

# National 4-H Club Week Stresses Value Of Program

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During the period of March 2-9, North Carolina's 153,206 4-H members, their parents, leaders, and friends, will join with two million other 4-H members throughout the nation in the observance of National 4-H Club Week, a period set aside to bring to the attention of the public the significance in its program to improve family and community living.

The chief objectives for the observance of National 4-H Club Week are to provide members a special occasion for evaluating past achievements and making plans for future activities on their farms, in their homes, and in their communities; to inform the public, including parents, of the value of 4-H training; to interest young people in enrolling in local clubs; to recognize the important part played by local leaders, and to enlist more public spirited youth-minded citizens in volunteering for this service.

Here in North Carolina special emphasis will be on providing opportunities for a larger number of boys and girls to participate in the program and on the expansion of the local leader program. Every farm boy and girl not already enrolled will be encouraged to join the 4-H Club during National 4-H Club Week. Activities in the various counties will include special feature articles, special editions of local papers, talks and demonstrations by 4-H club members and by county-winning demonstration teams, television programs by 4-H members, window displays and exhibits, special 4-H Club Week posters, the presentation of special programs at school assemblies, special 4-H programs at home demonstration meetings, banquets honoring parents, adult leaders, and donors, tours to observe projects of outstanding members and the erection of highway welcome and safety signs.

In helping to "Improve Family and Community Living", 4-H has provided for the economic, social, physical, and spiritual growth and development of its members, through its program of training in better practices in agriculture and homemaking, programs in recreation and community development, and health improvement.

The 1956 record achievement shows that North Carolina's 153,206 members completed a total of 180,977 projects. 15,544 members completed 4-H projects in field crops, involving 19,118 acres; 15,793 members completed projects in gardening and fruits, involving 6,252 acres; 3,992 members completed forestry projects, involving 6,684 acres of forest land, 6,018 members completed poultry projects, involving 770,743 birds; 4,021 members completed dairy projects, involving 6,105 animals; 11,396 members completed livestock and meat animal projects involving a total of 26,633 animals.

In food preparation and selection, 22,289 members planned and served 841,064 meals; 12,625 members in food preservation conserved 395,996 quarts and froze 195,679 quarts and 187,754 pounds of meat, fruit and vegetables; 26,690

clothing club members made a total of 104,412 garments and 93,814 articles.

In other phases of the program 17,705 members received training in livestock judging; 22,401 in 4-H team demonstration; 22,727 in recreation leadership; 21,034 in music appreciation; 32,256 in money management; 70,062 in farm safety; 64,635 in citizenship; 60,299 in personality improvement; 23,143 in soil and water conservation; and 90,998 in health, first aid, and related activities.

The economic objective of 4-H developed through better practices in agriculture and homemaking by thrift, money management, and wise spending.

Through the encouragement of good food, health, and clothing habits, improved sanitation, more adequate housing, physical training, and recommended medical examination, the 4-H program serves to improve the physical condition of 4-H Club members.

The teaching of proper ideals and attitudes for wholesome relationships in the home, neighborhood, and communities, through family living, club meetings, 4-H camp, achievement days, picnics and community organization activity serves to develop the social objective of 4-H.

Four-H Sunday program, vesper services, the development of charitable attitudes and a greater appreciation for the finer things in life serve to emphasize and develop the spiritual growth and development objective of the 4-H program. Coupled with the other three objectives, 4-H serves "to train farm youth in the art of living."

## Says Fish Ponds Not Properly Fertilized

By H. J. WILLIAMS

Most farm ponds in the Watauga Soil Conservation District are not being properly fertilized and are growing only a portion of the fish that they are capable of producing.

Fertile waters produce the most pounds of fish per acre. Fertile water is colored, usually green. It shades the pond bottom, and thus prevents and controls the growth of most waterweed in ponds. Pond water needs fertilizer when you can see a white object more than 12 to 18 inches under the surface. A fertilizer for water needs large amounts of nitrogen and phosphate, with less potash, such as an 8-8-4, 10-10-5, or similar analysis. You usually need 6 to 12 applications each year during the warm growing season; beginning in early spring (March) and continuing to October. One application is about 100 pounds per acre if you use 8-8-4 or similar analysis.

Bluegill grow best in the 100 day spring period before spawning. Thus, to grow big bluegill, you must raise the fertility level early (March and April). Add an application each week or ten days until proper color is produced. Applications once-a-month or two or three times yearly are too infrequent. Many fish ponds have failed because the owner started too late in the spring, and used too little fertilizer.

