

MERIDIAN CHAPTER JOINS IN OBSERVING ANNUAL FFA WEEK

Local FFA On Radio Program

The Meridian chapter of the Future Farmers of America will sponsor a radio broadcast over Station KDSH today (Thursday) from 12:15 to 12:30 p.m. It was announced Tuesday by Doran Peterson, class advisor. The broadcast will be part of the observance of National FFA week.

Mr. Peterson said that the local FFA group has also placed an exhibit in the window of the Idaho Power Company office in Meridian outlining the history and objectives of the organization.

Lee Watenpaugh will represent the Meridian chapter at the district public speaking contest to be held today at Weiser. He won first place in the local contest, with LaVoor Banks placing second and Ace Packard, third.

"One of the greatest agricultural conservation programs in existence today is the Future Farmers of America organization," Stanley S. Richardson, state vocational agricultural supervisor said Sunday.

He pointed out that the FFA not only teaches intensified land and livestock management, but urges "preservation of the spirit of community cooperation and leadership that promotes happy and successful farming."

Since 1928 the farm youth fraternity in Idaho alone has grown to over 2500 members in 48 chapters. A sum of \$538,000 is invested in farm projects by these boys, Richardson said.



This week is being observed throughout the nation as FFA week in recognition of the work being done by the Future Farmer of America in promoting better farming. The Meridian high school has the largest FFA chapter in Ada county. Officers of the chapter are pictured above. Seated, left to right, are: Ray Miller, treasurer; Jim Niemann, vice president; Harold Wehr-

man, president; Lavoir Banks, secretary; and Earl Davis, reporter.

First semester officers, standing, are Raymond Lane, sentinel; Leroy Bentzinger, vice president; Doran A. Peterson, chapter advisor and instructor in vocational agriculture at the high school; Claire Biesecker, secretary, and second term sentinel, Don Jasica. Wehrman was elected president both semesters.

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