



# FOUR-H CLUB and FUTURE FARMER ACTIVITIES

## Young Tar Heel Is Honored With Master Farmer Degree

A Iona North Carolinian, Abbotson C. Davis, of Spring Hope, route 1, was among the 67 farm boys from 28 states who were awarded the American Farmer Degree this year, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Future Farmer of America.

Davis was graduated from the Spring Hope high school last spring and he has been a member of the Future Farmers for the past four years.

As his project for 1935 he had the following: 1 1/2 acres of corn, 100 broilers, and one and one-half acres of cotton. His corn yield ran around 70 bushels to the acre.

## 4-H Club Girls Win Trip To National Club Congress At Chicago

By Mrs. MARRIET P. JOHNSON  
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In short, the purpose of 4-H club work is to furnish youth with activities for helping young people (1) to develop personality (2) to assist in home and community, and (3) to live leisure time pleasantly and profitably.

The minimum requirements are six monthly meetings attended, home projects for six months, and specific articles or tasks completed.

The annual award or offering incentive for project and record achievement, and local leadership assistance in the state fair program in Columbia where "blue ribbon" county representatives are entertained.

Favorites among honors of recognition for good work are the trip awards to the National Club Congress in Chicago, and the National 4-H Club Camp in Washington. (The latter is held in June, and so will not be further mentioned at this time.)

The six young women who (with several young men of 4-H achievement) will represent South Carolina's 28,000 4-H club members at The National Club Congress the first week in December are: Misses Pauline West, of Berkeley county, Miss Moore of Sumner county, Helen Carroll and Dorothy Warner of Greenwood county, June Castine of Fairfield county, and Edna Campbell, of Oconee county.

**Gaining Social Adjustment**

These club girls are from fifteen to twenty years of age, and may be classed with the helpful young rural men and women who are seeking, finding, and demonstrating a healthful, personal development, a place in community service, a satisfactory social adjustment.

They have completed projects for two to eight years, the average number of projects per girl being five.

Each has helped in some specific way with her club, serving as officer, chairman, or leader in some phase of work or activity.

The Champions Pass In Review

Pauline West has been president and secretary for her club, and has practiced bread making as her specialty this year. Besides her foods work, she has completed four other projects. She and Edna Moore were acclaimed first place in bread judging.

Edna Moore has completed three years of club work, has attended leader training meetings, and young people's state conference. She said in speaking of her "home practice" of club demonstrations, "I prepare one meal a day for our family." How fine it would be if every mother had a daughter who could and would prepare one meal each day!

Helen Carroll, using her family budget as a basis, canned 200 quarts of fruits and vegetables and her home agent said, "she feels at ease in doing this work alone." Another great help in the family! Helen is a senior 4-H girl with eight certificates and has served her younger club sisters as local leader.

Dorothy Warner "knows her chickens" and how to care for them. She is a major poultry club member who has an excellent flock of Rhode Island Reds which has made her about \$650.00 profit. With the profit, poultry equipment has been increased and improved, and many necessary articles of clothing and her own room furnishings purchased. She has also completed some work in room furnishing, clothing, foods, and gardening.

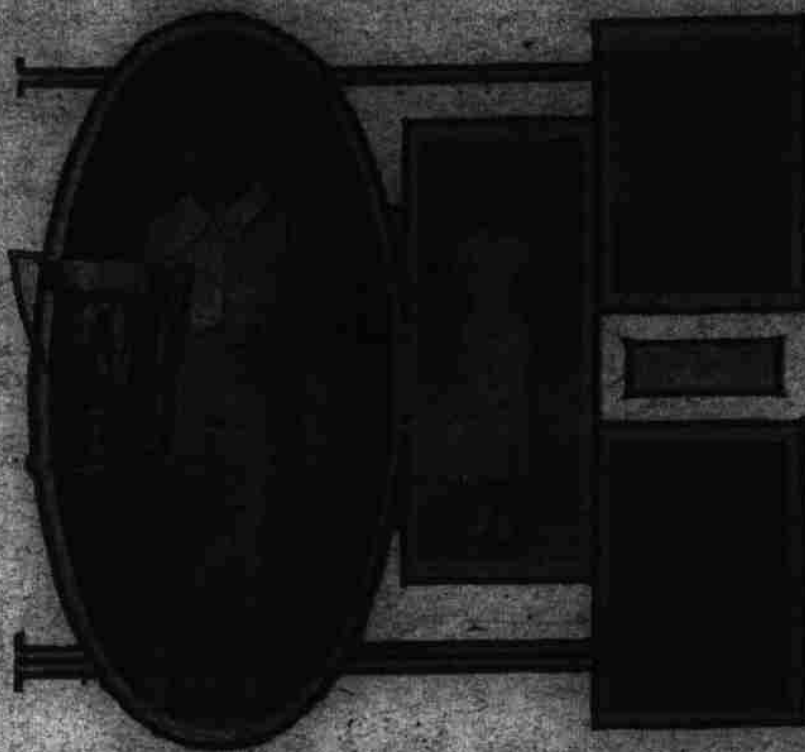
June Castine has illustrated in her daily life the better food and health practices. For two years she has entered wholesomely into the club, county, and state health contest. Last year her age and club work requirement prevented her being first winner. Thus, no wonder she was radiantly happy when with her father, local leader and home agent as guests at the annual 4-H banquet, she heard the announcement which gives her the privilege of participating in The National 4-H Health Contest which emphasizes health as the basis for all other desirable achievement.

