

# 4-H Membership Here Is 1,035

**Macon County Has 23 Clubs; Program Features Cited**

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Macon County has twenty-three organized 4-H Clubs with a total of 1,035 members.

This is not nearly all the boys and girls in Macon County eligible for membership and the advantages 4-H offers in "training farm youth in the art of living". The 4-H Club program provides opportunities which enable boys and girls to grow into well-informed, useful citizens. It offers training in economic, social, physical, and spiritual growth and development.

### Complete Projects

Last year a large number of these Macon County boys and girls completed 4-H projects under the supervision of the extension agents. Through these projects, the 4-H boys and girls and their parents learned, and put into practice, approved methods and practices in agriculture and home-making.

### 36 At Camp

The 4-H program provided opportunity for 36 boys and girls from Macon County to attend 4-H camp during the past summer, a privilege many of them would not have enjoyed except for the 4-H Camp program. The camp program dealt with recreational training, leadership, handicraft, forestry, nature study, lifesaving, and citizenship training.

### State Winner

The Cullasaja Community 4-H Club won state recognition for its work as a group on the health project. Another club, in the county, the Carson community club, won state recognition for its work with the recreational program. Along with the group recognition, the county had several members winning district awards for their demonstrations and project work.

### More Training

Other areas where club members of Macon County received definite training were as follows: judging, giving demonstrations, group recreation leadership, money management, farm and home safety, citizenship, personality improvement, soil and water conservation, forestry, and health.

The influence of the 4-H pro-



Macon County 4-H Clubbers Leave For Camp Schaub

gram has contributed much to the economic, social, physical, and moral welfare of our county.

However, its greatest contribution is the opportunity it provides in training and the experiences which better equip our farm people to meet local situations and to assume their places of community and state leadership.

## 4-H Project Teaches Boys And Girls Responsibility

By Brenda Cunningham  
And  
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(Franklin Club)

In our opinion, the leaders of tomorrow are not necessarily the government officials, but the people who are the best in whatever they choose for their life's work. Whether you wish to be a school teacher, civic leader, farmer, or just a parent, you should try to be the very best possible.

Through canning, clothing, and cooking projects, our 4-H'ers are learning to be better homemakers. 4-H Boys have garden projects, calf and beef projects, tree identification, tractor management, and many others. By taking these various projects, they learn to take responsibility and make the best of things that don't seem to go their way.

One of the most important things 4-H Club work teaches is to keep good records. These records must be neat, up-to-date, and in order. By keeping good records 4-H'ers learn to budget. Not only do they learn to budget their money, but their time as well. "How many people in this modern age don't need to save time? How many businesses can you think of that do not need to keep records? We are sure that you will agree with us that homes with a budget are much more efficient than those without.

Demonstrations, parliamentary procedure, and public speaking help 4-H'ers in still another field. Demonstrations stress neat appearance at all times, and center around good health and happiness. They also give poise and the ability to speak in public, which will help 4-H'ers in high school, college, and throughout their lives. In their future homes and jobs, they will use skills that developed from these demonstrations.

Every person, whether he becomes a lawyer or a farmer, needs public speaking. Of course, everyone can see how the lawyer needs public speaking. But the farmer, how does he need it? He will not

need to know the art of standing before a group, or will he? There are local clubs, P.T.A.'s, etc., to which he might belong. If he is an officer he most certainly will need public speaking. But what if he isn't an officer? He still goes to the meetings and should stand up for his rights, not slink back into his chair and hope someone else will bring his subject up.

Another most important place he will need leadership is in our churches. 4-H'ers celebrate "4-H Sunday", when each 4-H'er helps present a program in his or her church. This helps a person when he becomes a Sunday School teacher of a superintendent of the Sunday School.

Most young people join 4-H Clubs for the wonderful recreational programs. It is later that they realize that by pledging their heads to clearer thinking, their hearts to greater loyalty, their hands to larger service, and their health to better living, they become better citizens and leaders in their communities.

## FORESTRY PLAYS BIG PART HERE

85 4-H Members Are Tackling One Of Four Projects

By DICKIE GIBSON  
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Forestry is a very important part of the 4-H program. There are about 85 4-H members in Macon County taking one or more of the four forestry projects. These 4-H'ers are doing their part to see that we continue to have good forests in our county.

The boys and girls are taught good forestry management through their projects. The four projects which members can take are:

1. The tree identification project which teaches the members to recognize and appreciate the importance of the different kinds of trees.

