

Negro Home Demonstration News

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This is National 4-H Club Week. This year is the Golden Anniversary of 4-H Club Work in North Carolina.

4-H Club work among Negro youth in North Carolina with special reference to the Golden Anniversary Celebration of 4-H work follows:

1914—The first 4-H Club among Negro boys and girls was organized in Sampson County under the supervision of G. W. Herring, County Agent.

1915—John D. Wray was appointed Negro boys' club leader in April, 1915, and served in this capacity until October, 1925. Mr. Wray not only worked with boys and girls in counties where there were Extension workers employed, but he worked in other counties where we did not have Negro Extension workers.

1924—Mrs. Sarah Williams, Beaufort County Home Agent, reports the first five day organized camp for boys and girls on Pamlico River. The first 4-H Club Short Course on a district basis was held in Winton, N. C., July 29-August 1 with an attendance of 55 boys and girls.

1926—The first State 4-H Short

Course was held at A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C.

1936—R. E. Jones was appointed State 4-H Club Specialist to work with county farm and home demonstration agents in twenty-eight counties on a joint 4-H Club program. 10,099 4-H Club boys and girls were enrolled in 4-H Club work in these twenty-eight counties.

1938—First Statewide Fix-It Week was participated in during the month of April. It was suggested that members build, repair and replace articles needed around the home and on the farm such as tops for wells, plows, toilets, window panes, screens, etc. The first State Judging Contest for 4-H Club boys was held at A. and T. College, August 29-September 30. Twenty teams participated out of thirty-one organized counties. The teams judged corn, eggs, and sweet potatoes.

1939—Three 4-H Club members were given one year scholarships to A. and T. College and N. C. College at Durham for outstanding club work; Jessie Frances of Halifax County, Annie Jeffries of Alamance County and Dorothy Parris of Durham County. The first edition of The 4-H Club

Mirror, official news leaflet of current happenings in Negro 4-H Club work, was published in July. Two 4-H teams from North Carolina participated in the World's Poultry Congress, Cleveland, Ohio, July 28-August 7.

1940—The first Wildlife Conservation Camp for Negro 4-H Club boys and girls was held at Camp Whispering Pines, Wake County, July 15-18. Thirty-one boys and girls from the same number of counties participated.

1945—Mr. W. C. Cooper was appointed State 4-H Club Specialist effective September 15, to coordinate and lead the 4-H program in 43 counties with an enrollment of 30,762 boys and girls. The first Statewide Junior Dairy Cattle Show was held at Greensboro on September 21, with 137 animals placed in the show.

1946—Six counties participated in the North Carolina State Fair with 4-H Club exhibits supervised by the 4-H Club office.

1948—The first Regional 4-H Club Camp for Negro Youth was held at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, August 24-31.

1949—Miss Idell Jones was appointed to the position of Assistant State 4-H Club Specialist effective November 1. This was a new position created in 4-H Club work. She was the first woman to serve on the State Staff in 4-H Club work.

1950—The 4-H Club Foundation of North Carolina, Incorporated was organized at A. and T. College in October. One of its main purposes was to establish a 4-H Club Camp for 4-H boys and girls.

1951—The National Committee on 4-H boys' and girls' 4-H club work made available state 4-H awards in seventeen areas to Negro boys and girls.

1954—Maxine Young of Franklin County and Raphael Cuthbertson spent three months in Wales, Scotland and England as the first 4-H Club members on the International Farm Youth Exchange Program.

1955—The first 4-H Club Camp at Hammock's Beach, Onslow County was built for Negro 4-H Club boys and girls. The first 4-H Club members camped in this new facility in June, 1956. This camp represented an investment of approximately \$90,000.

1958—For the first time, three District 4-H Recognition Day Programs were held for Negro 4-H Club members.

Southeastern District, Faison, November 21.

Northeastern District, Rocky Mount, November 22.

Western District, Winston-Salem, November 22.

A total attendance of 955 members, leaders, parents' and County Extension personnel from 52 counties participated.

At the end of the calendar year there were 54,126 Negro boys and girls enrolled in 766 clubs divided as follows: 24,567 boys; 29,559 girls.

These boys and girls completed 61,234 agricultural and homemaking projects.

A. S. Hollowell Dies After Long Illness

Was Active In Local And State Fraternal Circles

Arthur S. Hollowell, 59, died in a Raleigh hospital about 5 o'clock Tuesday morning. He had been in failing health for about three years.

He was a past master of Unity Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., a past Great Sachem of Red Men in North Carolina, past sachem of Chowan Tribe of Red Men and a member of the Edenton Baptist Church. He also served as a Chowan County Commissioner and for a short time was Clerk for the Town of Edenton. For many years he was employed by the J. H. Holmes Company and later operated a grocery store at the corner of Church and Oakum Streets.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Frances Guild of Long Island, N. Y.; two sisters, Mrs. Aurelia Leary of Tyner and Mrs. Emma Hobbs of Hobbsville; eight brothers, Floyd Hollowell of Philadelphia, Ray and Luke Hollowell of Portsmouth, Wilbur Hollowell of Corapeake, Carlyle Hollowell of Ahsoket and W. Carey, Ralph and Herbert Hollowell of Chowan County.