**4-H Clubs Help Young Folk  
Attain Their Life Ambition**

"If you are willing to pay the price with hard work you can be almost anything you wish to be in life." E. A. Harrell, leader of club work in North Carolina, told Wilson county 4-H club members at their Anniversary Day program.

"You can be the best lawyer, the best doctor, or the best preacher in the State," he said, "if you work hard enough to pay the price of your success. And I do not believe you can find another organization in the United States that offers so much to the young people in helping them to make a success in the world as the 4-H club."

## Club Girls Win Trip To Chicago



Above are four of the six North Carolina 4-H club girls whose membership work won them a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Left, Dorothy Warner; middle, Pauline West; upper right, Helen Carroll; lower right, Edna Moore.

## Useful Citizenship Is Goal Of Four-H Club Training Programs

By LEOX CHAYTON, Assistant State Club Agent

At present 6,363 farm boys in South Carolina are training themselves through conducting 6,691 4-H demonstrations for more useful citizenship when they take their places in their community, county, state, and national governments. They are "racking up" real achievements to their credit. Though they work hard, along with the work there is provided recreational and entertainment features which aid them further in growing into well developed men.

With their personally owned demonstrations, their community club meeting regularly for business, instruction, inspiration, and recreation; the various competitive features, entertainment, home and county gatherings, a balanced menu is provided for developing well-rounded men from these 4-H club boys. This same opportunity is open to all rural boys between the ages of 10 and 20 years. This is really a challenging purpose for you who are already members and to you who are interested in joining the 4-H club; "to equally train your head, heart, hands, and health."

**4-H Club Education**

These 4-H boys learn the best methods for carrying out their demonstrations of pigs, corn, cotton, poultry, or calves. Past records show that 4-H club boys learn to do their job so well that their clubs are outclassed many times in cost of production figures, yields, and awards at fairs and contests.

The county farm agents are on the job to give guidance thought to groups as well as individuals. Recently, since the county agent's duties have been greatly multiplied, local 4-H community leaders and club officers have stepped to the front and taken over a greater part of the community club guidance and instruction. One of the most satisfying educational features that members gain from 4-H

meetings is the ability to properly follow parliamentary practice.

Then, too, when a group of boys can meet together from time to time and work out their problems cooperatively, they are learning a far greater lesson than how to feed pigs properly or when to fertilize corn. Learning how, when, and what to do is education.

**4-H Demonstrations**

One of South Carolina's club slogans, "Learn By Doing," is the fundamental reason for 4-H work. Also, demonstration work is far-reaching by "showing others how." All youth seems to be "Team Missouri"—their watershed is "show me." Truth speaks 4-H club work on its results. By using experimental data from state and national experiment station records, 4-H club members conduct their demonstrations on principles and practices superior to those used in ordinary farming.

Although the personally owned demonstration is not the only type of education for 4-H members, demonstrations have a definite place at each club gathering. An outstanding form of instruction is for a team of two boys to rise before a group and demonstrate the mechanics of how laying hens or the type of potatoes that will sell best on the market and why. This affords valuable training for the demonstration as well

## Winterville Chapter Tar Heels



Above are the 21 members of the newly organized Winterville Chapter (Way County, N. C.) of the Real Farmers. James Hodge is president; Kevell Tyson, vice-president; Lee Foyard, secretary; Joseph Barnes, treasurer; Edgewood Allen, secretary; and J. E. McElroy, editor.