2. The tree planting project allows boys and girls to obtain free tree seedlings to set out new tracts of timber. This, in a lot of cases, is on land which would otherwise erode badly.

3. The forest protection project teaches the members the importance of fire protection, disease and insect controls, and the bad effects of grazing our woodland plots.

4. The timber stand improvement project is perhaps the most difficult, but the most rewarding of the four projects. In this project, the members take an established stand of timber, cut out diseased and deformed trees, and thin the stand, leaving only good crop trees. He sells what he cuts out as cord wood or fire wood, thus preventing a waste and earning pocket money. He adopts good forest management practices which are recommended by the district forestry specialist.

Through these projects 4-H'ers are helping to insure that Macon County will continue to have beautiful as well as productive forests.

They also can win valuable prizes for their project work. The county winner gets a week at the state forestry camp, the district winner gets a \$100 award, and the state and national awards are even higher.

So we can see that the 4-H forestry program offers just rewards to those 4-H members willing to work hard enough to earn them.

Sales of Grade A milk by North Carolina farmers during the first half of 1956 were about 4.5 per cent above the same period a year earlier. During the same period there were 3.6 per cent fewer producers.

## This Thing Called 4-H Is Not All Work, There's Time For Recreation

By Helen Cochran  
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(Franklin Club)

The rural people, especially the boys and girls, need fun and recreation more than ever before. A desirable type of recreation for farm boys and girls is offered at our club meetings and 4-H camps.

At each of our meetings, we set aside a time for fun and recreation. During this time we sing, dance, play games, or have craft classes.

Our club camps have direct means for giving practical instructions and promoting and holding the interests of 4-H boys and girls.

Good 4-H'ers have fun working as well as playing. Only active club members who have satisfactory work are permitted to attend 4-H Camp. This encourages each of us to do our best in upholding our club pledge and motto. Other than having a good time, the camp gives us an opportunity to make lifelong friendships among campers and leaders, to gain new practical information, and for us

to try ourselves out to find our capacities. The camp program also provides training in leadership, citizenship, and sportsmanship.

Another type of 4-H fun is giving demonstrations. While working on them, we have many thoughts in mind. Some of these being county, district, or state winners. Then there is always the dream of maybe getting to attend 4-H Club Congress in Chicago.

A leadership conference is now held each summer at Camp Swannanoa. Three boys and three girls who have done outstanding club work in the county are chosen to attend this conference. Here, classes in swimming, record keeping, and all kinds of crafts are taught. Leadership is stressed most at this conference.

The ultimate success of the 4-H program is determined by the interest and efforts devoted by each member to his club.

The University of North Carolina School of Medicine last year served 506 graduate physicians through post-graduate medical courses.

## 4-H POINTS THE WAY



- To a chance to earn and save money
- To opportunities to meet new friends
- To fun and recreation with other young people
- To learning more about farming and homemaking

We are proud of these young citizens who are learning better farming and homemaking practices, and sharing the responsibility of making our community a better and happier one.

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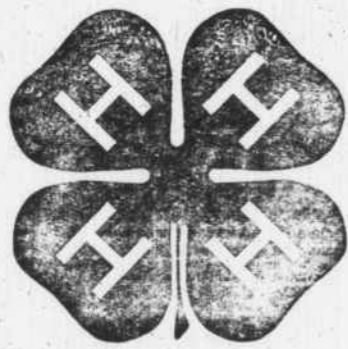
We've been in the banking business for years, and we think we know a sound investment when we see one—and 4-H Club work is such an investment. It will pay off in better homemaking, more efficient farming, and in citizens who are alert to the interests of their community, county, state, and nation.



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## Learning in Nature's School . . .

4-H boys and girls who care for a brood of chicks or watch a tiny seed sprout and grow are learning the ways of nature while building a store of knowledge that will last a lifetime. One of the axioms of 4-H work is that the boy or girl is far more important than the project—a tribute to the wisdom of those who direct the program. For as 4-H members help their projects grow, they grow with them and become active, responsible citizens at an early age.

We're proud to have these fine young people as friends and fellow citizens and to tell them during their special observance, National 4-H Club Week, March 4-10, how much we admire their many accomplishments.

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## A Job Well Done!

4-H boys and girls help keep America strong by contributing in large measure to its economy. But, more than that, their industrious, serious-minded citizenship gives the nation deep confidence for the future. During National 4-H Club Week, March 4-10, we join Uncle Sam in congratulating 4-H members, not only in our community but throughout the nation.

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