



FOUR-H CLUB

and FUTURE FARMER ACTIVITIES



4-H Clubs Offering A Program Of Training In Abundant Living

Every Demonstration Meets Some Farm, Home, Individual Or Community Need

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With more than thirty thousand farm boys and girls conducting better farm and home practices in some phases of agriculture or home making, the 4-H clubs are taking an active part in helping to establish a permanent agriculture in North Carolina. In nearly every community in this State these farm boys and girls are conducting practical demonstrations under the supervision of county home and farm agents and trained local leaders who have special training to fit them for this type of work.

Every demonstration conducted by a 4-H club member is intended to meet some farm, home, individual, or community need and is designed as a part of the general agricultural program of the community. Take dairying for an example: The first lesson for the young dairyman is the selection of a good animal. Usually this animal is registered and has a record of production back of it. Step by step the club member then is taught how to feed and care for his calf, until it is a mature cow. He also goes into the problems of milk records and feeding for high production. The calf club member is taught how to judge and show dairy animals and the value of good breeding and good type in such animals.

In pig club, poultry, and other livestock projects, the club members conduct similar demonstrations. Due to their efforts there has been an increase in the quality and the quantity of purebred livestock on the farms in North Carolina.

In the crop demonstrations, the club members are taught practical and economical methods of production. Trained leaders give them instructions in seed selection, preparation of the seed bed, fertilization, cultivation, harvesting, showing and marketing farm crops.

Club work emphasizes the home as well as the farm. Through 4-H club work improved practices in food preparation, room improvement, nutrition and health, and various other projects are being demonstrated by the 4-H club girl.

In addition to the individual projects, numerous community projects are conducted by the 4-H clubs. These projects are valuable for two reasons: first, there is a need for the project to be undertaken. For example, in one county last year the 4-H club took the initiative in beautifying the school grounds in the county. During the year every school in that county with a 4-H club organization had the grounds landscaped and planted. Second, community projects are valuable because they teach the value of cooperation and give the boys and girls something to do which requires the cooperation of all the boys and girls in the community. Through the community project, the clubs are not only learning how to cooperate themselves but they are also demonstrating to the local people the value of cooperation in putting over a community enterprise.

PROVIDES RURAL RECREATION

To live at home, our rural folks need more recreation. The 4-H clubs are helping to bring this about. The club member has found that nothing can take the place of recreation in a rural community or in the 4-H club. Whether it be a community meeting or a club meeting it will be hard to find a substitute to add pep to the program that recreation will. Believing that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy and Jane a dumb girl, the 4-H clubs have added this program of recreation and play.

TEACHERS THRIFT AND ATTENTIVENESS.

4-H club work also teaches thrift by requiring the member to pay attention to details and to keep an accurate record of his demonstration. In teaching promptness and attentiveness, nothing can do the job better than a growing crop or a growing animal, especially if the crop or the animal is the property of the boy or girl. The element of ownership is vital in the success of the boy and the girl, the demonstration and the future of the individual; therefore one of the requirements for membership in 4-H club is that the demonstration, whether it be a calf, a pig, a growing crop, or whatever it is must be the property of the club member. It is with this understanding that the club members work and solve the problems that arise.

Club Members In South Carolina



Boys and Girls learning dairying with some splendid Jersey calves of their own breeding.

Dan W. Bickley And Herbert Shealy Tell What The 4-H Club Means To Them

By Dan W. Bickley, Lexington County, S. C.

My 4-H club work has meant more to me than I can find words to express. I became a member of this boys' great organization when only a small boy. Perceiving the value of this work to me, I continued to carry on through the past 11 years, although the times were trying and many obstacles came in my way. We have a motto, "Make the Best Better," and I often make use of it during periods of discouragement. I think that we could well adopt another one, "Onward and Upward." One thing that has helped me onward and upward has been that grim determination to succeed.

Four-H club work helps to build character and self-respect. Leadership is the goal, and law-abiding citizens are the results from 99 per cent of 4-H members.

Contact with my projects has given greater knowledge of things to be done in our work in the future. Another pleasant feature has been in friendships formed with fellow members, local and state leaders.

