



FOUR-H CLUB

and FUTURE FARMER ACTIVITIES



Development Of Character Most Vital 4-H Task

Boys And Girls Learn Serious Things Of Life In Work

By DAN LEWIS

South Carolina State Boys Club Agent Education is not a preparation for life it is life itself, said a leading educator. The 4-H club movement has grown and received the support of the people because it is pedagogically sound, developing young people through encouraging them to take an active part in demonstrating the better practices in agriculture and home economics.

The purpose of 4-H Club work is to improve practices in agriculture and home making and to develop a more satisfying rural life. To do this, the economic and social life of the rural boys and girls must be improved. Listen to what Parker Pralix, club member of Colleton county, South Carolina, has to say: "One of the most valuable ways club work has helped me was to teach me how to shoulder responsibility. It has brought me in contact with the life problems of my community. It has helped me to do something worthwhile on the farm and in my home. It has also encouraged me to finish high school and given me a desire to go to college. It has shown me the necessity of fitting myself for life's work."

Develops Character

"Club work has taught me good sportsmanship, self control, and co-operation. It has developed an appreciation of good health and a feeling of responsibility to my home and community."

"Club work has taught me to think through and solve problems; the value of thrift and the dignity of labor; and it has influenced me in character development."

Another boy from Colleton county in speaking of the value of club work said: "The most valuable thing I learned from club work in 1934 was that it paid to use fertilizer. Corn in the field adjoining mine was almost a complete failure and my acre was among the best in the county."

From Chester county Marion Hall, another club member, says: "I have learned to properly feed and care for dairy cows. I have also learned how to fit and show them at the State Fair. By attending 4-H club camps and rally days held during the summer, I have learned to play new games and formed new friendships."

Has Made Money

Now listen to Roy Gramling of Orangeburg: "During my years of 4-H club work from beginning to end I have strived to attain the high ideals of the Four H's, Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, set as goals for all club boys and girls. I have also taken an active part in everything my club has done. I have grown outstanding demonstrations, taken part in live stock judging contests, attended the monthly community club meetings and the summer 4-H camps, exhibited my products at the county and State fairs, gone to and taken part in rally and achievement day programs, and taken part in leadership training and other activities. I have made money from my club projects, learned some thrift principles and made many friends."

Otis Copeland of Dabney, in discussing 4-H club work and what it meant to him, outlined its purposes as follows: To teach (1) the development of character, (2) a proper appreciation of agricultural science, (3) thrift and prudence, (4) the dignity of labor, (5) love and development of home, (6) to learn by doing, (7) integrity, (8) good sportsmanship, (9) co-operation, (10) self-control and self-reliance, (11) an appreciation of health, (12) the development of ability to do, and it cultivates a vision to see.

Club work teaches stick-to-itiveness:

"The fellow who never surrenders
And is taking things as they come;
Who never says 'quit' and exhibits grit,
When the whole world's looking grim;
The fellow who stays to the finish,
That nothing can hinder or stop,
And who works like sin, is the chap who'll win
And some day he'll be on top."

An Inspiration

R. A. Patriot of Fairfield county says: "I have learned valuable lessons in caring for and judging livestock. To grow good livestock one must be on the job every day in the year, and if you will only give them a fair chance they will repay you threefold. Club work has inspired me to greater things and I am very anxious to continue my education, specializing in agriculture." R. A. hopes to enter Clemson College this fall.

"Some more of the valuable lessons club work has taught me are as follows: I have learned the worthwhile lesson of keeping records of different farm projects, and of thus finding out whether they brought me a profit. I have learned a helpful lesson in patience since I have to work and to wait before I could see any harvest in return. I found that I could not always be a prize winner even though I might strive ever so hard, so I learned the great lesson of accepting defeat cheerfully. It has taught me a still greater lesson that I must take God as my daily partner and helper for I can plant and work but without His aid my work would be a failure."

Imparts Vision

"Without vision the people perish" was spoken prophetically. Club work brings boys and girls in touch with trained people, such as college extension workers, successful farm men and women, business men, fair officials

National Club Congress Will Meet Here



New Boys and Girls Club Building on grounds of International Live Stock Exposition, Union Stock Yards, Chicago, replacing building lost in fire of May 19, 1934, and dedicated at the 1934 4-H Club Congress.

National Club Congress Will Open In Chicago November 29

Carolina Farmer Degree Is Worth Every Sacrifice

By Kenneth MCINTYRE

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Any person who expects to amount to anything in life must have an objective—a goal to work toward and aspire to at all times. Therefore any young high school student who hopes to make his high school career amount to anything should select his objectives or goal upon entering school. Then at all times during the high school days he should, and with all his God-given powers and talents, strive to reach this goal.

