

National 4-H Club Week Is Being Observed This Week

My Trip To National 4-H Club Congress

By **ZACKIE HARRILL**
Most state project and demonstration winners are given a free trip to the National 4-H Club Congress held each year in Chicago the last week of November. I won this trip through my peanut project in the 4-H Club.

The Congress has frequently been called the "show case of 4-H" because it offers a priceless opportunity to tell the public more about club work. Throughout the week, delegates are photographed and interviewed for hundreds of newspapers, magazines, newsreels, and radio and television programs. More than 350 press, radio and television representatives covered the event in person to provide a steady flow of news about one of the most worthwhile and exciting youth events in the world.

The delegates registered in the world's largest hotel, the Conrad Hilton, upon arrival in Chicago. The rest of the first afternoon the delegates from every state in the Union had a chance to get acquainted and to explore what seemed to them a new and fascinating world.

The next morning brought still more thrills. All the delegates attended the morning worship hour in the grand ballroom of the hotel where the famous evangelist, Billy Graham, spoke to the group on "The Youth of Today".

Some of the highlights of the week were the banquets. On Monday morning in the Grand Ballroom of the Conrad Hilton, the Firestone Company sponsored a banquet in honor of all the state winners and their sponsors. Later during the day the delegates were taken on a tour of the city of Chicago. That afternoon all the delegates and leaders were invited to attend the special showing of cinema "South Seas Adventure" in the Palace Theatre. On Monday night the delegates were guests of the Singer Sewing Machine Company at a concert presented by the Chicago Lyric Opera Orchestra. The Congress strikes a fine balance between seriousness and fun, as you can see from the activities. Tours, exhibits, talks, assembly

sessions and group discussions combine education and inspiration in equal degrees.

The Congress is always held simultaneously with the International Livestock Exposition in order to give delegates the chance to visit this great agricultural event. Here we not only saw livestock but also Arthur Godfrey entertained the 4-H'ers. This trip to the arena was certainly one of the most dramatic highlights of the week.

The climax of the week was the annual 4-H banquet in the grand ballroom Thursday night. At this banquet the National winners were announced. The delegates also got another surprise when they saw Roy Rogers and Dale Evans at this banquet. After the banquet and the presentation of the national winners, a farewell party was given for everyone in the Williford and Waldorf rooms of the Conrad Hilton.

Friday morning ended the week when the North Carolina delegates boarded a Capital plane to return home. They arrived at Raleigh-Durham airport Friday afternoon at approximately 3:30 to end a glorious week that each and every one would remember for many years to come, an exciting week at the National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

Cotton Allotment Deadline Is Near

Cotton farmers don't have much longer to decide whether they will plant their cotton acreage or release it. A. C. Griffin, Chairman of the Chowan County ASC Committee expresses the hope that all cotton farmers will get a clear picture of the choice they have to make before the deadline date of April 5 to release cotton acreage.

Griffin says that complete release of cotton acreage which will not be planted this year could go a long way toward solving the problems of cotton farmers, ginners and processors this year. Cotton farmers took an 18% cut in acreage last year through failure to plant their

Wins Showmanship Award



In 1949 Kay Lowe, Edenton Route 3, won the showmanship award in the county by showing her Hampshire pig—Mary. This week Kay, who is 4-H County Council president, is taking an active part in National 4-H Club Week observance.

year should by all means visit their ASC County Office and discuss with them the advantages and disadvantages to releasing cotton acreage.

To date Chowan County farmers that do not wish to plant cotton in 1950 have released to the Committee 134.7 acres. This will be reapportioned to farmers making request for reapportioned acreage for 1950 by April 5.

March 16 is the final date for farmers to notify the Chowan County ASC office of his desire to plant cotton under the Choice "B" allotment.

Farmers who cannot plant their full cotton acreage this

MY TRIP TO STATE 4-H CLUB WEEK

By **LEON EVANS**
Joe Nixon and I won a free trip to 4-H Club Week at State College in 1949 by being district winners in the Forestry Demonstration.

We left Edenton on July 25th around 8:30. When we got to Raleigh we checked in at the Coliseum to see where we were to stay. Joe and I were to stay in a room on the second floor of Bagwell Dormitory. At assembly that night it was announced that there were approximately 1,400 4-H'ers there. After the program we had recreation on the campus. Then, Joe and I went to the dormitory.

We were to give our demonstration Tuesday afternoon. Joe and I carried our equipment to the Forestry Building, Tuesday morning and practiced our demonstration again. We ate lunch and went for the forestry demonstration contest. There were six very good demonstrations given. When the demonstrations were over I went swimming. We had a box lunch in Ricks Stadium that night. At the assembly, the demonstration winners were announced. Only the first two places were announced. We did not place in the top two. We didn't know until we got home that we placed third in this contest. After the winners were announced, the new members were tapped into the Honor Club.