I attended the Leadership Institute at Camp Long in 1934 and came home with a feeling that the time was well spent. Many new friends were made and a greater value of leadership was seen.

CORN PROJECT SUCCESSFUL

I have carried on some 4-H projects which have been very successful. One noteworthy project has been my corn crop. I have won many prizes with corn at fairs and corn shows. One noted prize was winning for two years the Southern Corn Trophy. This has resulted in better corn on our farm, both for feed and seed. We have sold a large quantity of pure seed corn. We have selected and bred a beautiful strain of the old Loman Yellow corn. From this, we have sold seed to farmers over a large portion of the South. Gross returns from my corn projects amount to \$785.10, leaving a profit around \$560.00.

With swine, I have been very successful, having won the Thomas E. Wilson prize of a \$50.00 gold watch for meat production and two gold medals. My gross returns from swine are \$181.77 with a profit of \$509.50. We have been growing purebred Duroc-Jersey swine and have sold many for breeding purposes. In 1925, I won a \$25.00 gold medal for best pig in the state. This prize was presented by S. C. State Bankers Association. In addition, I have won many blue ribbons at various fairs.

COTTON DEMONSTRATION

This past year, I conducted the best cotton demonstration of my 11 years' work. On one acre entered in Chilean nitrate cotton contest, I made a yield of 2,945 pounds of seed cotton which ginned 1,115 pounds of lint which had a staple of excellent quality. On another plot, I made a yield of 2,500 pounds of seed cotton or 900 pounds of lint. The best acre with yield of 1,115 pounds of lint won the \$100 Chilean nitrate prize for best in the state, also \$17.50 sweepstakes prize presented by the Barrett Company. Gross returns from my cotton in seven years total \$823 with profits of \$618.00. I have sold to many farmers purebred cotton seed for planting. My seed were bought from the breeder and originator and my cotton was ginned on our private gin.

My father and I have a reputation for raising purebred seed of both cotton and corn, and our community has benefited from our efforts. We are proud of this reputation, and intend to keep up this work and keep our standard at a high level.

I am glad that I became a 4-H club member and urge boys and girls to see the local leader or the county agent and enroll at once. They will never regret joining a 4-H club.

By Herbert Shealy, Newberry County, S. C.

Through club work I have learned many valuable things that will help me to make a success of my life. It has taught me not to depend on others but to study things out for myself. I have learned from club work how to keep records and the importance of keeping them. Club work has helped me to realize that to succeed in life one must know how to win without boasting and how to lose without squealing. Success comes only to those who do not give up but keep trying, trying always to beat their own records. Four-H work has taught me the importance of being kind, polite, and of doing my work right. It has also helped me gain many friends that I would not have otherwise.

In 1930, through the kindness of Mr. J. F. Hawkins, I was able to get a purebred Guernsey heifer with which to start my club work as possible, I secured, also calf and pig would make a good combination, and wishing to take as much advantage of club work as possible, I secured, also with the help of Mr. Hawkins, a purebred Poland China gilt. I tried as nearly as possible to follow the instructions in feeding and managing, given me by our dairy specialist and our county agent. I had good success with my pig and calf and exhibited both at the fall fairs, winning \$93.75. The total profits of both my projects as taken from my record book for 1930 amounted to \$448.17.

I was a member of the Newberry County Calf Club and also of the Hartford 4-H Community Club, which I served as secretary for 1930. I was a member of the Newberry judging team, and won a trip to Clemson College as a member of the tri-county judging team. At Clemson I competed for a place on the district judging team but was unsuccessful. Also, in 1930 I was chosen as one of the calf club boys from Newberry county to go to the State Fair to help care for the calves the Newberry boys were showing. This being my first year attending the fair, it was a new experience for me and I learned many valuable things in club work.

Feeling that I had had good success for a beginner and with the determination of "making the best better," I joined the club in 1931 with the intention of being a clubster as long as I remained of club age. I continued my work in calf and pig clubs and in addition to these I joined the corn club. I was elected and served as secretary-treasurer of Newberry County Calf Club and president of the Hartford Community Club. I attended the annual 4-H Leadership Training School which was held at Clemson College the week of July 13, 1931. I attended the livestock training courses and judging given in the county for 4-H livestock judging teams. I won a place on the county team and competed in the district judging contest held at Clemson College.