Funeral services were held at Williford Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev. R. N. Carroll, pastor of the Edenton Baptist Church officiated and burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

4-H Peanut Contest Boys Rotary Guests

Chowan County boys who participated in the 4-H peanut growing contest in 1955 and their fathers were guests of the Edenton Rotary Club at a meeting held in the Parish House Tuesday night.

The program was in charge of Robert S. Marsh, assistant county agent, who complimented the boys as well as their fathers for their interest and cooperation in the contest. "Even if you did not win a prize," said Dr. Marsh, "you are a winner in that you have become a better farmer."

It was pointed out that the average yield for the 12 boys in the contest was 2,683 pounds per acre, the best average ever recorded in a local contest. Averages ranged from 3,504 to 1,700 pounds.

Zackie Harrell, state 4-H winner, was among the boys in attendance and he presented a very able and interesting report of his trip to Chicago. Each boy was asked to introduce himself and his father and Carlton Perry, advanced to a local leader, also made a brief address.

At the conclusion of the program Carroll Forehand was awarded a beautiful trophy for having raised 3,504 pounds of peanuts on his acre of land. Richard White, with 3,340 pounds, was given a check for \$5.00 and Jimmy Ward and Ronald Perry were presented checks for \$2.50.

The 12 boys who participated in the contest were: Carroll Forehand, Richard White, Jimmy Ward, Ronald Perry, Zackie Harrell, Lester Ray Copeland, Millard Joyner, H. Ivey Ward, Lewis Evans, Jerry White, Jack Perry and Bernard Dail.

Plans Complete For Baptist Revival

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N. C., is an outstanding personality in the Baptist Program, both from a state-wide and south-wide scope. Besides having served on numerous important committees, he has been a member of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and has written for Baptist lesson materials. He has also served on the General Board of the N. C. Baptist Convention and the Council of Christian Education.

His preaching background of being a son of a Baptist minister, and of completing his preparation for the ministry at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been broadened by pastorates in three states and extensive travel in the Holy Land, Europe, Cuba, Mexico and Alaska.

The public is cordially invited to hear this personable and able preacher of the gospel and the church membership covets the prayers of the community for the revival.

Arrangements Made To Preserve Records

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of examining the records of the General Court of Albemarle County, now stored in the Peoples Bank & Trust Company.

In going through the twenty-eight bundles of these papers, we have kept together the papers of each bundle, though they have obviously been shuffled many times. We have sorted them into general categories as requested by the Department of Archives and History, except for those in quite bad condition, as many of them were. The period covered by these records is roughly from 1875 to 1725; the area covered includes all the counties of northeastern North Carolina. The most in-

teresting papers are court minutes going back to 1680. Other categories include warrants for arrests, summonses to witnesses, orders for the attachment of property, papers connected with suits (chiefly for debt, trespass and theft), bonds for the payment of debts or for good behavior or the fulfillment of some other obligation, depositions connected chiefly with criminal actions (though a few are concerned with difficulties with the Indians), and lists of taxes and tithables.

There are a few papers definitely not connected with Albemarle County, such as post-Revolutionary port papers used to wrap the bundles and a list of Chowan County Confederates at Camp Bee in Virginia. These we have separated from the Albemarle County papers, and we recommend that they be retained as part of the records of Chowan County.

Since all the northeastern counties trace their origin to Albemarle County, we recommend that the Albemarle County records be given to the Department of Archives and History to be filed with all the other Albemarle County records in its possession. However, we should like to have your permission to have some of these papers photostated first, before any are released to the Department of Archives and History. For instance, since many of the settlers of Chowan came from farther east, the tithable lists for Perquimans, Pasquotank and Currituck and even Bath and Hyde, throw a great deal of light on our own early history. These papers are not covered by the agreement of the Department of Archives and History to microfilm for us the material directly connected with Chowan County, and once they are given up, will be accessible to us only by means of examination in Raleigh. Photostatic copies would form a valuable part of the permanent record of Chowan County. We estimate that the cost would be about \$100. We shall be glad to submit for your approval a list of those we consider especially important.

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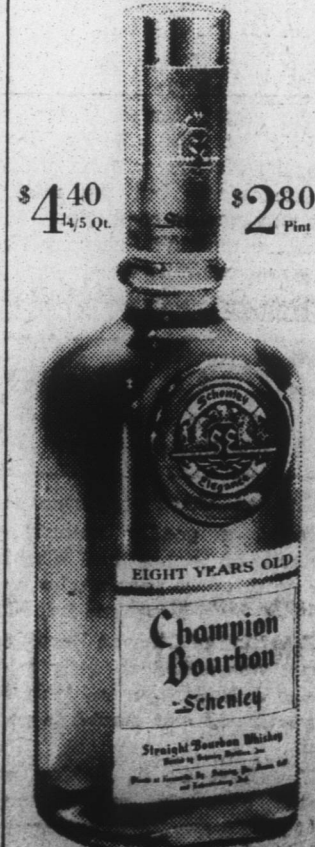
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