

NEGRO 4-H CLUBS IN NORTH CAROLINA INAUGURATE STATE-WIDE CAMP PROGRAM

In North Carolina, there are 20,000 rural Negro boys and girls, 10-20 years of age enrolled in 4-H clubs.

These 20,000 boys and girls are organized in 417 clubs, in 37 counties. Fifty-eight farm and home agents supervise and instruct these club boys and girls along with more than 1,200 voluntary leaders.

There are approximately 200,000 rural Negro youth club age in the State. For the first time, we set out to provide camping for every county organized in the state. To do this, the 37 counties were divided into districts; Eastern, Northern Piedmont, Central Piedmont, Upper Piedmont and Western District. Each of the districts are composed of approximately seven counties. At the five 4-H camps we had more than 300 club members and agents in attendance. Each camp carried out a State Program and organized the details for its group. This procedure brought out a great deal of individual initiative, imagination and interest on the part of agents and

club members.

In tune with the national effort to produce, and conserve all available farm and home products, and to develop morale among these youth, the subject matter for these camps included the production of special war foods, feed and livestock, with particular reference to the harvesting and storage of peanuts and soybeans that are required for oil for our national war effort.

To have these youth become aware of their responsibility as citizens in this emergency and for their own good, we conducted a class in citizenship and democracy, with special em-

phasis on the Bill of Rights and the functioning of our accepted tools of democracy.

To bring together youth of 37 counties, pool their varied experiences and instruct them in some of the more vital issues and problems of this war effort, we hope to assure a more determined effort on the part of every club member in the State, their parents and their community to do everything in their power on the home and community front to win through to

victory, as well as give to this state and country the assurance of a wide awake rural youth group, making for a contributing citizenry in this country.

In addition to the five district 4-H camps held in the state, we conducted this summer, our Third Annual Wild Life Conference, whose theme centered around "The Wise Use of Our National and Human Resources, as a Vital Necessity in War Time." Fifty club youth took part in this four day

conference — studying forestry, fur and game bearing animals and insects and their relationship to a state conservation program. This represents a total of six different 4-H Club camps, operating on a unified State 4-H Camp plan.

The wealth, and in a large measure, the happiness and pleasure of rural families in the state are tied up with the wise use of our forests. The preservation of our bird and game population and the measures we take to control some of the more serious insect pests preying upon our basic crops in the state, this we feel, is a job for club members to perform.

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FEATURE OF STATE CAMP PROGRAM



Each boy and girl must be checked over by a registered nurse. Here, a club member is being weighed, while nurse, Miss A. B. Bullock, writes down weight, and at extreme left S. T. Brooks, Robeson county agent, calls off weight.

4-H BOYS-GIRLS STUDY WILD LIFE



In a recent meeting of 4-H Club boys and girls from 37 counties in North Carolina study wild life and its relation to a plentiful bird and game population. Mr. J. B. Kistler, senior biologist, North Carolina conservation and development division (white), in charge of group.

TUSKEGEE PRESIDENT ON PROGRAM



Appearing on the program of one of the recent 4-H club camps was Dr. F. D. Patterson, president of Tuskegee institute, standing talking to boys and girls. Left of him is Mr. Claude A. Barnett, director, Associated Negro Press, Chicago, Ill. Looking on attentively, extreme right, Louis Setzer, Brooklyn, N. Y., student at North Carolina State college, Raleigh. Not seen on picture, Mr. J. W. Mitchell, North Carolina state agent Negro extension work and Mr. Everett Friedman, North Carolina student at North Carolina State college, Raleigh.

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENTS AID



As part of the state summer camping program both club members and home demonstration agents help in the preparation of food. Shown in this picture is Miss M. W. Townes, Rockingham county home agent, and Mrs. Ruby Thomas, Alamance county home agent, preparing food for group of 60 club members and adults.

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