

All Star Committee
Dear Sirs

In regard to Eugene Fuchs, who has been selected a candidate for All Star from our 4 H Club, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to write this letter about his 4 H work.

This is my second year of 4 H leadership and I have thoroughly enjoyed it. We have a grand organization of boys and girls. Hehe will be seventeen this January and is starting his seventh year of 4 H work. His projects, consisting of a cow and chickens have been very good producers. He is a very dependable boy and shoulders all responsibilities of taking care of them.

He is quite popular in his club and also at High School. Has always been very much

interested in 4 H Club work,
as well as school work in
which his grades are very
good. As far as rural life
is concerned it is "top" with
Gene.

Sincerely yours
Mr. Al Tucker
Tucker 4 H Club
Fresno, Calif.

Eugene Fuchs
Rt. 2, Box 653
Fresno, Calif

All Star Committee.

Dear Sirs:

I am sixteen years old and I have been in club work for six years.

I have participated in club as much as I could. I was elected Vice-President during my third year of club work. I was elected President of our club three years in succession, 1939-40, 1940-41, and 1941-42.

I have been on such committees as, refreshment committee, entertainment committee, and schedule committees.

My attendance at club meetings has been very good. I attended Summer Camp one year, 1940. I was appointed as a delegate from our club to go to the Davis Convention in the fall of 1939 and again I was appointed to go in 1940, but the Convention was not held.

My projects have been of good stock. My cow came from a very good milk producer. Her milk has a very high butter fat content. She has been tested for T.B. two times and has given a negative test. She weights 1200 lbs. She is a Holstein. My chickens are pure bred Rhode Island Reds. Their average weight is 6 ¹/₂ pounds. They are a very healthy flock. Their combs are bright red and their feathers glisten.

I was the Master of Ceremonies when our club entertained the community by putting on a show of motion pictures and songs and music by the members of the club. The audience was served refreshments.

On our last achievement night I gave my citizenship speech on "Young Americans Heritage."

I have helped in such community improvements as, planting a lawn and planting trees on the Temperance School grounds and clearing weeds and branches away from stop signs and road posts.

I have bought my own projects with the money I earned during my summer vacations. I have done my best to make my project better as the slogan "To make the Best Better" implies.

My six years of 4-H Club work have been packed full of work and fun. I've enjoyed it very much and I intend to continue

Very truly yours

Eugene Fuchs

FEB 15 1943

CO-OPERATIVE EXTENSION WORK
IN
AGRICULTURE AND HOME ECONOMICS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
AND
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
CO-OPERATING

EXTENSION SERVICE
FARM ADVISOR WORK
AGRICULTURE CLUB WORK
HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

ROOM 20, U. S. POST OFFICE & COURT HOUSE
FRESNO, FRESNO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

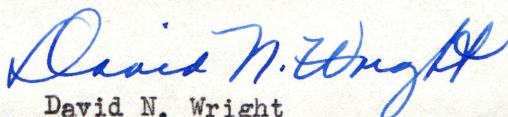
February 12, 1943

Mr. W. G. Waterhouse
Assistant State Club Leader
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Mr. Waterhouse:

Enclosed is a script copy of a program given February 11,
at 12:15 noon by the Fresno County All-Stars, explaining 4-H club
work in our county.

Sincerely yours,



David N. Wright
Assistant County Agent
U. S. D. A.

DNW:FJP
Enc.

ANNOUNCER: Right now I'd like to introduce David Wright, Assistant Farm Advisor of Fresno County. Mr. Wright, I see you have two guests with you.

WRIGHT: Which, in turn, gives me an opportunity to introduce them! This is Miss Barbara Block, a freshman at Fresno State College. She's 17 and an All-Star 4-H Club member.

ANNOUNCER: How do you do, Barbara. And the gentleman with you, Mr. Wright is --

WRIGHT: -- the gentleman you speak of is Eugene Fuchs, a student at Clovis High School. He's 17 and an All-Star 4-H Club member, too.

ANNOUNCER: Well, we're mighty glad to have both of you with us. Barbara, how long have you been a 4-H Club member?

BARBARA: This is my 9th year as a member of the 4-H Club!

ANNOUNCER: Your 9th year. Just what are your duties as a member? How do you spend your time?

BARBARA: I'm studying to be a laboratory technician at present. On weekends I drive a tractor on my father's ranch. Then, of and on, I do work on neighboring ranches.

ANNOUNCER: Driving a tractor?

BARBARA: Driving a tractor.

ANNOUNCER: Well, that takes care of the tractor. For a while anyway. Now, Eugene. What do YOU do with your time?

EUGENE: You already mentioned that I'm a student at the Clovis High School so my day is half-gone right there. Besides school, though, I work on my father's ranch doing general chores round-about. And I have my own dairy cow and calf.

ANNOUNCER: Save that cow, and maybe you'll have a whole herd before long.

EUGENE: They don't multiply quite that fast!

WRIGHT: I might mention, if you'll allow me, that Eugene is quite a leader. He's organized, or re-established should we say, the Fancher Club! Which is quite a feat in itself.

ANNOUNCER: You said just a while back, Mr. Wright, that Eugene and Barbara were both All-Star members of the 4-H! Have they done some outstanding piece of work to gain those titles?

WRIGHT: Yes, they have! Barbara and Eugene are recognized as All-Stars, perhaps because of what they have accomplished during their entire membership span in the 4-H. Barbara, you see, is now in her 9th year. During those nine years, she has accomplished more than her fellow members.

ANNOUNCER: Then Eugene and Barbara can well be proud of their titles.

WRIGHT: And they are, believe me! In April they'll take a trip to the University of California at Berkeley with all expenses paid for a 4-day conference of All-Stars in every county of the State.