## Highlights On FFA Annual Convention

By ROY A. TRIMBLE  
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About 4,000 vocational students in agriculture from every state in the Union gathered for the convention and the National FFA Banquet.

The Utah Association of Future Farmers of America secured the record for 1935 as high in the state contest. Louisiana was second, Texas third and California fourth. Cash prizes went to the winners from all National Groups.

Teams supplied the official entertainment. There were 78 places and the players were recruited from 26 vocational high schools by H. G. Rylander, vocational agricultural teacher at El Paso, Texas.

In the speaking contest Mort Swadlow, 20-year-old Utah boy from Paul Deane at Brigham Young won second, Thomas Downing of Lexington, Kentucky won third and Earl Henson of Mt. Gillett, Ohio won fourth.

With his speech on "The Future of the Nation," Halfield, Missouri, won grand champion award over all speakers in the vocational high schools. John Wagner, Nebraska, Missouri won with his first speech and Earl Henson, California Missouri on his light Southdowns flocks.

The degree of American Farmer was awarded to 67 boys from 28 states for outstanding accomplishments. Paul Cook of Washington was awarded the \$500 cash prize as the best Farmer of the year. He is a member of the First District.

Convention states report they now have 1,000,000 members.

State investments are now regularly provided by chapters in 28 states.

Field up membership officially reported to 1,000,000 a goal of 1,000,000 last year. Forty-one and a half million boys are being trained in agriculture.

These clubs are not just paying money this year but are producing profit. These boys are doing their part.

It is properly interesting the standards of the same time.

**4-H Ownership**

Boys are interested in what they personally own—that belongs to them. Ownership is another one of the fundamental values of 4-H club work. It may be a pig, a cow, a flock of chickens, or an acre or more of corn money crop. A true realization of value and value is gained by a boy when he has to spend his own earned money for seed, feed, fertilizer, and value labor and other costs. Thus, as Dr. D. W. Watkins, Director of the Extension Service in South Carolina, says, "Four-H club work has economic value—it aids with the family budget, assists boys to become independent and self-reliant, and also helps in determining and financing their life's vocations."

**4-H Exhibits**

A show window of how well done in club work is provided each fall in community, county, state, national and national fairs. To make an exhibit of his work gives the boy an incentive to do a job well done. This also causes boys old and young farmers to take heed. Many times substantial prizes and awards are won by members, but these are unimportant when compared with the educational value derived from the experience of the exhibitor.

**4-H Camps**

Encampments for 4-H club members have become a real influence to the country in South Carolina. Camp Long, Clemson College, The Citadel, Berry College, Furber's Island and other camps give valuable practical instruction and for leading 4-H training. Camping trips are provided for those members who have concrete records to date on their demonstrations. These camps are made possible as minimum costs as the part of the chapter. According to Dr. President Hild of Harvard, "The organized summer camp is the most important step in character training that America has given to the world."

**4-H Hubs**

There are hundreds of hubs placed in 4-H members' lives each year, most of the county agents in the state arrange for the outstanding boys to attend the State Fair. "The Show Window of South Carolina" where these boys see the best of crops and livestock exhibited and associate with 4-H winners from other counties. Short courses and 4-H leader training conferences are held for these outstanding club members and leaders from the various counties.

Business companies, fertilizer companies, and other business concerns provide trips for achieving club members. Examples of such trips are to the National Club Camp held in Washington and the National Club Congress held in Chicago annually. Within communities and counties, field trips and tours are held for further educational training. "Seeing is believing."

**4-H Membership**

Any community having eight or more boys and a local leader interested in conducting demonstrations (crop or livestock) who want to "band themselves together for business, instruction, inspiration, and recreation can receive benefits through 4-H club work. When there is such a desire, the county farm agent will aid with the organization of a community club.

**4-H Community Clubs**

During the early winter months is the most appropriate time for a community group of this to organize or re-organize a community 4-H club. Why?

(1) Farm boys have more time to devote to their organization activities during this season. (2) Usually a high percentage of the rural boys from 10 to 20 years of age are in schools where they can more easily get together for meetings and demonstrations. (3) The crop club members have more time to study and work out best methods for the preservation of land and water and crop yield. (4) More time is available for working out the most community important problems and activities.