson, Janice Brooks, and Julie Raef.

The finalists were chosen out of a group of nine girls last November when they were interviewed by the F. F. A. advisors and sweetheart committee. The members of the chapter voted at the November meeting and made the last decision on who will be the 1975 Sweetheart.

This year's sweetheart is Julie Raef. She is very active in all school activities including President of Girls' Block "O", gymnastics team, girls' tumbling, and 1975 Asilomar Girls. Julie is the first F. F. A. girl to be chosen chapter sweetheart by the Oakdale F. F. A.

The lucky girl will compete in the State F. F. A. Sweetheart Contest--held April 19--as well as the State Judging Day at Fresno State College. Our Sweetheart will also attend other judging days and F. F. A. activities, and be recognized as the Oakdale Chapter F. F. A. Sweetheart complete with official jacket.

F.F.A. MEMBERS

The Oakdale Chapter of America is sending s at the Junior Grand Nat held at the Cow Palace 21-25. F. F. A. membe swine are John Gregory Wedegartner (all showing crossbred); Joe Amaral bred. Sheep exhibitors ing one Suffolk lamb); D one registered ewe and Cassie Malcorn (showing and Julie Raef (showing

Patty Amaral showed 1974, but for the rest o be their first time exhibi They will be competing in swine, and 600 exhib Livestock Show--combi and dairy--there will b itors.

The members purcha Mr. Bill Bloomingcamp swine from Mr. Gene B Calif. The F. F. A. wou for the excellent quality

The livestock and she hauled up to the Cow Pa High School Agriculture exhibitors will stay for fi the Cow Palace. Mikki oning the girls during t former Oakdale High g Fresno State Universit ing in Agriculture Econ the boys will be Mr. P ture instructor at Oakd

The Livestock Show on Saturday. The mar held in the Sale Pavilli in the swine barn. Fo will be a livestock auct will be in the swine ba Sale in the Sale Pavilli livestock is usually bid

SHOW AT COW PALACE

The Future Farmers
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price so that the exhibitor, with all the expen-
ses and time spent on the animal, may come
out with a profit. At the Stanislaus
County Junior Livestock Auction the Oakdale
F. F. A. is very well supported. But showing
out of the area makes it more difficult to raise
a good price at the auction. Any support from
the public and businesses would be greatly
appreciated. The F. Farmers are looking
forward to this event, and this support would
help the Oakdale F. F. A. come out ahead in
National Competition.

ACTIVITIES (con't)

members collected for the 1975 March of Dimes.

Joe Amaral and Mike Grohl will be delegates
to the Regional and State Convention.

Many judging teams will compete in contests
at Merced JC, Modesto JC, Delta JC, Fresno
State, and the State Finals at Cal Poly.

Several members will be showing sheep and
swine at the Jr. Cow Palace in San Francisco.

The F. F. A. will have Open House during
public schools week April 29-May 3rd. The pub-
lic is invited to see the displays and demon-
strations.

The Parent-member banquet is the high point
of the year; community members are recog-
nized for their support, and F. F. A. members
receive their awards and scholarships.

The year is capped off by the Achievement
trip, the County Fair, and the State Fair.

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TYPO OF THE WEEK

By Hiram Hilarity

(ED.'S NOTE: For those of you not hip to journalistic lingo, "typo" is short for "typographical error." This is an occasion when person or persons involved with the production part of the staff mis-type themselves. In all fairness to these backbones of the organization, we should note that said error is most commonly the result of illegible handwriting or typing, not the slip of their well-skilled--and well-oiled, it would appear--fingers.)

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Yes, MORE facts

- 90) Tony Albertoni is shorter than Bart Barringer.
- 91) The Senior class has more members than does the cast for the Spring musical, although one would tend to doubt it.
- 92) Horses do not run free on our campus.
- 93) No one at OHS needs a speeth theraz-ist.
- 94) Many classroom-related materials are printed on a new-fangled "mimeograph" machine.



SENIOR PERSONALITY

This week's Senior Personality is none other than Jackie Fries (not "fries," not "freeze," but "freeze," sort of). If it was someone other than her, we would say so.

