

4-H—"TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER"—4-H WHEN A MAN, FROM HIS HEART, SAYS, "I WILL," HE IS A SUCCESS ALREADY

Lester Patton and his 4-H club pig are real buddies. The boy and the pig seem to have a mutual understanding and the pig sure shows his good treatment, in his round back and glossy sides.

Lester has built him a nice large lot and fixed a house in it and it looks like now that somebody is going to have to hurry some to win the prize ahead of him.

The 4-H club meetings this week at Burningtown, Cowee, Iotla and Oak Grove were rained out.

Pattons and Union schools, while not raining, it was so muddy under foot and so threatening over head that very few attended.

The 4-H clubbers in the Patton settlement are very fortunate in their leaders. Miss Fannie Mae Reece and Mrs. Bob Patton for the ladies, and Mr. Oscar Dobson and Mr. W. H. Roane for the men.

When a community takes this much interest in their children's welfare you may write it down that things are going to happen.

I want to call the attention of all club members to the necessity if they would have full records, of their attending these club meetings each month.

I would also call especial attention to every club member and every club member's parents of the big 4th of July parade and picnic in Franklin.

This must be a real humdinger and we want every member to do his full share—and then some.

If any member does not know the date and place of his monthly meeting we will be glad to supply that information upon his applying to this office.

There's a big surprise in store for all 4-H club members which will be made public right soon.

More about this later.
LYLES HARRIS, County Farm Agent, Club Leader.

"F. F. A."
Virginia club boys and girls have formed an organization called the Future Farmers of Virginia, calling it the "F. F. V." Why not a "Future Farmers of America" club?

Every day we read or hear of some new "movement" which has been set afloat on the stormy sea of modern agriculture, industry, or society, all destined to save the future of this country for the next generation.

In agriculture, the young generation seem to be doing a good job of saving their future for themselves. The "Youth Movement in Agriculture," exemplified by the 4-H clubs and Smith-Hughes vocational high schools, seems destined to exert the most far reaching and steady influence on agriculture and agricultural practices of any "movement" now under way. Not content to follow the custom-bound methods and traditions of many older persons who still live and work mentally in the days of a generation ago, these Future Farmers of America are taking the solution of many of their problems in their own hands, developing a modern type of agriculture typified by the best known farm practices that research, experimentation, and study have been able to devise.

Ton-litter clubs, dairy and beef calf clubs, corn clubs, canning clubs and so-on through a long list—till we find that the boys and girls in many instances, are beating Dad and Mother at their own game, resulting in Dad and Mother learning from Daughter and Son, with a consequent benefit and harmony in the field and farm home that will eventually revolutionize American agriculture and agricultural practices. True, the learning is not all on one side, for Dad and Mother have a wealth of experience from which Daughter and Son can learn much of value, but through the youth of a nation must the chief changes and developments ever come.

LETTER TO 4-H CLUB MEMBERS

Franklin, N. C., April 14, 1928.
I want to impress on you the importance of attending all the monthly meetings. I have sent you a schedule of these meetings and if you have not received it please let me know at once.

We were rained out at Burningtown, Cowee, Iotla and Oak Grove this month, so we will have to meet at these places next month at the prescribed time.

There are a lot of pig club members who have not sent in the weights and ages of their pigs. This ought to be done at once, so that we could give you the best quantities of feed for your particular pig.

These community meetings of the 4-H club are held so that I can meet you all and help you with your work. With 450 odd members it is impossible for me to visit each club member each month, though I have already visited a good many and will visit as many as I possibly can.

Please do not fail to be present at all your club meetings.
Yours for a great club year,
LYLES HARRIS, County Agent.