The purpose of fertilizing a

pond is to grow plants which feed worms that feed fish. It takes about 5 pounds of worms (usually the larvae of midges, moths, and other winged insects) to grow 1 pound of bluegill. Most of the worms live in the bottom of your pond. The green color of your water is microscopic plants (algae) which drop to the bottom to feed the worms. Thus the high fertility means a heavy poundage of bluegill.

### RETURNS FROM CRUISE

Norfolk, Va.—James B. Steelman, gunner's mate seaman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Steelman of Deep Gap, N. C. returned to Norfolk, Va., Feb. 12, from a six-month cruise in the Mediterranean aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Coral Sea.

During the cruise the Coral Sea spent 27 consecutive days at sea off the coast of Egypt at the time of the Suez crisis. Air rder from the ship aided in the evacuation of American civilians from the Middle East area.

Distinguished visitors to the ship included the King and Queen of Greece and Deputy Secretary of Defense Reuben Robertson.

Visits were made to Italy, Sicily, Greece, Turkey, France, Majorca and Gibraltar.

### Zionville News

Miss Hettie Greer suffered a broken hip Wednesday night in a fall and is a patient in Watauga Hospital, Boone.

Mrs. Charles G. Lewis returned last week from Charlotte where she had spent the past two months with her daughter, Mrs. James Geer and Mr. Geer.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Pardue and family of Shouns, Tenn., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clay Reece.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wilson, Becky and Kareen, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Norris at Bethel.

Mrs. Edna May, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Burl Brown of Washington, D. C., spent the week end with relatives here and at Trade, Tenn.

Odell Perry of Salem, Va., spent the week end with his family here.

Sfc. and Mrs. Amory Hall and family of Alexandria, Va., spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Greer were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller and Dora Dean visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson at Meat Camp Saturday afternoon. The Millers had as dinner guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Alec Wilson and family of Perkinsville.

Former President Harry Truman recently said a strong defense is more important to this country than a balanced budget.

### Youths' Chances In Agriculture To Be Studied

Opportunities for young people in the fields of agriculture and forestry will be studied by 85 Northwest North Carolina school superintendents and principals during a visit to the School of Agriculture College, March 1 and 2.

D. W. Colvard, Dean of the college's School of Agriculture, says the trip was planned to acquaint the school officials with opportunities for college graduates in agriculture and related fields.

Citing the expanding need for trained scientists in agricultural marketing, sales and food processing as an example, Colvard points out the jobs by far outnumber the people available to fill them. Expanding production of agricultural chemicals and wood products demands people who have training which will enable them to keep up with an ever changing economy, he says.

Colvard declares that the training program in the State College School of Agriculture offers the best in agricultural and biological sciences and the college welcomes the opportunity to show the school

officials the facilities of the college. The visit is sponsored jointly by the School of Agriculture and the Northwest North Carolina Development Association.

## Congratulations 4-H Clubbers!

NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK MARCH 2-9

SELLING 2 POLLED HEIFERS

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ALSO 1 POLLED BULL

MARCH 27—TRI-STATE SALE—BRISTOL, VA.



## 4-H Is A Good Investment

We've been in the banking business for years, and we think we know a sound investment when we see one—and 4-H Club work is such an investment. It will pay off in better homemaking, more efficient farming, and in citizens who are alert to the interests of their community, county, state and nation.

A 4-H BOOSTER

## The Northwestern Bank

A GOOD BANK SERVING A GOOD COUNTY.



## 4-H points the way



- TO a chance to earn and save money
- TO opportunities to meet new friends
- TO fun and recreation with other young people
- TO learning more about farming and homemaking

We are proud of these young citizens who are learning better farming and homemaking practices, and sharing the responsibility of making our community a better and happier one.

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## Watauga FCX Service

### "Improving Family and Community Living"



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PRODUCE AND FERTILIZER



4-H Club Week—March 2-9  
Watauga Produce Co.

## 4-H—Symbol of Good Citizenship



4-H Club work is a community affair . . . widening out across the nation for the betterment of all. These 4-H young people and their adult leaders are ours . . . and we feel that 4-H Club Week, March 2-9, is a good time to say to them: "We're proud of you and your progress."

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4-H boys and girls help keep America strong by contributing in large measure to its economy. But more than that, their industrious serious-minded citizenship gives the nation deep confidence for the future. During National 4-H Club Week, March 2-9, we join Uncle Sam in congratulating 4-H members, not only in our community but throughout the nation.

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Boone Drug Co.  
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## WE SALUTE 4-H!

4-H Club members know the pride of ownership . . . which in turn develops a growing sense of adult responsibility. To a youth organization of such outstanding worth our sincere compliments—during 4-H Club Week, March 2-9, and throughout the year.

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