This fine, upstanding girl was born in Los Angeles, of all places, 30 January 1957. Birthday wishes, if belated, would still be in order.

Her physical characteristics include brown hair and blue eyes.

Some of Jackie's out-of-school interests include skiing, swimming, and horseback riding. One of her rather unique hobbies is the collection of old bottles.

At school she keeps a fairly low profile, but is an active member of the Ski Club and "J" Club.

Jackie's plans for next year include attending Modesto Junior College. She hopes to earn a living as a Dental Assistant.

Gymnastics

By Kim Rapinchuk

Walk into the old gym any afternoon after school and you'll be hold a most unusual sight. Female bodies flail and fly about clad in, well, let's just say less than the football team members. To the average (male especially) passer-by, this may seem to be a

foolish activity. However, this is the girls' gymnastic team during a work-out.

A sport not only for girls (although they're the only ones to do it on an organized basis at OHS), gymnastics has to be one of the toughest sports around. It takes a lot of concen-

tration, muscle, and coordination to be an above-average gymnast.

Gymnastic meets are generally divided into four events. One is the uneven parallel bars. In this event the gymnast manipulates her- or himself up, over, a round, and about these two bars to form a coordinated routine (remember Olga Korbut at the Munich Olympics?).

Another part of the meet is the floor exercise. Floor exercises combine dancing and tumbling to music on a 40' by 40' area.

Imagine yourself tumbling, leaping, and turning about on a four inch beam, four feet in the air! This takes place on the balance beam. Oakdale's Janice Brooks does this particularly well.

The other part of the gymnastic program is vaulting. The gymnast runs up to a springboard and leaps over the vaulting horse, executing a twist or turn as she (he) does so.

The Oakdale High team is currently the best gymnastics squad in the league. If some of you, even after witnessing one of the meets, still feel it's not as "good" as football, well, try to rationalize it's existence this way--it helps get our girls into (better) shape.

ADVICE FROM

Eddie Ket

The Arcadet has provided you with some useful public services in the past, but this one will be really useful. Let's assume--assume, mind you--that you are a bit socially backwards. Where can you turn to for advice as how to act in trying times??? Good question. In this column, we'll show you by example how to acquire the social graces. We will provide sample "sticky" situations to test your present knowledge, give you some clues as to possible solutions, and then offer appropriate comments.

SITUATION ONE: You are an unsuspecting underclassman walking down a seemingly deserted Senior Court. Suddenly, a large, over-bearing, physically imposing Senior, snobbering with anticipation of a kill, pops out from behind the "SENIOR" hedge. What are you to do?

- Whip out your water pistol?
- Cry "Wolf! Wolf!"
- Choose an alternate route?
- Run like a scared snail?

COMMENT: Actually, we recommend saying something along the lines of "Gee, I love your blue suede shoes" to your oppressor-in this case. We admit it is a rather bad example, however. Who here has been known to cry "Wolf!" in a pressure situation, anyway?

WATCH FOR MORE ADVICE FOR THE "CULTURE VULTURE" NEXT WEEK (OR MAYBE THE WEEK AFTER...)

TOP TEN

FREE BIRD--Billy Birdsong
SALLY G.--Sally Hydash
ONE MAN WOMAN/ ONE
WOMAN MAN--Ken Stanfield
Terri Gonsalves
FIRE--John Gregory
SHAME, SHAME, SHAME--Judy
Valk
SWEET SURRENDER--Soph
Basketball Team
I KNOW (YOU DON'T WANT
ME NO MORE)--Mike House
and Katrina Beglinger
LADY--Ms. Allen
PLEASE MR. POST MAN
Oracle Staff
YOU'RE NO GOOD--Creté
Studios (sometimes...)

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF SOMEBODY SUPER UGLY KISSED YOU?

Angela Drumm--NO
COMMENT!!!
Barbara Shuck--Hit
'im.
Jenny Blake--I'd say,
"Don't touch me,
you moron!"
Tod Andreason--I'd
say, "Hands off
the merchandise."
Niles Spencer--Some-
body already has.
Mavis Adams--I'd
sneeze, because
I'm allergic to
a lot of things.
Paula Baggese--I'd
sock 'im.

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