

4-H Clubs Taking Lead In Recreation

Special Course Set Up For Directing Recreational Activities

The importance of providing recreation for the leisure hours for farm folks have these days become one of the major concerns of thousands of 4-H Club leaders and members. During the past three years, a plan has been worked out whereby adults and youth interested in directing recreational activities in their clubs and communities can take a special course set up for that purpose.

This training and club participation has been brought about through the National 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts program now in full swing in North Carolina. Sponsor of the program, U. S. Rubber Company, is providing about \$29,000 for leader training clinics, club and individual awards.

Last year more than 10,200 young people and 6,400 adults attended these clinics. They receive instruction in group singing, dancing, games, sports, dramatics, handicrafts and many other activities.

While they are having fun, the 4-H'ers are also working hard to make a good showing for themselves and their club. To encourage these endeavors, U. S. Rubber presents merit certificates to clubs and members; \$25 cash awards to counties; and Chicago 4-H Club Congress trips to eight national champions.

The 1949 National honors went to Jo Ann Penland, of Hayesville. Cash awards were won by the following: Alamance, Clay, Cleveland, Edgecombe, Guilford, Halifax, Haywood, Iredell, Nash and Sampson. The money is used for recreational equipment. Recognition cards were given to 2,265 members.

The program is being conducted in 47 states under the supervision of the Cooperative Extension Service.

MOSQUITOES

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Each summer the North Carolina State Board of Health receives numerous questions from people who are bothered by mosquitoes. Typical questions asked are:

- "What can I do to get rid of the mosquitoes around my home?"
- "If I cut down tall grass and weeds, will it stop the mosquitoes from breeding around my home?"
- "How do mosquitoes fly?"
- "Will mosquitoes breed in my goldfish pond?"
- "If I spray my porch with DDT, shouldn't it keep the mosquitoes away?"
- "How can we keep mosquitoes from biting us when we sit out in the yard at night?"
- All of these questions are difficult to answer. There are so many different species of mosquitoes that information regarding one variety will

not apply to all of them. There are more different kinds of mosquitoes in North Carolina than there are different kinds of birds. These differences are harder to see because the mosquitoes are so much smaller. The mosquitoes differ just as much in habits as they do in appearance. Some never bite, others bite only cold-blooded animal such as frogs and snakes, while most of them feed on warm-blood animals including man.

People are wrong to think that mosquitoes breed in grass, weeds, and chinaberry trees. They are often seen resting in such places during the daytime because of the protection afforded from the sun and enemies.

Breed Only In Water

Different mosquitoes prefer different places, just as the swallow builds her nest in a place entirely different from that of the quail. Some mosquitoes breed in woodland pools, others in large bodies of water; some in ditches, while one very annoying species breeds only in artificial containers, such as cans, flower vases, rain barrels and roof gutters.

The female mosquito lays her eggs on the surface of the water. Within a few days these eggs hatch out into wiggle tails, or larvae. After a few more days, the larvae change into pupae. The adult mosquitoes emerge from the pupae. The length of time required after the egg is laid before the adult mosquito emerges depends on several factors, such as the variety of mosquito, the temperature, and the amount of food available. This period is seldom less than a week and for all practical purposes can be regarded as ten days.

How To Prevent Breeding

The best way to keep mosquitoes from biting is to prevent their breeding. If it is possible to do so, their breeding places should be drained, filled up, or otherwise destroyed. Those which breed only in artificial containers seldom fly over a few hundred yards from their breeding places. People annoyed by this variety usually are raising them on their own premises. In order to prevent the breeding of this mosquito, no receptacles around the premises should be permitted to hold water over a week. When the water is changed in flower vases, care should be taken to remove all of the old water and rinse the receptacle before adding the new water. Roof gutters should be inspected at regular intervals to determine whether they are blocked up with fallen leaves or other debris and holding water. A very light film of No. 2 fuel oil should be applied to the water surface every week in rain barrels and other containers which cannot be emptied.

Since some species breed in the water in pit privies, a cupful of fuel oil should be poured into the pit every two weeks.

