

National 4-h Club Week Is Slated

By GENE JORDAN
Ryland Senior 4-H Club
 This week is National 4-H Week. Boys and girls in Chowan County join other 4-H Club members in North Carolina and the nation in the observance.

Since 1930 4-H clubs have been active in North Carolina. First as tomato and corn clubs, then as school clubs and now as community clubs with leaders.

Today in Chowan County there are 12 active clubs with approximately 250 members and over 300 other boys and girls participating in 4-H related activities.

Four-Hers are active in many fields. Some areas open for participation include 4-H Church Sunday, County Activity Day, 4-H Camp, North Carolina 4-H Congress, Electric Congress, Natural Resource Camp and Forestry Camp. Another activity is the annual Junior Livestock Show and Sale. This year participation increased in both the steer and swine departments.

This show is sponsored by the Ryland and Chowan Ruritan Clubs.

The Corn Contest sponsored by the Edenton Lions Club is also an important 4-H activity. This year 13 boys and girls have corn projects.

Chowan County returned from 4-H District Activity Day with six district winners. They were Tony Langley, tractor driving; Marta Rogerson, horse; Mary Helen Dail, forestry; Susan Jordan, dress revue; Joan Jordan, public speaking, and Cindy Davenport, fruit and vegetable production.

Also three talent numbers won blue ribbons with Lou Ann Bunch and Janet Harrell being invited to the state level. The other two blue ribbons were won by Beech-

eye Lou Ward and Belinda Byrum. At State 4-H Congress Mary Helen Dail won state championship with her forestry demonstration.

There were about 45 boys and girls and leaders participating in district activities. Susan Jordan was awarded a \$500 4-H Development Fund scholarship at 4-H State Congress.

The 4-H dress revue was held at Chowan High School with 17 girls participating. Winners were Debbie Jordan, Lou Ann Bunch and Susan Jordan. Susan Jordan represented Chowan County in the district, where she won a blue ribbon and went on to the state dress revue.

A second dress revue was held on Awards Day at D. F. Walker School for the girls participating in a special interest sewing workshop held during study hall at school. These girls were given certificates of completion.

Several summer workshops were held for boys and girls to learn various crafts. These were for any boy or girl between nine and 19 years of age. These boys and girls not only learned how to make something but can also demonstrate in the Craftsman's Fair next fall and sell crafts through the Youth Center.

Chowan County 4-Hers have had a very busy and productive year. Approximately 150 projects were completed last year. With local support this year can be even better. Support 4-H!

Wayside Pulpit

D. E. EARNHARDT

Text: "The devil also believes."—James 2:19.

We ought to sympathize with the devil because he is the most extensive employer of labor. He is called on to bear responsibility for all our sins. He is a very obliging soul in that he helps with our baby-sitting, our pastoral counselling, our excursions and our family budgeting. He employs more labor than all the railroads and steel mills. He is definitely an organization man—a hell fellow well met.

He has been called the father of liars but he is keen to favor only the lie that works.

He furnishes diversion for the people who stay away from public worship. He insists that it is much better to laugh at our mistakes than to cry over our sins. He cites that it is only weakness that cries over anything. He calls to mind that history records the beginning of the pitcher pump was a boy who went out every morning to cry over his sins and froze to death in that act. They thawed him by working his arm up and down and the tears flowed down his nose and thus the invention.

Mrs. Ashley, 87, Taken In Death

Funeral services will be held today (Thursday) in Williford Memorial Chapel for Mrs. Callie Elnora Harris Ashley, 87, who died last Thursday in Chowan Hospital after an extended illness. Officiating will be Rev. Robert E. Gray and Rev. George Broom. Burial will follow in the family cemetery.

A native of Chowan County, she was the daughter of the late Sarah Elizabeth Harris and the late Jeremiah Harris, and the wife of the late Robert Ashley.

Surviving are two sons, Murray Ashley, Edenton, and Robert E. Ashley of McClellanville, S. C.; four daughters: Mrs. Walter Harrell of Smithfield, Va., Mrs. Alton Moore of Winfall, Mrs. McKinley Wright of Hampton, Va., and Mrs. Jim Basnight of Edenton; 15 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. She was a member of Center Hill Baptist Church.