A Boy's Determination

Fred Thornton, a member of the Hickory Knoll 4-H club, has the spirit that wins success. It seems that he has chosen poultry as his line of work. By some means or other Fred has acquired a few hens, but these hens have so far refused to start "settin'." Fred, being an impatient sort of youngster and anxious to get things going, is now engaged in building an incubator. According to the county agent Fred has some excellent ideas as to how an incubator should be constructed. But whether Fred's home made incubator works or not makes little difference. A boy with his determination is bound to succeed regardless of incubators or whatnot. At the club meeting at Hickory Knoll Tuesday ninety per cent of the members were present and all in high gear. And so it goes all over the county. Still there are a few men here and

shirts" in an effort to discharge the leader of the boys and girls.
THE EDITOR.

Etna, N. C., April 17, 1928.
The Franklin Press,
Franklin, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Find enclosed fifty cents for which please send me The Press. I am a 4-H club member and I want to keep in touch with what the other members are doing and through The Press is the only and best way to do that. Three cheers for The Franklin Press and its editor.

Yours truly,
PAUL R. McCOY.

CHOOSE GRASSES WITH CARE
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ERN AGRICULTURIST about this matter of choosing grasses and clovers with care. And here it is:

Where weeds have a tendency to choke out the grass or clover, there is nothing like a drove of sheep to keep down and kill out the weeds. Out of 247 varieties of weeds, sheep eat all of them but about seven. Sheep should be given preference in cleaning up early in the spring, and cattle should follow later when the ground is firm and the bushes and sedge grass begins to come. Within three years, by the proper handling of sheep and cattle at proper intervals, any pasture that I have ever seen can be made perfectly clean. Hereford cattle and native sheep are foremost in this particular. Southern sheep or half-breeds excel purebreds as scavengers.

A Grass for Every Soil

No soil is too poor to grow some kind of grass or clover without lime. If a few stock are added (goats, cattle or sheep) where there is nothing but weeds and sprouts, grass will soon grow and the soil will soon be rich enough to produce Japan clover and redtop. These two should be a part of every mixture on poor land. The Japan clover adds nitrogen and

farm at home and prevents washing. There is no pasture plant in the South equal to Japan clover for the land or the stock. It never fails. No lime is required and just enough attention to keep the seed from washing away. Nothing that I have seen has the carrying capacity of Japan clover. No other grass or clover will put the fat on a lamb or a steer as will this clover in summer and fall. It will endure the most severe droughts known here and a bit of rain will immediately make the field green.

A close study of 25 farms in one county in Tennessee during 1927 where burley tobacco is the important crop, also emphasizes the important part livestock contribute to the farm income. The average acreage of the 25 farms was 182 acres. The total average income from the sale of crops for the year was \$1,323, and the total average income from the sale of livestock and livestock products was \$1,552, or an average total income of \$2,875. In order to come to some conclusions about the reasons why some of these farmers had a higher income than others, the total income of the 5 farmers having the highest incomes were averaged, to contrast with the average incomes of the other 25. It must, also, be remembered that these 5 helped to bring up the average of the 25. The average acreage of the five with the highest income was 230 acres. The total income from crops was \$1,357, and from livestock \$3,409, with a total farm income of \$3,766. The difference in average income between the 25 and the 5 highest was \$1,891.

These farmers all practiced pretty largely the same type of farming, and all raised some livestock and livestock products. It is significant that there was not much difference in the income from crops, this difference being only 34. All these farmers had planted practically all the crop ground it was possible for them to handle. But there was a big difference in the income from livestock. The difference here was \$1,927.

BY THEIR RECORDS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

"IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH"

Farmers Federation, Inc.

THE FARMERS OWN

There will be a carload of hogs loaded on Wednesday, April 25, 1928.

All selling on this date see county farm agent at once and definitely reserve loading space.

**LYLES HARRIS,
COUNTY FARM AGENT.**

Why not seed down an acre or two of Permanent Pasture and let your stock have a chance to do you proud?

You have the land; we have the seed. The little difference between us is asily arranged.

We also have that best Fertilizer—according to our county agent—of all viz., and to-wit: Ground Limestone. Get yours before it is all gone. We will not order any more this season.

**E. S. HUNNICUTT,
MANAGER.**

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