

## Work In 4-H Organization Played Big Role In Shaping Future Careers of Younger Members of Parker Family

When we were very young, we became 4-H Club members and feel that we are still reaping great harvests as a result of our many and varied 4-H Club experiences. Some of us attended and took active parts in the 4-H Short Course which was held annually at the A. & T. College in Greensboro, N. C.

The girls participated in demonstration contests, canning projects and a number of other activities. The boys enjoyed camp trips during the summer, swimming, etc. as well as their participation in crop, and animal projects. All of us, boys and girls, chipped in to help our parents plan for the

county fair. This was an activity we looked forward to. We won many prizes which we cherished. During those teenage years 4-H meetings, picnics and other activities added much to our social life. Some of us are still working with 4-H Club groups as teacher advisors. We feel that without this particular phase in our lives - we would lack a certain richness and meaningfulness which we now have.

Arlene, Joseph and T. Thomas are graduates of North Carolina College at Durham. The boys now have Master's degrees from the same school. Arline is presently enrolled in the school of Library Science at the University of North Carolina; Joseph teaches Science at the Merrick Moore High School, Durham County, and Thomas is a teacher of Mathematics in Brooklyn, New York.

Shirley received a B.S. degree from Winston-Salem Teacher's College, June '58. She graduated with honors and is currently teaching at the W. G. Pearson Elementary School in Durham.



Arline Mack, Durham County Farmer and 4-H alumna, who has shown what 4-H activities mean to the county.

We shall always feel indebted to our former Home Agent, Mrs. E. T. Nixon, and our Farm Agent, Mr. J. C. Hubbard. We look forward to working with our new Home Agent, Mrs. E. D. Vann.

Following is a story of Arline's 4-H Club work:

January, 1937 — Completed luncheon set at a cost of \$20. Made a pair of pillow-case from two half barrel flour bags.

February — Made a dress-Price \$70. Quality - Print. Size - 14 years, and Quantity - 3 1/2 yds.

## Alumnus Now Solid Citizen

Four-H guides the way of its members. It plays an important part in preparing them for the future. An Alumnus Mack of the Russell Community selected projects in Agriculture in the early thirties. Mr. Mack, County Agent at that time, probably had no idea that he would be one of today's farmers. However, his work in 4-H was so impressive that even though he spent 8 years in the armed services with varied experiences and opportunities for travel he still saw farming as a sound investment.

He had learned as a 4-H'er that being prepared is important; so he enrolled in the Veteran's Farm Training program at Little River School in the late forties. This additional training has been useful to him as a farmer.

In 1950, Mr. Mack purchased a 25-acre of cultivated land. His chief money crop is tobacco. Other farm income is mainly from approximately 60 head of hogs sold yearly. These hogs have proven quite profitable, especially since he has 9 acres of pasture for grazing.

Mrs. Mack is the former Sam-



51-acre farm with approximately 100 boys and girls have been an effort, however, to see that other boys and girls may have the benefit of 4-H Club work, the Macks have taken welfare children in their home. A total of six dif-

Vercy Mae Bullock preparing her prize-winning animal for the Cattle Show.

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4-H work is primarily with children. The adults have to aid with the planning. J. H. Wheeler, I. O. Schaub, Mrs. I. J. Randle and W. C. Cooper are checking the plans for a 4-H camp. It was the first of its kind and is now located at Hammock's Beach.

May — Cut and made a dress. Price - \$55. Quality - Print. Size - 14 years and Quantity - 3 1/2 yds.

June — Cut and made two dresses. Price - \$80. Quality - Print. Quantity - 4 yds. Made a dress for 6 yrs. old sister. Price - \$25. Quality - Print and Quantity - 1 1/2 yds.

July — Mother and I remodeled bedroom. Bought new spread for bed. Cost - \$2.98. Dyed curtains. Cost - \$20. Made from a 1/2 barrel flour bag a dress for a child age 2 years, dyed with yellow twine. Cost - thread time.

Canning - 6 qts. of peaches, 2 qts. of soup mixture, 1 qt. of okra, 1 qt. of corn and 1 qt. of lima beans.

August — Made and embroidered table cloth and napkins. Cost of material - \$0.88. Cost of thread - \$1.0. Quantity of material - 2 yds.. Quantity - unbleached muslin made and Made a dish towel and a pot holder.

September — Canning, Made 2 qts. watermelon rind pickle, 1 qt. cucumber pickle and 2 qts. apples.

September — Made and embroidered bedspread. Cost - \$1.00. Quantity - 3 yds.. Quality - unbleached. Total cost - \$1.00 plus time and work. Tie-dyed a luncheon set from 1 1/2 barrel flour bags and 4 five lb. sugar bags. Price of dye - \$1.10. Made a laundry bag. Price of material - \$15. Price of thread - \$0.88. Quantity - 1 1/2 yds.. Quality - unbleached muslin. Wove an oil-cloth pillow top. Price - \$2.11. Embroidered dresser scarf. Price - \$1.10. Made 5 chair backs. Cost - \$25. Canning, 5 qts. of string beans.

Total number of dresses made - 5. Total number of slips and underwear - 2.

Number of Kitchen articles - 5. Number of bedroom articles - 11. Total Cost - \$4.87.

Total number quarts canned - 25. Won 2 prizes of \$11.00 at the Durham County Fair - \$2.00.

Won the second prizes in the Ball Canning Contest - \$4.00.

Arline has this to say, "I am trying to 'Make the Best Better' by using every opportunity which comes my way."

## Inspired To Continue By Work In 4-H

Miss Lois Marie Lipscomb, senior Home Economics major at NCC, of 4308 Ward Road, Mill Grove Community, served as dietitian at the 4-H Camp at Hammock's beach. She took the responsibility of planning meals for 2,000 or more boys and girls camping in 1958. This summer of work and play, along with the two years Marie camped as a Clubber at Camp Whispering Pines, helped greatly in creating the interest she has shown in becoming a Home Economics Agent.

However, the part being a 4-H Club member played in her desire to continue her training in the field of Home Economics was not a small one.

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