Unfortunately, the control of some species of mosquitoes is more difficult due to their different breeding habits and long flight ranges. In the case of these mosquitoes, the individual can do very little towards keeping them off his premises, their control is a community problem. Many towns in North Carolina are conducting mosquito control programs through their local health departments. A crew of men devote all of their time to draining stagnate water, cleaning out the ditches, applying oil to water which cannot be drained, inspecting private premises, and searching for and destroying artificial containers. If the town you live in does not have such a program, try to get one started. Your local health officer will be glad to furnish the supervision if the funds are made available.

DDT Best Insecticide

DDT is, by far, the best insecticide for use against mosquitoes. In applying it as a residual spray, treat all wall surfaces and ceilings, especially in dark corners, behind pictures and furniture and other places where mosquitoes can hide. You should also treat the underside of tables, backs of bookcases and beds, closets, porches and screens. Instructions for applying DDT can be obtained from your health department. Such treatment is usually effective for three months or longer if properly applied.

The control of adult mosquitoes on the outside is very difficult. Even though the porch has been sprayed with DDT, large numbers of mosquitoes will usually be present if many are breeding in the vicinity. DDT has the disadvantage of being very slow in its action. For this reason, new arrivals will be continually taking the place of those killed off by the DDT.

Space sprays are effective against mosquitoes on the outside if applied enough. Several devices are on the market which are very good in applying this spray in the form of a mist or fog. The frequency with which this type spraying must be done depends on the density and variety of mosquitoes as well as the distance from their breeding places.

If you have a mosquito problem, ask your health department to help you in solving it.

Vets Should Plan For School Terms

Veterans Administration has issued a round-up of rules and regulations that should help veterans plan ahead for GI Bill school terms next fall.

The round-up includes new procedures that were prepared under Public Law 610, signed July 13, 1950.

VA stressed that now is the time veterans should do their planning, because several weeks are required sometimes to get preliminaries out of the way.

Veterans who intend to go ahead this Fall with the same course at the same school they've previously attended need not contact VA at all. They should, however, make certain the school has room for them.

Those who want to continue in the same course but at a different school should obtain a Supplemental Certificate of Eligibility from VA. On the certificate, they must name the school and course. Then they present the

certificate to the school at enrollment time.

Veterans who wish to make their first change from one general field of study to another (from law to engineering, for example) may do so simply by applying for a Supplemental Certificate of Eligibility from VA.

The same holds true for those who completed or discontinued GI Bill training and now want to make a first change to a different general field.

Luther G. Bateman Dies At Cross Roads

Luther G. Bateman, 73, retired farmer of the Cross Roads section died at his home at 5 o'clock Saturday morning. He had been in ill health for seven months.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Nina Bass Bateman; four sons, M. L. Bateman of Ryland, B. F. Bateman of Tyner and W. L. Bateman and Luther Bateman of Edenton; a sister, Mrs. F. V. Fleming of Gatesville and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church, of which deceased was a member, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The pastor of the church, the Rev. J. W. Davis, officiated. Interment was made in the Ballard's Bridge Church Yard.

Active pallbearers were Bertram Hollowell, Lindsay Evans, Ernest Privott, Albert Bunch, Jack Harrell and John Bass.

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"The Duplin Story" Proving Very Popular

According to reports reaching Kennansville, attendance at the 1950 mid-century production of "The Duplin Story" will far exceed that of last year. Inquiries have been received from New York, New Jersey, Washington City, Ohio, Alabama, Washington State, California, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Texas, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. A special bus will run from Kingstree, S. C., and Charleston. Two special car loads are coming from Hillsboro, Ohio. The Wilmington, Y. W. C. A., sent a special bus last year and have notified officials

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that they expect to send more buses this year.

Attendance last year was around 20,000. Indications to date are that 50,000 or more are expected to attend this year. Showing dates are September 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12.

Officials wanted to date the 1950 showing prior to Labor day, but it was virtually impossible due to school opening dates in Duplin.

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