

# Chowan Clubs Help Observe National 4-H Club Week

## How My Demonstration Has Helped My Project

By **JOHNNY WINBORNE**  
By giving a demonstration on wildlife, my project has become more interesting because while I am trying to interest other people in my project I obtain a better understanding of my project.

In giving my demonstration on Farm Pond Management, I learn the many different ways of doing the things necessary to manage the pond properly. Some of these are:

**A. Digging the pond:** There are many kinds of ponds which can be dug. The kind of pond used chiefly in Eastern North Carolina is dug by a dragline. In other parts of the state many people who want a pond construct a dam and let water collect behind it. These ponds usually cover eight or more acres.

**B. Stocking the pond:** It is recommended that the farm pond be stocked with bass and bluegill, although other kinds of fish may be used.

**C. Fertilizing the pond:** After you have dug the pond, and stocked it with bass or bluegill it becomes necessary to fertilize the pond. The pond needs fertilizer just as a field crop needs it. The fish don't eat the fertilizer. The fertilizer causes

microscopic plants to grow and they are the color you see on the pond. Insect larvae and other water plants feed on the microscopic plants. These insect larvae are what the bluegills feed upon. The bass in turn eat the young bluegill. You might say it is a round-about way to feed fish but it has been proven to be the best. A mineral fertilizer is best for your pond. Organic fertilizers such as cottonseed meal, blood meal, manure and leaves encourage pond scum. The Soil Conservation Service recommends 8-8-4. You may use 8-8-2, 10-5-5, or 12-12-4. To fertilize my pond, I used 6-6-12. It is important that the fertilizer contains as much nitrogen as phosphorous. An average pond requires from 800 to 1200 pounds of fertilizer each year.

By listening to other demonstrations, I have learned about other aspects of wildlife. At different contests I learned about bird houses, quail, trapping, planting food patches for wildlife, snakes and many other wildlife projects.

When you give a demonstration you meet many interesting people and experts on your phase of wildlife.

## What 4-H Club Work Has Meant To Us As Adult Leaders

Our 4-H story began a good while before we became Adult Leaders. It began 13 years ago when Carlton joined the Advance Community 4-H Club. He was shy and reserved, but the 4-H IDEA OF LEARNING BY DOING gave him self-confidence, and today he is the president of the Adult Leaders of Chowan County. This is a living example of what 4-H can do.

When we married, we both became 4-H leaders in the Advance Community. As we complete our first three years, we not only feel we are helping, but that we have been helped. Every demonstration, report, and 4-H activity teaches us something new and interesting. We, too, are still "learning by doing."

Advance Community 4-H Club has contributed many fine citizens to the world. There have been five boys and two girls who have completed their 4-H

work since we have been Adult Leaders, and we are gaining new members all the time. We are going to help them all we can with their projects and record books, and try to teach them the 4-H way of becoming better citizens.

The projects chosen each year by our 4-H members show their interest in their community. They have chopped wood for the community building, hauled and leveled dirt for the yard and are now planning to paint mailboxes. Each one is a wonderful and interesting individual, and we love every one of them!

We have two small children, ages 2 and 3, and we like to think of them as "miniature 4-H'ers." We hope that in a few years they will become active in the 4-H Club. In our opinion, no club offers more than the spiritual, mental and physical growth that you can receive in 4-H.

## My Trip To The National 4-H Club Congress

By **LEON EVANS**

On November 26, there was a certain plane at the Raleigh-Durham Airport awaiting 36 4-H'ers who were winners of the State in each project in 4-H. I happened to be one of these fortunate 4-H'ers. I was state winner in the forestry project. About 8 o'clock the plane left for Chicago for the National 4-H Club Congress. We had an eight course dinner served on the plane just before we arrived in Chicago. As we left the plane, we saw one of the largest airports in the world. A bus carried us to the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Here, we checked in and were shown to our rooms. The rooms were very nice. They had radios and televisions.

There was only one meeting held on Saturday. It was mainly a "get-acquainted" party at the Palmer House Hotel sponsored by Westinghouse Electric Corporation. On Sunday, we had a very inspiring church service at the Central Church of Chicago. On Sunday night a minister delivered the message at the Chicago Sunday Evening Club.

On Monday, the delegates took an all-day tour of Chicago. We visited the large International Harvester plant, Oak Park High School, Museum of Science and Industry and many other places.

