

4-H CLUB WORK AS I SEE IT

By Mrs. H. H. Lane, Adult 4-H Club Leader of the Ryland Community

More than a quarter of a century ago a small group of North Carolina boys was organized into a club, from which has grown the largest youth organization in the world. From this one club, embracing one activity (corn) has emerged the 4-H organization, that includes all phases of agriculture and homemaking, including drama, music, recreation, health, handicraft, cooperation and community activity. From such project activities rural boys and girls have developed desirable ideals and standards for rural living.

The 4-H Club program trains our young people in the art of living. Through their club work, boys and girls are given an opportunity to learn by doing, through conducting certain farm and home enterprises, and demonstrating to others what they are doing.

It is one of the objectives of 4-H club work to teach and demonstrate to rural youth methods designed to improve practices in Agriculture and homemaking, to the end that farm incomes may be increased, standards of living improved, and the satisfaction of farm life so enhanced that our boys and girls will want to remain at home and face temptations of high

city wages, inventions and conveniences.

In this changing world of ours, the young people of today are asked to assume new responsibilities, undertake bigger tasks and do more with less. So I think that if we, as parents and adult leaders, could realize what a challenge youth does face today, and how much they need our guidance and sympathetic understanding of their problems and opportunities, we should be more willing to give of our time to help them.

With the good training that the 4-H Club program gives these future leaders we need have no fear for the fate of our nation, for their thinking will determine its course. They will face the future with strength, integrity, and clear vision that comes from rural life at its best.

As one of our State Leaders has said, "The 4-H Club program is big enough to cover the entire world and flexible enough to fit the needs of every rural boy and girl." I believe that as boys and girls have grown in club work, their influence has spread to the ranks of the adults and as they see what youth is accomplishing, they, too, have become more conscious of the finer and more significant things of life.

The American Oil Co. will provide four gold-filled instead of sterling silver medals of honor as county awards. The state winner will receive an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, as heretofore. The national awards, however, have been increased from eight to 12 \$300.00 college scholarships.

Awards in the 4-H Garden program, which are provided by Allis-Chalmers, remain the same as last year—four gold-filled medals of honor, an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress, and eight \$300.00 college scholarships, to county, state and national winners, respectively.

All these national 4-H programs are supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service.

The Golden Rule works like gravitation. —C. F. Dole.

State Accepts Four National 4-H Awards Programs For 1954

The State Club office has accepted four national 4-H awards programs for participation of members in 1954, the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work has announced. The programs are Garden, Clothing Achievement, Poultry, and Tractor Maintenance, in the last three of which awards have been changed.

In the 4-H Clothing program, four (formerly one) gold-filled medals of honor will be provided for winners in qualifying counties by the awards donor, Coats & Clark, Inc. As in the past, the state winner will receive an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Also, 12 state winners selected for national awards will each receive a \$300.00 college scholarship.

Instead of five sterling silver medal awards to county winners in the 4-H Poultry program, four gold-filled medals will be provided this year by the Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Co. Awards of an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago for state winners, and \$300.00 college scholarships to ten national winners remain unchanged.

In the 4-H Tractor Maintenance pro-

CUPID'S TOUCH



This trim cotton blouse bears Cupid's touch, for the fabric is printed with tiny red hearts. Perfect accent to the Springmaid heart print are small red hearts embroidered on the snow white Peter Pan collar. Designed by Rhoda Lee, the crisp little cotton blouse has three-quarter push-up sleeves and minute pearl buttons.

SENIORS PLANNING TO TAKE TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

Approximately 30 seniors in the Edenton Junior-Senior High School are planning to make the annual senior educational excursion to Washington, D. C., the early part of May. The tour will include sightseeing of important and historical places in the nation's capital, a moonlight cruise on the Potomac River and a trip to Glen Echo Park.



60 - SECOND SERMONS

By FRED DODGE

TEXT: "A lie travels around the world while truth is putting on her boots."—C. H. Spurgeon.

A famous preacher, one summer Sunday, noticed that many of his congregation were drowsing. He paused in his sermon, and then went on in a loud voice.

