



FOUR-H CLUB

and FUTURE FARMER ACTIVITIES



Young Tar Heel Is Honored With Master Farmer Degree

A lone North Carolinian, Shelton C. Davis, of Spring Hope, route 1, was among the 67 farm boys from 36 states who were awarded the American Farmers Degree this year, the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Future Farmer of America.

Davis was graduated from the Spring Hope high school last spring and he has been a member of the Future Farmers for the past four years.

As his project for 1935 he had the following: 144 hens, 880 broilers, and one and one-half acres of corn and two acres of cotton. His corn yield ran around 75 bushels to the acre.



4-H Club Girls Win Trip To National Club Congress At Chicago

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In short, the purpose of 4-H club work is to furnish worth while activities for helping young people (1) to develop personality (2) to assist in home and community, and (3) to fill leisure time pleasantly and profitably. The minimum requirements are six monthly meetings attended, home practices for six months, and specified articles or tasks completed.

The annual award or climaxing incentive for project and record achievement, and local leadership assistance is the state fair program in Columbia where "blue ribbon" county representatives are entertained.

Foremost among honors of recognition for good work are the trip awards to the National Club Congress in Chicago, and The National 4-H Club Camp in Washington. (The latter is held in June, and so will not be further mentioned at this time.)

The six young women who (with several young men of 4-H achievement) will represent South Carolina's 30,000 4-H club members at The National Club Congress the first week in December are: Misses Pauline West of Berkeley county, Elinor Moore of Sumter county, Helen Carroll and Dorothy Warner of Greenwood county, June Castine of Fairfield county, and Edna Campbell, of Greenville county.

Gaining Social Adjustment

These club girls are from fifteen to twenty years of age, and may be classed with the helpful young rural men and women who are seeking, finding, and demonstrating a healthful, personal development, a place in community service, a satisfactory social adjustment.

They have completed projects for two to eight years, the average number of projects per girl being five.

Each has helped in some specific way with her club, serving as officer, chairman, or leader in some phase of work or activity.

The Champions Pass In Review

Pauline West has been president and secretary for her club, and has practiced bread making as her specialty this year. Besides her foods work, she has completed four other projects. She and Elinor Moore were acclaimed first place in bread judging.

Elinor Moore has completed three years of club work, has attended leader training meetings, and young people's state conference. She said in speaking of her "home practice" of club demonstrations, "I prepare one meal a day for our family." How fine it would be if every mother had a daughter who could and would prepare one meal each day!

Helen Carroll, using her family budget as a basis, canned 235 quarts of fruits and vegetables and her home agent said, "she feels at ease in doing this work alone." Another great help in the family! Helen is a senior 4-H girl with eight certificates and has served her younger club sisters as local leader.

Dorothy Warner "knows her chickens" and how to care for them. She is a major poultry club member who has an excellent flock of Rhode Island Reds which has made her about \$450.00 profit. With the profit, poultry equipment has been increased and improved, and many necessary articles of clothing and her own room furnishings purchased. She has also completed some work in room furnishing, clothing, foods, and gardening.

June Castine has illustrated in her daily life the better food and health practices. For two years she has entered wholeheartedly into the club, county, and state health contest. Last year her age and club work requirement prevented her being first winner. Thus, no wonder she was radiantly happy when with her father, local leader and home agent as guests at the annual 4-H banquet, she heard the announcement which gives her the privilege of participating in The National 4-H Health Contest which emphasizes health as the basis for all other desirable achievement.

4-H Clubs Help Young Folk Attain Their Life Ambition

"If you are willing to pay the price with hard work you can be almost anything you wish to in life." L. R. Harrill, leader of club work in North Carolina, told Wilson county 4-H club members at their Achievement Day program.

"You can be the best lawyer, the best doctor or the best preacher in the State," he said, "if you work hard enough to pay the price of your success. And I do not believe you can find another organization in the United States that offers so much to the young people in helping them to make a success in the world as the 4-H club."

Club Girls Win Trip To Chicago



Above are four of the six South Carolina 4-H Club girls whose meritorious work won them a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Left, Dorothy Warner; middle, Pauline West; upper right, Helen Carroll; lower right, Elinor Moore.

Useful Citizenship Is Goal Of Four-H Club Training Programs

By LEON CLAYTON, Assistant State Club Agent

At present 6,363 farm boys in South Carolina are training themselves through conducting 6,691 4-H demonstrations for more useful citizenship when they take their places in their community, county, state, and national governments. They are "racking up" real achievements to their credit. Though they work hard, along with the work there is provided recreational and entertainment features which aid them further in growing into well developed men.

With their personally owned demonstrations; their community club meeting regularly for business, instruction, inspiration, and recreation; the various competitive features; encampments; tours; and county gatherings; a balanced menu is provided for developing well-rounded men from these 4-H club boys. This same opportunity is open to all rural boys between the ages of 10 and 20 years. This is really a challenging purpose for you who are already members and to you who are interested in joining the 4-H club; "to equally train your head, heart, hands, and health."

4-H Club Education

These 4-H boys learn the best methods for carrying out their demonstrations of pigs, corn, cotton, poultry, or calves. Past records show that 4-H club boys learn to do their job so well that their dads are outclassed many times in cost of production figures, yields, and awards at fairs and contests.

The county farm agents are on the job to give guiding thought to groups as well as individuals. Recently, since the county agent's duties have been greatly multiplied, local 4-H community leaders and club officers have stepped to the front and taken over a greater part of the community club guidance and instruction. One of the most satisfying educational features that members gain from 4-H

meetings is the ability to properly follow parliamentary practice.