ANNOUNCER: How many members are enrolled in the 4-H at present?, Mr. Wright?

WRIGHT: Well, last year there were 540 4-H members in the county. This year, to date, there are 1075.

ANNOUNCER: Almost a 50% increase! To what do you attribute that increase in membership?

BARBARA: The enlistments have gone up mainly because of the war crisis and the part we have to play in the food production effort. The 4-H as a whole has gone all-out in the agricultural effort!

ANNOUNCER: Now THERE'S really good news!

EUGENE: That isn't all, though!

ANNOUNCER: Oh, there's more? Let's have it, Eugene!

EUGENE: We've put our heart and soul into the scrap metal drive. We've gathered more than 10 tons....probably 50 tons or more in the past year!

ANNOUNCER: Oh, man! If that were all steel.....50 tons of scrap metal would be equal to more than 7500 shells!

EUGENE: It isn't ALL STEEL....by it will go a long way to helping the Axis to it's death-bed.

ANNOUNCER: All-in-all, we might say the 4-H Club is an essential occupation. Surely if they keep up with this good work, they'll do a lot for the war effort!

BARBARA: Scrap metal isn't the only thing we've collected. We've salvaged tons and tons of paper on top of that!

ANNOUNCER: That really is good work. Now, there are two points you've brought out in the 4-H club program -- food production and salvage activities. Any more!

BARBARA: There is a third point. We've been active in clothing making and conservation. So far I've completely remade a coat! I plan to do more!

ANNOUNCER: Clothing making and conservation. A third point.

BARBARA: There's a real reason for that, too. Many brothers not yet enlisted or drafted are doing a full-time job on the farm and at home, in addition, maybe, to attending school. Mothers are busier than ever keeping the family and at the same time helping in the farm work. So we assume part of the responsibility in helping with the clothing problems.

ANNOUNCER: You're all doing a swell job! Mr. Wright, we know the three main points in the 4-H club program. Can you tell us the 4-H Club's purpose as a whole!

WRIGHT: Well, the primary purpose of the 4-H WARTIME program is to help boys and girls in the rural areas make the great possible contribution to the war effort. Because the club is composed of boys and girls raised on or living on farms and ranches, one of the most important contributions is that of food production. Many of these boys and girls are going to be farmers and farmerettes. The education they get as a member of the 4-H is invaluable. 4-H club members are from 10 to 21 years old, guided by adult neighborhood leaders. You know the three points, all boiled down. To go into it a little

deeper, this is what the members are engaged in. First, production of foods, fats, and fibers needed for our armed forces, our Allies and for civilian purposes. Second, production and conservation by every farm family of the food needed by the family. Third, conservation of essential materials and equipment and the adjustment of purchases and their use to national requirements for sharing and rationing. Fourth, participation in special wartime activities, such as collecting salvage, controlling inflation, purchasing war bonds and stamps, protection against fire and civilian protection. Fifth, assistance in winning the war by helping to meet farm labor shortages through a re-doubled effort on the home farm. And sixth, development of morale and a sense of responsibility as citizens on the part of rural people in the successful prosecution of the war. All boiled down, you have your three main point: FOOD PRODUCTION, CLOTHING MAKING AND CONSERVATION, SALVAGE ACTIVITIES.

ANNOUNCER: That really is fine program. You say that's your wartime program. How has it affected your usual program....peacetime?

WRIGHT: Well, naturally in order to meet these wartime objectives many adjustments had to be made in the club program. The main incentive in our wartime program is service and sacrifice!

EUGENE: Every 4-H club member realizes the production of food is one of the most important ways in which we can win the war. If we can enlarge our food production project, we do it. Projects that don't have a direct bearing on war needs are discontinued. For instance, I have a dairy cow. Dairy products are becoming more scarce. The need for those products for the armed forces continues to increase. Therefore, more than ever, we have to be sure that an adequate supply of milk comes from the family cow. One cow will serve a family of four. The rest of our dairy products goes directly to

our armed forces, our Allies and to civilians.

WRIGHT:

And before we close our part of the program I'd like to read a letter from the White House, Washington, D. C.

TO ALL 4-H CLUB MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES:

The turn of each year is symbolic of youth and renewed confidence. Never before has a New Year presented to all youth a greater challenge, to do their part in a democratic world. The whole Nation recognizes your self reliance, your steadfast determination to attain your goals, and your patriotic devotion as individuals and as a group.

At this time it is particularly gratifying to learn of your extensive mobilization plans for 1943 to help farmers of America to bring about still greater food production. May the observance of National 4-H Mobilization week, February 6 to 14, reach into every rural home. We have faith in your ability to render a great service in this way. We know that you, like your brothers and sisters in the Service, have the spirit and perseverance that will bring victory in the fight for human freedom and a world at peace.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

ANNOUNCER:

I think that covers everything pretty thoroughly. We all know now that the 4-H Victory Club is playing a grand part in the war effort! Ladies and gentlemen, this has been AGRICULTURE IN A NATION AT WAR....
....a weekly program of vital information from the food production front presented by the Fresno County Agricultural Conservation Association, and U.S.D.A. War Board, and a public service feature of KFRE. Our thanks to Wayne Lasher, secretary of the county Agricultural Conservation Association, for his report on late developments in the farm pictures. Our thanks, too, to Mr. David Wright, assistant Farm Advisor of Fresno County, Barbara Block and Eugene Fuchs, All-Star members of the new 4-H Victory Club for the part their organization is playing in producing food for freedom.
Next Thursday at this same time....another report on AGRICULTURE IN A NATION AT WAR. And remember that we're always glad to get requests for information on any part of agriculture's part in the war effort.
Just write to FARM QUESTION BOX, Station KFRE.