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TEACHING GIRLS TO ROW
 Miss Millard (on left) at one of the club Picnics.

Gaston County's Triumphant Boys and Girls

THE farm boys and girls of Gaston County, N. C., are now very proud of themselves—and we are proud of them.

In the first place, they have just won the distinction of being the banner North Carolina county in club work in 1921. In the second place, it was a Gaston County girl, Virginia Stroup, who won the coveted prize—a free trip to the International Livestock Show at Chicago—offered for members of North Carolina livestock clubs.

Now a word as to the banner county decision: Following was the score card used on each county:

Number of clubs organized (6 perfect score).....	10
Number enrolled (100 perfect score).....	10
Number of meetings held (7 perfect score).....	15
Per cent of members attending meetings.....	20
Per cent of members exhibiting club products.....	10
Per cent of members reporting.....	25
Per cent of members attending encampment.....	10
Total score.....	100

The highest scoring counties were Gaston, 85.97 per cent; Sampson, 84.17 per cent; Catawba, 82.87 per cent.

Gaston's triumph is due both to the boys and girls of the county and to the Gastonia Kiwanis Club,—which agreed to boost boys' and girls' agricultural club work as one of its chief aims for 1921. It raised half the money needed to pay an "assistant county agent" to have charge of club work in cooperation with farm demonstration work.

Miss Helen S. Millard, a graduate of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, was employed—being the first woman to be appointed farm demonstration agent in the South. One hundred and eighty-five members were enrolled in 11 organized clubs, meeting



VIRGINIA STROUP AND HER PRIZE PIG. once a month. The members were trained in parliamentary practice, public speaking, and given instruction in home agricultural projects. Twenty minutes or more for games and plays were also taken at each meeting, these being intended to develop the social and play spirit.

The membership of these clubs produced last year \$7,117 worth of pigs, calves, poultry and corn at a cost of \$1,777.25, leaving \$5,339.75 for themselves. The members also won \$469.25 in cash prizes in addition to sending nine boys and girls to the State Fair at Raleigh.

These Gaston youngsters certainly had a good time both in their club work and their plan. Besides having

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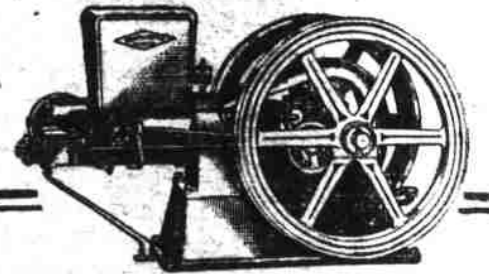
Miss Millard to look after them, County Agent C. Lee Gowan took a lot of interest in them. Each club had a picnic at some appropriate place like Cleveland Springs, High Shoals, or Lakewood Park, and an encampment was held on the Catawba River where the members enjoyed fishing, swimming, boating, and group games and sports.

We are giving herewith a picture of Miss Millard. Also a picture of Virginia Stroup and her prize pig.

Now why can't every county in 1922 set out to do as well as Gaston did in 1921?

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