Wednesday, I went to see the boys' electric demonstration. I went swimming again that evening. The State Dress Revue was that night. I enjoyed it very much. Thursday, the 4-H'ers who were in the Health Pageant met to see what they had to do. Judy Haste and I were to represent Chowan County in the Health Pageant. This was very exciting. When the Health Pageant was over, there was a watermelon slicing.

Friday afternoon was All Counties Day and we left the campus and went to the show. An inspiring ceremony was held Friday night—the candlelighting ceremony in which the new officers were installed.

During the week, I made many new friends and saw many old friends which I had met before at other 4-H functions.

Saturday morning we left and came back home. We were glad to get home even though we had a wonderful week. Joe and I have given the forestry demonstration in the county and district contest for three years.

We would like to say "Thank you," to Mr. Robert Marsh, Mr. Bill Stanton, Mr. Harry Venters, Miss Catherine Aman, and anyone else who helped make it possible for us to win a trip to State 4-H Week. I enjoy 4-H work and have gained many valuable experiences which will help me through life.

State 4-H Club Week with its many activities has certainly

been an incentive for me to work even harder in the county 4-H program.

Business Directory Being Distributed

The 1950 edition of the Chamber of Commerce "Where To Find It" business directory is being distributed throughout the county by the Advertising and Promotion Committee. Just off the press, the business directory lists products and services available in Edenton from Chamber of Commerce members, arranged under classified headings similar to the phone book "yellow pages."

Chairman Elton Forehand said the directory will be distributed generally out of town and in town at places where visitors are likely to stop, such as service stations, restaurants, motels and hotel. Forehand said members wishing additional copies may call the Chamber of Commerce.

Likes Steer Project

By **BRYANT WHITE**
Through the past years of 4-H Club work I have received several awards for champion steers. These awards were achieved through hard work and much effort.

In keeping a steer for a 4-H project, there are many practices to be followed. I begin the feeding process in September, and by the end of March, the steer which I bought is ready for the Chowan County Fat Stock Show and Sale. Through the months between September and March, I tame and halter break my steer, which is the hardest part of all. After he is halter broken, I begin to teach him to lead and stand. He has to be brushed and curried every day, if possible. This is important because the steer's hair has to be glossy and manageable to show off the best points.

After long months of careful attention to the steer, the sale day finally comes. This is the day when fellow 4-H members come from all over the county to compete for championship in



4-H Members Prepare for a Lifetime

the Fat Stock Show. After the day of the sale, I feel sort of lonesome because it seems as if I have lost my best friend, but I always look forward to having another steer the next year. I chose this project four years ago, and I still have the same one. The reason I chose a steer for a project is to make some money to go to college after I finish high school. Through this project, I have learned a great deal about livestock, and I am planning to go on and learn more about animal husbandry when I finish high school.

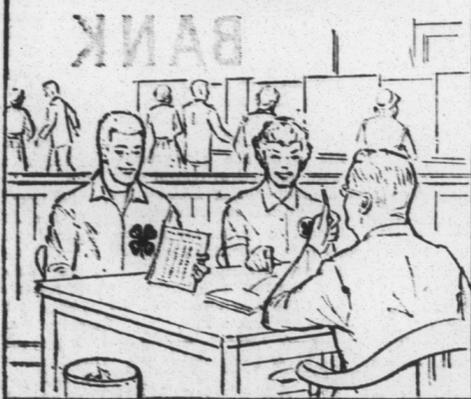
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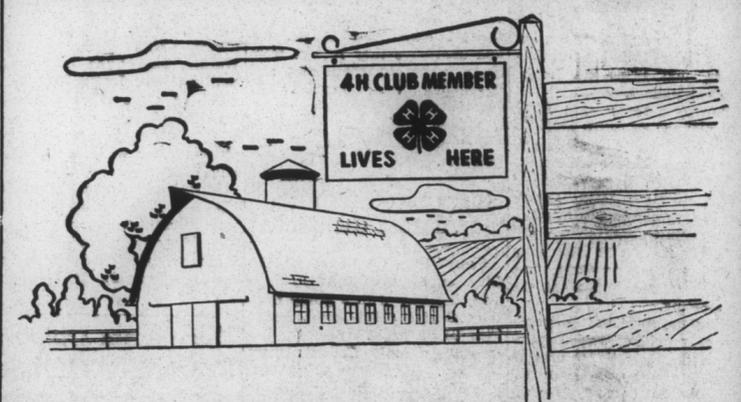
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