Then, too, when a group of boys can meet together from time to time and work out their problems cooperatively, they are learning a far greater lesson than how to feed pigs properly or when to fertilize corn. Learning how, when, and what to do is education.

4-H Demonstrations

One of South Carolina's club slogans, "Learn By Doing," is the fundamental reason for 4-H work. Also, demonstration work is far-reaching by "showing others how." All youth seems to be "from Missouri"—their watchword is "show me." Youth accepts 4-H club work on its results. By using experimental data from state and national experiment station records, 4-H club members conduct their demonstrations on principles and practices superior to those used in ordinary farming.

Although the personally owned demonstration is not the only type of education for 4-H members, demonstrations have a definite place at each club gathering. An outstanding form of instruction is for a team of two boys to rise before a group and demonstrate the selections of best laying hens or the type of potatoes that will sell best on the market and why. This affords valuable training for the demonstrators as well

Highlights On FFA Annual Convention

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About 4,000 vocational students in agriculture from every state in the Union registered for this convention and the American Royal.

The Utah Association of Future Farmers of America received the award for 1935 as high in the state contest. Louisiana took second, Texas third and California fourth. Cash prizes went to the winners from the National Grange.

Texas supplied the official convention band. There were 73 pieces and the players were recruited from 26 vocational high schools by H. G. Rylander, vocational agricultural teacher at Itasca, Texas.

In the speaking contest Mont Kenney, Holden, Utah won first, Paul Deats of Graham, Texas won second, Thomas Downing of Lexington, Kentucky won third and Early Blayney of Mt. Gilead, Ohio won fourth.

With his shorthorn steer, Hale Thompson, Hatfield, Missouri, won grand champion award over all breeds in the vocational beef classes. John Wagner, Norborne, Missouri won with his fat barrow and Carl McGrary, Gallatin, Missouri on his light Southdown lamb.

The degree of American Farmer was awarded to 67 boys from 36 states for outstanding accomplishments. Paul Lock of Washington was awarded the \$500 cash prize as the Star Farmer of the year. He is a member of the Farm Bureau.

Seventeen states report they now have Future Farmers summer camps.

Radio broadcasts are now regularly presented by chapters in 28 states.

Paid up membership officially reported is 100,000, a gain of 18,000 over last year. Honorary and alumni members bring the total to 120,000.

More states sent judging teams this year than any previous year. There were 137 teams from 35 states.

as properly informing the attendants at the same time.

4-H Ownership

Boys are interested in what they personally own—what belongs to them. Ownership is another one of the foundation stones of 4-H club work. It may be a pig, a flock of chickens, or an acre or more of some money crop. A true realization of costs and values is gained by a boy when he has to spend his own earned money for seed, feed, fertilizer, and value labor and rent costs. Then, as Dr. D. W. Watkins, director of Extension Service in South Carolina, says, "Four-H club work has economic value—it aids with the family budget, assists boys to become independent and self-reliant, and aids boys in determining and financing their life's vocation."

4-H Exhibits

A show window of jobs well done in club work is provided each fall in community, county, state, sectional and national fairs. To make an exhibit of his work gives the boy an incentive to see a job well done. This also causes both old and young farmers to take heed. Many times substantial prizes and awards are won by members, but these are unimportant when compared with the educational value derived from the experience of the exhibitor.

4-H Camps

Encampments for 4-H clubbers have become a real influence to the campers in South Carolina. Camp Long, Clemson College, The Citadel, Rocky Bottom, Pawley's Island, and other camp sites furnish places for real instruction and for lasting 4-H training. Camping trips are provided for those members who have accurate records to date on their demonstrations. These camps are made possible at minimum costs on the part of the campers. According to Ex-President Elliot of Harvard, "The organized summer camp is the most important step in education that America has given to the world."

4-H Trips

There are hundreds of trips offered to 4-H members. Each year, most of the county agents in the state arrange for the outstanding boys to attend the State Fair, "The Show Window of South Carolina," where these boys see the best of crops and livestock exhibited and associate with 4-H winners from other counties. Short courses and 4-H leaders' training conferences are held for those outstanding clubbers and leaders from the various counties.

Railroad companies, fertilizer companies, and other business concerns provide trips for achieving clubbers. Examples of such trips are to the National Club Camp held in Washington and the National Club Congress held in Chicago annually. Within communities and counties, field trips and tours are held for further educational training. "Seeing is believing."

4-H Membership

Any community having eight or more boys and a local leader interested in conducting demonstrations (crop or livestock) who wants to band themselves together for business, instruction, inspiration, and recreation can receive benefits through 4-H club work. When there is such a desire, the county farm agent will aid with the organization of a community club.

Organize 4-H Community Clubs

During the early winter months is the most appropriate time for a community group either to organize or re-organize a community 4-H club. Why?

(1) Farm boys have more time to devote to their organization activities during this season. (2) Usually a high per cent of the rural boys from 10 to 20 years of age are in schools where they can more easily get together for meetings and demonstrations. (3) The crops club members have ample time to study and work out best fertilizer practices, preparation of lands, and securing best type seed. (4) More time is available for working out the many community improvement problems and activities.

Winterville Chapter Tar Heels



Above are the 34 members of the newly organized Winterville Chapter (Pitt County, N. C.) of Tar Heel Farmers. James Hodges is president; Kermit Tyson, vice-president; Ben Forrest, secretary; Lester Barnes, treasurer; Montgomery Abbot, reporter; and J. H. Mobley, advisor.