For boys beginning their high school careers as agricultural students I see no finer or more noble goal than the Carolina Farmer degree. The Carolina Farmer degree stands for achievement in an agricultural student's farm projects, his high school, and the Young Tar Heel Farmer Association. It also stands for thrift, stamina and leadership. Last, but not least, this degree stands for scholarship. In other words, an agricultural student who comes up to the standards of the Carolina Farmer degree is a "topnotcher" in his school, community and agricultural department.

In the past few years it seems that the number of boys awarded the Carolina Farmer degree each year has been far below the hopes of the Young Tar Heel Farmer Association. Last year the scholastic standard was lowered a few points as that seemed the main obstacle. It was hoped by doing this that the number of Carolina Farmers would be increased in the future.

With these changes and the value of the degree before you, the entire Young Tar Heel Farmer Association wishes to urge every agricultural student to make the Carolina Farmer degree one of his chief objectives.

At any rate you can lose nothing by trying. Just remember the words of Cicero, the great philosopher, "When you are aspiring to the highest place it is honorable to reach the second or third rank."

668 NEW MEMBERS ADDED

Fifteen local chapters and 668 new members were added by the Young Tar Heel Association of Future Farmers of America during the past year. Roy H. Thomas, supervisor of agricultural education, has announced. This gives the Young Tar Heel Farmers a total of 130 active chapters and a membership of 5,934.

"More interest has been shown in thrift work this year than in any previous year," said Mr. Thomas, adding that there are now 31 thrift banks in operation with saving accounts totaling \$24,229.75.

bankers, and others who have a larger outlook on life. This contact with these important people inspires club members to learn best business principles through constructive training.

Four-H club demonstrations place club members in close contact with nature. Here they have opportunity to learn the beauties and satisfactions of the natural world. Here they have opportunity to learn the ways of the animals of the field and streams, the life of insects, the songs of birds, and the names of plants.

Preliminary premium lists for the fourteenth National Boys and Girls Club congress to be held in Chicago November 29th to September 7th, have just been released by the national committee on boys and girls work. These lists are prepared especially for state leaders in charge of 4-H Club work and are similar to previous premium lists. It includes prizes for practically every conceivable achievement in agriculture.

Club leaders in various states are working on the selection of delegates to Congress, although none of them has yet been named. The Congress marks the combination of the year's work in various 4-H Club projects. Delegates from North and South Carolina will be announced in our October issue.

The Congress is held in conjunction with the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago, November 29th to December 7th. Eligibility of delegates and contestants is governed by the following rules:

1. Only state-winning 4-H Club members other State winners whose trips are approved by the State Club Leaders, and those who win trips arranged through the offices of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, subject to the approval of the State Club Leaders, are eligible as delegates to the Congress.
2. Each 4-H Club delegate must have passed his or her fifteenth (15th) birthday, and must not have passed his or her twenty-first (21st) birthday on December 1 of the current year.
 - (A) A delegate may attend as a county representative not more than once.
 - (B) A delegate may attend as a state representative not more than once.
 - (C) A delegate may attend as a sectional winner from an extension section of the United States more than once, but not in the same project.
 - (D) A delegate may attend as a national winner more than once, but not in the same project.
3. Club members who have, previous to the fall term of 1935, been enrolled in a college or school giving courses in advance of high school grades are ineligible to all contests.
4. In judging contests members will be ineligible who have enrolled in a college course in the fall of 1935 and have received instructions in judging related to the contest in which he or she is to compete.
5. No contestant will be eligible to more than one of the following national contests in 1935.
 1. 4-H Club leadership.
 2. 4-H Club achievement.
 3. 4-H Meat Animal Livestock Project.
 4. 4-H Style Dress Revue.
 5. 4-H Canning Achievement.
 6. 4-H Club Girls' Record.
6. And any other similar contests which may be arranged in 1935.
7. The maximum number of 4-H Club delegates for each state shall be fifty (50).

Carolina Farm Boys Winners Of Degrees

The "Carolina Farmer Degree", one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a member of the State Association of Future Farmers of America, has been awarded to 18 outstanding Carolina farm boys.