We were entertained by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on Monday night. Tuesday began by having a tasty breakfast served by the Sears Roebuck Foundation. We then went to the Studebaker Theatre for the National 4-H Dress Revue. The boys attended a special luncheon for the boys and the girls went to the hotel. After lunch,

## Chowan 4-H Corn Contest

By **RICHARD WHITE**

Each year the Lions Club sponsors a 4-H Club corn banquet and gives prizes for the top yields in three different groups. The boys select a plot of ground to plant. We give this land special attention to get the largest yield possible. Some of the boys planted six to eight inches apart and fertilize two or three times.

In the fall the Assistant County Agent or County Agent check our yields. After we turn in our record books, the agents grade them and determine the

the boys went to the Museum of Natural History. After touring the museum, the boys had to walk back to the hotel in the snow.

A Friendship Party was given by Coates and Clark, Incorporated, on Tuesday night. On Wednesday morning, I didn't have any meetings to attend, so a friend and I went to see the Chicago Bears practice football. We were invited by one of the players, Bill George. We returned to the hotel for lunch given by the Ford Foundation. We then went to the International Amphitheater to see a rodeo and horse show. We had a box supper. We saw the many head of livestock exhibited at the show. We were in a great parade before we left the amphitheater.

On Thursday morning, I attended a breakfast for the forestry delegates. We were guests of the American Forestry Products Industry. The General Motors Corporation served us a great meal for lunch on Thursday. They gave each delegate a model of one of their products.

We attended the Annual 4-H Banquet on Thursday night at the Grand Ballroom. The top boy and girl in the National achievement was named at this banquet. A farewell party was given after the banquet until twelve o'clock. Then the states gave their own farewell parties after then. I attended several of them. I caught up on part of my sleep on the plane on the way home Friday morning, but I missed my breakfast. National 4-H Club Congress is truly the most inspiring event I have ever attended.

The winner does not always have the largest yield. It is determined by the quality of the record book and the yield. The boys are divided into three groups according to age. The winner in each group receives five dollars.

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## 4-H HELPS OPEN THE GATE OF LIFE



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## My 4-H Peanut Project

By **LEWIS EVANS**

In 1956, I had my first peanut project. Since then I have had one acre of peanuts each year. I have learned many important and interesting things about peanuts through my peanut project. Sometimes, like when it came to chopping my peanuts, it didn't seem a good project.

I soon learned that chopping my peanuts and keeping the grass and weeds out was one step in helping my peanuts have a better chance of making a higher yield and a better quality product. In 1956 I grew 2,365 pounds of peanuts—a feat which I was very proud of even though I didn't get an honorable mention.

In my 1957 peanut project I

grew 2,943 pounds of peanuts on my acre. I was placed second in the contest with a total of 94 points out of 100 possible points. I was presented a check for five dollars. In my 1958 project I grew 2,520 pounds of peanuts on my acre; this was a little low. In my 1959 project I grew 2,770 pounds and came in second place and received a five dollar check.

In my 1960 project I grew 2,440 pounds of peanuts but my record book brought me up to first place county winner. I got a gold trophy of which I am very proud.

Giving does not impoverish us in the service of our Maker, neither does withholding enrich us.  
—Mary Baker Eddy.

## My Experience With The 4-H Swine Project

By **LESTER R. COPELAND**

I have been a 4-H member for three years. During this time, I have learned many things through 4-H work. The first year I was a member of the 4-H Club I chose raising a pig for my project. My dad gave me a pig from his purebred Poland China stock. I tried to take good care of the pig and follow the advice given by the 4-H County Agent.

When the pig was grown she found eight baby pigs. I fixed a pasture for them and they grew to be healthy hogs. I entered two of them in the County Fat Stock Show. I was very surprised to win the Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion. This was the first show I had been in and I was very glad to show my pigs. I think it is a real privilege to be in the 4-H Club. I enjoy taking care of my hogs.

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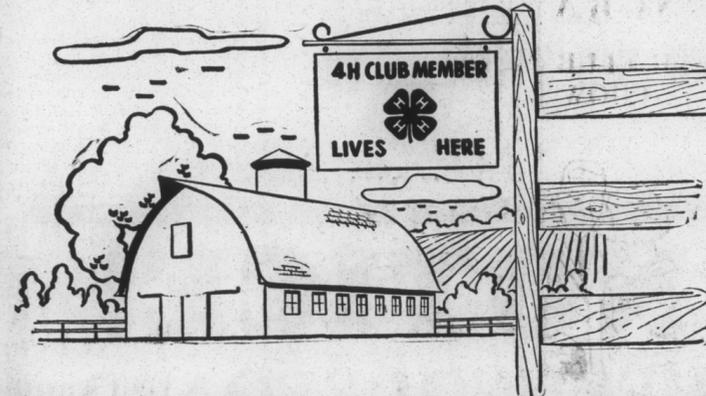
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