"I once called at a farm house and observed a remarkable sight. I saw a sow with a litter of seven pigs and each offspring had a long curved horn growing out of the forehead between the ears!"

The clergyman paused again and looked over his congregation. Everyone now, was wide awake. Then he remarked,

"How strange it is. A few minutes ago I was telling you the truth and you went to sleep. But now, when you have heard a whopping lie, you are all wide awake."

Lies are vicious destroyers, yet how often a "tall story" is accepted without question. We sleep with great truths all around us. A lie snaps us awake in an instant. We seize it eagerly and pass it on.

The next time a startling tale races toward you, thrust out a foot and trip it. Then question it thoroughly. If it

is a lie, it should not be helped on its way. If it is true, but harmful, restrain it. If it is true and helpful, pass it on swiftly. Too seldom does a helpful truth receive the assistance it deserves.

SAFETY CONFERENCE MAY 4-6
The 24th Annual Statewide Industrial Safety Conference will be held in Raleigh May 4, 5, and 6. The Sir Walter Hotel will be conference headquarters.

The program being developed for the entire conference will be interesting and informative and will help in the solution of many safety problems.

PROPERTY DAMAGE AS RESULT OF TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS INCREASES

North Carolina traffic accidents last year involving property damage or showed a nine per cent increase according to the Motor Vehicles Department's Highway Safety Division. The division recorded \$35,148 such mishaps in 1953 while only 32,289 occurred the preceding year.

Non fatal accidents reported for the year came to 9,652, a 10 per cent decrease from 1952. Injuries occurring from all reported motor vehicle accidents the state last year totaled 15,171, 238 fewer than the year before. Fatalities, subject to later revision, were pegged at 1,117.

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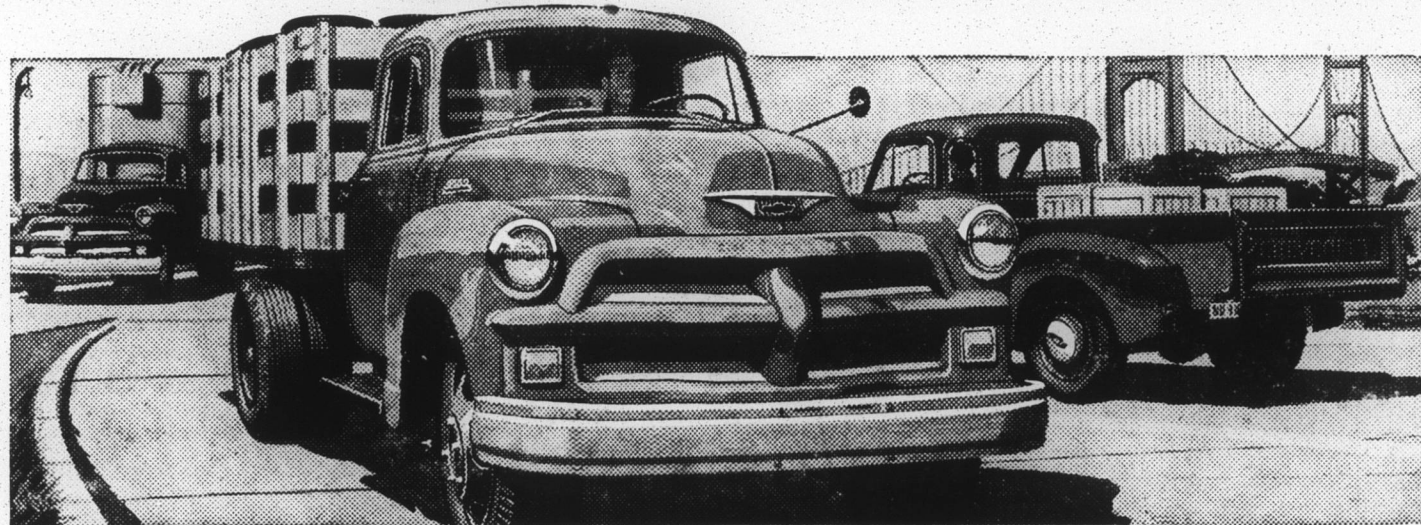
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