

4-H Club Week Program Listed

Governor Scott, Senator Frank P. Graham, and Dr. J. H. Hilton, dean of agriculture at State College, are among speakers slated to address some 1400 North Carolina boys and girls during State 4-H Club Week, August 1-5, according to L. R. Harrill, State club leader.

The event will be held on the



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State College campus in Raleigh. Representatives from all counties will attend.

As the clubsters arrive on the campus they will be divided into four large groups known as Head, Heart, Hands and Health. Each group will see one of the following demonstrations each morning: "Boy Dates Girl," sponsored by Wayne County; "My Spokesman! My Records!" led by Miss Emmie Nelson of the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work; song leadership under the direction of Dr. Frederick S. Smith of Christ Episcopal Church in Raleigh; and "Home Is What You Make It," led by teams from Northampton, Nash, and Hyde counties.

For the afternoon demonstrations the boys and girls will be separated but will still remain with their large group. Demonstrations for the boys will be dairy production, poultry, soil conservation, and farm management. For the girls there will be demonstrations on dairy foods, wear-care of clothing, news-writing, and floor sanding.

A recreation program consisting of sharpshooting, swimming, folk dancing, softball, and baseball has been arranged for late each afternoon, and several special events have been lined up for the evening program. Among these will be a band concert, State 4-H dress revue, the 4-H

honor program, a candlelighting ceremony, and a health festival. Each club in the state has been invited to send one girl and one boy to Club Week. Delegates will be accompanied by some local club leaders and by county extension workers.

Tips Offered On Marketing

Hot weather culling presents a real marketing challenge if a farmer is to get the best possible returns from hens taken out of his laying flock, Harry Wise of Atlanta, marketing specialist of the Production and Marketing Administration's Poultry Branch, said this week.

Wise pointed out that shrinkage, actual death losses, and suffering of the birds may result unless extra effort and extra thought are applied to mid-summer marketing of hens. He offered six tips that should aid the farmer in getting the best possible price for his birds at market.

First, he advised, make certain that the birds have access to plenty of clean, fresh water while holding just before marketing.

Second, always market live poultry in clean coops, and do not overcrowd.

Third, provide plenty of ventilation. Good ventilation is important at all times, but it is doubly important in hot weather. Be sure your poultry has plenty of fresh air to breathe when you take it to market. Load poultry coops on the truck in a manner that will be sure to provide a constant flow of fresh air through each coop, and do not permit the loaded truck to stand in the sun for long periods.

Fourth, never use sacks or bags of any description in which to market live poultry.

Fifth, do not tie birds together by the legs.

Sixth, market only those birds of good appearance, and bring them to market according to quality. Do not mix good quality birds with those of poor quality. Make separate lots of them, insofar as possible, and let each lot sell on its own merit. Never market diseased birds or any that you would not be willing to eat on your own table.

Short-Term Debt Now 4.9 Billion

The short-term indebtedness of farmers is now much larger than at any other time since the end of the war, according to Charles E. Clark, extension farm management specialist at State College.

The total on January 1 of this year was 4.9 billion dollars, Clark said, as compared with 3.1 billion a year earlier and 2.8 billion on January 1, 1946.

The figures are based on a recent report by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Short-term loans include those obtained from banks, production credit associations, Farmers Home Administration, merchants, finance companies, and individuals. They do not include loans made or guaranteed by Commodity Credit Corporation.

There are several reasons for the 90 per cent increase shown in the period 1946-49, Clark said. The number of farmers using credit apparently has increased considerably. Many veterans and others who started or resumed farming after the war have had to borrow much of their working capital.

Prices of equipment and supplies have increased, and wage rates have gone up. There are more abundant supplies of farm machinery, automobiles, household appliances, and other goods. Favorable prices for farm products, high production, and ample loan funds have encouraged liberal use of credit.

However, the specialist said, the financial condition of agriculture as a whole is sound. Cash, bank deposits, and savings bonds are at a record level of about 20 billion dollars. The farm-mortgage debt of 5.1 billion is well below prewar.

With the heavy credit carried by farmers, Clark said, a general decline in net incomes could create a widespread need for refinancing. Farmers who have no basis for long-term credit would be wise to reduce short-term debts in line with prospective earnings, he added.

State Producing More Hybrid Seed

A record-breaking hybrid seed corn crop of 4,935 acres will be produced in North Carolina this year, according to Dr. R. P. Moore, director in charge of the Crop Improvement Association at State College.

This total is more than one-fourth larger than the previous record crop of 3,899 acres produced in 1948, Dr. Moore said.

The agronomist said the acreage of hybrid corn grown for seed has increased steadily in the State during the past six years. The total in 1944 was 67.2 acres; in 1945, 614 acres; 1946, 1,685 acres; 1947, 2,286 acres.

N. C. 27 is by far the leading variety in the 1949 production, with 3,541 acres devoted to this hybrid. Dixie 17 is second with 937 acres, and N. C. 1032 third with 213 acres. Other varieties include U. S. 282, 96 acres; N. C. 26 and N. C. T20, 52 acres each; Tenn. 10, 33 acres; W. Va. 1163, 10 acres; and N. C. T23, 0.5 acre.

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Other nurses available for special assignment are requested to contact the local Red Cross Office, Phone 307.

Revival At Sharon Walker Church Soon

A series of Revival meetings will begin at Sharon Walker Baptist church Sunday, July 24. The pastor, Rev. H. F. Johnson, of Moravian Falls, will be assisted by Rev. T. E. Blevins. There will be an all-day service on Sunday, with a picnic dinner on the grounds and special singing in the afternoon. Services will continue throughout the week. The public is cordially invited to any and all of these services.

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