A NOTE OF THANKS

During the last illness and death of our mother, Mrs. Callie H. Ashley, we wish to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to Dr. Richard Hardin, Chowan Hospital, Inc., Units A, B, and C and also the Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad. Also to our friends who sent remembrances of flowers, cards, food and other kindness. —The Children of Mrs. Robert L. Ashley.

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Christianity and the Secular City

International Sunday School Lesson for Oct. 8

Lesson Text: Genesis 11:1-9; Zechariah 8:1-8; John 17:15-18; Acts 19:23-41 I John 2:15-17; Revelation 21:10, 22-27.

Our lesson for today will attempt to evaluate the very special problems that are attendant upon city living, and at the same time analyze the equally special opportunities that present themselves to the ardent Christian as they relate to witnessing for Christ.

God had in mind one very special city—a place from which sin would be banished and whose citizens would live their lives according to the Holy decree. Jerusalem was chosen as the site of this model community, but, alas, man failed to live a life wholly acceptable in the eyes of God, and the city fell upon evil times. Destroyed, Jerusalem was yet given a second chance; if she failed yet again, her downfall was occasioned by the failure of man to understand—the fault did not lie with God, nor was He guilty of lack of concern.

The twentieth century Christian, looking around at his twentieth century city, cannot fail to be struck by the evil that flourishes in crowded city conditions. Drug abuse, robberies, rapes and murders would seem to be the order of the day. So much so, indeed, that one must sometimes feel that the church is facing a never-ending and somewhat hopeless task, in bringing order out of chaos, godliness out of ungodliness.

The involved Christian, however, cannot afford to withdraw from the need that so patently surrounds him, for the negative approach is not the one that wins battles. Rather, the concerned Christian should be stimulated by the challenge presented—that of drawing good out of evil, and furthering Christ's chosen work among the poor and the oppressed, the ignorant and the lost. For Christ, Himself, sought out the cesspools and worked unceasingly to lift the human dregs to the glory of heaven. In His Name, we cannot do less.

Before economic necessity and/or the lure of money drew men and women to urban living, a great majority were born and grew up in small towns across the country. There everyone knew his neighbor, and this proximity imposed certain restraints on latent waywardness. Now, all too often, in a city of any size, the small-town image is dispersed. Neighborliness is not only lost, but all too often frowned upon. This trend towards impersonality presents opportunities for privacy that are easily abused, either through weakness of character, boredom, or even loneliness. This is where an active church is invaluable. God's work is never done, and God's spirit of caring must reach out to these lonely souls, providing spiritual sustenance and strength. An alert church body will realize there is work to be done in the streets of a city as well as in the far-flung foreign fields, and that missionaries are needed at home, as well as abroad. For man's nature is such that he needs the sense of inner peace that the assurance of God's love brings. When he feels that this love is denied him, he drifts.

The cities of our nation truly reflect man's progress—and his problems; it therefore follows that they reflect the progress (and problems) of the nation.

Paul was alert to the special need of the cities of his day and time. Often the seat of culture and advancement, they were also fertile breeding grounds for poverty and crime. And who will say that this is not also true today?

Few among us would be so impertinent as to claim the Christian stature of Paul. Nevertheless, dedicated discipleship and lofty ideals, when combined with enthusiasm, are telling weapons today, even as they were then.

Only as the urban church strives to meet the need of the people, will the people strive to meet the need of the church. Only thus will our cities become truly "cities of God."

Here comes the winner! Can he hold that first-place position? Or will he fail? Victory is the most important thing in the world for these youngsters right now. Everything hinges on the outcome of this contest.

Enthusiasm is an important part of successful living. It can stimulate the imagination and inspire the mind. And it can be a contagious thing, too. It can affect your co-workers, your friends and your family. That is why it is so important to instill enthusiasm in any successful organization, as well as in individuals.

One of the greatest institutions on earth, the Church, has inherited a rich spiritual enthusiasm which has been handed down through the centuries. Its members, working together, fired by the enthusiasm of Faith can give you renewed inspiration which you in turn, can pass on to others.

Plan now to attend church next Sunday. Become a part of this great fellowship of believers who can instill and impart enthusiasm into our lives, our community, our world.



WINNER

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