The successful candidates for the degree and the schools they represent follow: Haywood Umphlett, Perquimans county; William Cone, Spring Hope; Enoch Dickens, Aurelian Springs; Johnnie Bridges, Lattimore; Steh Washburn, Lattimore; James Boone, Contentnea; Charlie Smith, Pink Hill; Moody Bennett, Candor; Vernon Hawkins, Dover; Russell Nixon, Perquimans county; Carl Sexton, Farmer; George Lee Porter, Aurora; James E. Brown, Rich Square; Harold Hill, Contentnea; Loy Crowder, Polkville; Roy Harper, Pink Hill; Paul Davis, Lattimore; and Paul Hastings, Tryon.

Dean Schaub One Of First To Start 4-H Clubs

Hertford County Corn Club Was Forerunner Of Organization

By ROY H. PARK

Twenty-six years ago a young man of twenty-nine took a handful of Hertford County farm boys and organized the first Boys' Corn Club in North Carolina—and one of the first of its kind in America.

That young man was Ira Schaub, who had left the hills of Stokes county to study agriculture at N. C. State and other agricultural colleges and had then been appointed the first State club leader.

Ira Schaub is now Dean I. O. Schaub, of the School of Agriculture at N. C. State College, and the Boys' Corn Club he organized in Hertford County twenty-six years ago is now the 4-H Club with members in all parts of the civilized world.

In North Carolina during the past twenty-six years, more than a quarter of a million boys and girls have joined the 4-H Club. Today more than 50,000 rural boys and girls in this State are active members.

Forerunner Of 4-H

In many circles Dean Schaub is credited with being the "daddy" of the present 4-H Club, and some definitely point to his Boys' Corn Club as being the fore-runner of what is now the largest organization of rural boys and girls in the world. Be that as it may, it is certain that the Hertford Boys' Corn Club that Dean Schaub organized was one of the first of its kind in America.

The work of the 4-H Clubs in North Carolina during the past quarter of a century has been in the hands of five people; Dean Schaub, who started the work and served as club leader until 1910; T. E. Browne, now State director of vocational education, 1910 to 1915; Homer H. B. Mask, now located in Raleigh as regional director of the Rural Settlement Program, 1915 to 1922; S. J. Kirby from 1922 to 1925; and L. R. Harrill, who took charge in 1925 and who is present club leader.

Thrift Central Theme

Prior to 1925 the boys' clubs and the girls' clubs were separate organizations, the girls' clubs being in charge of Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, now assistant director of State Extension Service, and Miss Maude Wallace, present home demonstration agent in Virginia.

But the story of the growth of the 4-H Club is best told by L. R. Harrill, present club leader and under whose guidance during the past nine years club work has made forward strides.

"Realizing the need for organization in the rural communities," says Mr. Harrill, "the early leaders in club work resorted to this method of reaching a larger number in a more effective way."

"Today practically every county in North Carolina has both community and county organizations of boys and girls. At these meetings, at camp, at the State Short Course, at achievement days, at State and out-of-State events, the club member has an opportunity to meet with his fellow club members and to learn from him not only about club work but the things which make for a richer rural life."

Thrift—the good old kind that Benjamin Franklin wrote about—is one of the central themes of 4-H Club work. The fundamentals of thrift, as well as those of leadership, ownership and good citizenship, are impressed upon 4-H Club members through the various projects they have from year to year.

In its program of health work thousands of club members each year learn more about the rules of health and through the 4-H program of recreation, rural life is made happier for boys and girls.

"It would be impossible," said Mr. Harrill, "to give the monetary value of the club movement to North Carolina. From the standpoint of yields and production the records of 4-H Club members stand as a mark of progress in the advancement of our agriculture."

In North Carolina there are 421,286 rural boys and girls between the ages of ten and nineteen years. The future leadership in agriculture and many other affairs of our State is tied up in this group.

"If we would build for the future, if we would develop our greatest asset, if we would render ourselves the greatest possible service, we must turn our attention to this group."

To Judge Live Stock At "American Royal"

Their ability to judge poultry, dairy cattle, swine, sheep and beef cattle has won for four "Young Tar Heel Farmers" a trip to Kansas City, Mo., and the right to compete in the National Livestock Judging contest of the Future Farmers of America.

They will go to Kansas City on October 21 where they will compete with other state judging contest winners attending the national convention of Future Farmers of America. The national convention will last four days and the judging contest will be held in conjunction with the American Royal Livestock Show.

The four boys won this trip at the annual State livestock judging contest held at North Carolina State College during the latter part of June. They are: Walter Cherry, Leggett's Hill School, Edgecombe county; Clifford Barbee, Bethel High School, Cabarrus county; Erbie Raynor, Newton Grove High School, Sampson county; and Shelton Turlington (alternate), Benson High School, Johnston county.