I was advised to sell the calf that I now owned, so placed her in the state sale held annually in Columbia. She brought the second highest price of all the animals on sale. I then bought another calf with which I plan to continue my club work. The profits of all three of my projects as taken from my record books for 1931 total \$48.72. I was again selected as one of the boys from Newberry county to go to the State Fair and care for the county 4-H calf club exhibit.

After being in club work for two years and having as much success as I had had, I was quite enthusiastic when we reorganized in 1932. I continued my work in calf and pig clubs and in addition joined the potato club. I entered the livestock judging contest held in Newberry and was chosen to represent Newberry county at Clemson. During 1932 I was president of the Hartford Community Club and secretary of the Newberry County Calf Club.

South Carolina FFA Members Are Active In Camp, Farm Work

Three Members Make Trip To Capital Others On Project Tours Some Working Farms

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The principal activity of Future Farmers now is camp attendance, Verd Peterson, director of the activities said. The camps at Bluffton and Tennessee are going full blast, with teachers bringing the boys for from 3 to 5 days stays at the time. There are 150 Future Farmer chapters in the state with 5,000 boys enrolled and an additional 2,000 more enrolled in out-of-school groups who are eligible for camp.

While this camping remains the principal activity, many students are looking after their practical farming under the direction of the agricultural teachers. (The agricultural teachers work 12 months of the year and supervise these boys on the farms. There are 160 white agricultural teachers in the state).

Project tours, in which the boys visit each other's projects accompanied by their teachers, are another activity being carried on during the summer. The teachers are visiting during the month of August, new boys who begin their studies on September 1 and outlining with them their farm program.

CHAPTER OBJECTIVES

Some of the chapter objectives this past year were: Drainage supervised practice program, home beautification (community, school and church), thrift bank; tours, farm tours; father and sons banquet; cooperative buying and selling; exhibits at fairs; enter all state contests; attendance on FFA conference; chapter contests; chapel programs; charitable contribution and establishment of farm shops in 50 per cent of FFA members homes.

State officers of the Future Farmers are Frank Halcombe, Westminster, president; William Cofer, Wagner, vice-president; Clifford Cougham, Lexington, secretary; Edd Hines Lowery, Seneca, treasurer; R. W. Bridge, Walterboro, reporter and Verd Peterson, Columbia, advisor.

During July, three contest prize winners made a trip to Washington accompanied by I. M. Bauknight, agriculture teacher of Easley and R. H. Garrison of Orangeburg. The prize winners were: Harold Holder, Jr., hay, of Easley; Roger Gramling, corn, of Orangeburg and Lewis Raymond Ferris, cotton, of Orangeburg.

South Carolina 4-H Club Members Now At Clemson

Four-H club boys numbering 155 from Greenwood, Laurens, Newberry, Oconee, Spartanburg and Union counties, and Four-H club girls numbering 165 from Cherokee, Spartanburg and Union counties were in annual camp at Clemson College July 15-17 under direction of specialists and county agents, instructional and recreational features going hand in hand for the benefit and pleasure of the clubsters.

Talks by Director D. W. Watkins, Prof. J. P. LaMaster, Prof. Franklin Sherman, Dr. G. H. Collings and Prof. L. V. Starkey, and visits of inspection to the dairy and swine barns, and to various departments and buildings including the Calhoun Mansion and the college library constituted the instructional and informational items of the three-day program.

QUESTIONS

1. What mountain range forms the southern boundary of the country whose dictator just died?
2. The Grand Canal is over 500 miles long. Where is it?
3. What is the area of the world in square miles?
4. Which extends further east, New York State or the Pacific Ocean?
5. What is the island which is associated with "Mutiny on the Bounty"?
6. Where are a number of Minnesota families being sent by the government to homestead the land?
7. The Welland Canal extends between what two lakes?
8. What city in Germany is famous for its china and porcelain?
9. Name the three states whose capital have the names of (a) a great German statesman; (b) a martyred president of the United States; (c) a discoverer.
10. What is the highest peak in the Alps?

(Answers on Page 11.)