

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

Just Some Few Remarks

That farming is looking up in Macon county is evidenced by many things.
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Three purebred boar hogs have been imported into the county in the last six weeks.
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Soy beans are being sown on every provocation.
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A whole raft of stuff is being planted for the cannery.
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The chicken sales are holding up splendidly, keeping the average per sale so far well over ten thousand pounds.
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The creamery output is steadily increasing.
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Quite a few farmers are painting and tidying up their homes.
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Several have laid down new water lines to their houses.
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One man recently sold off all his scrub cows and has two purebreds in their place, and is getting more profit from these two than he was from his seven mongrels.
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One lady who had bad luck with her baby chicks on her first trial last year, this year has raised ninety per cent to the selling age. She sold sixty fryers for \$45.76.
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And so it goes on. Illustration after illustration might be used, but this is enough to show which way the wind is blowing.
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Then we come into the 4-H club.
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Four of these boys will put fat hogs on the sale the first week in June.
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A good many more have been cashing in regularly on chickens and eggs.
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Only two have thrown up the

sponge and quit, so far as we know.
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CORN

I have examined lots of fields of corn and find all of it about three times too thick for the best results. Of course most of this will be thinned to some extent, but we all leave our corn entirely too thick in this county.
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From five to seven thousand stalks per acre is an ideal stand.
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With seven thousand stalks growing ears that will go a bushel to every seventy we get a hundred bushels of corn per acre. And a hundred bushels per acre is over five times the average for the county. So a little figuring right here would not be amiss.
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POULTRY

It does look like as hard as the old hen is trying to do her bit that she should be given a better break than she is getting in lots of cases.
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No adequate roosting quarters, no regular balanced feed, no attention paid to nesting facilities, is the rule on far too many farms in the very good county of Macon.
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The above is not universally applicable by any means, because more than a score of farmers have recently obtained from the county agent's office working drawings of brooder houses and hen houses.
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At the last chicken sale a dozen people told me they were selling such and such a hen because she stole her nest. What a self-incriminating statement that was in two ways. First, the little old native wild hen is pre-eminently inclined to such practices. And second, she could find no suitable nest fixed for her by her owner.
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FARM CREDIT

Elsewhere in this issue you will notice a little about short term farm loans. Next week you will see a little more. Read all this carefully and let's see if it is within the realm of practical policy to make use of cheap

money through the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank.
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Macon county, the land of young farmers who think—(perhaps).
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LYLES HARRIS Farm Agent.

Franklin, N. C., May 21, 1928.

Dear Club Member:
 Hooray! School is out and we can get down to work. Some few of us have had a little difficulty in getting started owing to lots of reasons, but that was to be expected. You know Rome was not built in a day and 4-H club work is bigger than Rome ever had a chance to be. I am just sending you this little communication to kind of cheer you on and to congratulate you on what you have already done, for under the circumstances you have accomplished quite a lot.

Now on the Fourth of July there will be a big 4-H club parade and picnic in Franklin. Definite particulars of these will be sent you about the middle of June.

June of all the months in the year is the most important for 4-H club work. That is, the actual putting into practice of all our plans and ambitions, for it is in this month that we have long bright sunny days for our crops to grow in and good weather and plenty of pasture for our stock to graze on. And it is the time when the greatest and most economical increase in agricultural wealth takes place.

One or two of our members have made over twenty dollars already this year.

We are very anxious for every boy and girl that has filled out a membership card to be in Franklin on the Fourth of July to our picnic and parade. We are going to have a great time, and we want all our members to meet and mingle with each other. Will you be one to come and join in the spirit of the occasion and help us to have a good time?

Another thing to remember is our 4-H club show next fall. What are you going to have to exhibit at the fair to compete for the prizes that are to be offered?

There is also to be a hog sale for the pig clubbers some time in September or October. In fact there are lots of things coming on and there will be more and more as time goes on.

Let me hear from you any time you think that I can be of any service and remember that when you are in town the County Farm Agent's Office is open to you at all times.

Yours for the greatest of success,
 LYLES HARRIS,
 County Club Leader.

NEW PRIZE OFFERS POSTED TO SPUR 4-H CLUBS

Many Garden and Camping Enthusiasts will Benefit from the Proposals

Progressive business firms are continuing to ask for the privilege of assisting in encouraging boys' and girls' 4-H clubs by offering educational prizes. The two latest to announce offers are the May Seed & Nursery company, Shenandoah, Iowa, and the Burpee Can Sealer company, Chicago, Ill.

The May Seed & Nursery company (E. E. May, president) is offering an educational trip to the National 4-H Club Congress to be held at Chicago next November, to the state champion in the garden and crop projects of the states of South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa. The decision as to the winner is to be made by the Extension Service. The winner is required to write a story on his project or how he won the trip. These stories will probably be broadcasted over Radio Station KMA.

The Burpee Can Sealer company of Chicago, offers three beautiful prizes consisting of silver dinner sets for the first, second, and third prize exhibits at the state fairs, of food preserved in tin. A valuable prize is offered for each and every exhibit shown. The offer has been extended to Wisconsin, Ohio, India, Minnesota, and Iowa. Other states may be included later.

"FARM GOOD INVESTMENT," SAYS GEORGE ADE, FAMOUS AUTHOR, TO 4-H CLUBBERS

George Ade, famous Hoosier author and humorist was a headliner at the recent Annual 4-H Round-Up at Purdue.

"Advice is something like castor oil—it is easy to give and hard to take." This remark prefaced Mr. Ade's advice to two thousand young 4-H Hoosiers that "good black soil is today a good investment and that the farm is a desirable place to live." The well known author declared that he does not grow sentimental over the "good old days." He recalled when he was a boy on the farm that there were many things missing which are now present, for instance—the R. F. D., the telephone, the electric light, the base burner, adequate protection against flies, the automobile, paved roads, movies and ice cream sodas. "We got our enjoyment out of popping corn and shooting rabbits," said Mr. Ade in recalling his youthful experiences.

Poultry Sale Brings \$1805

The bi-monthly poultry sale took place here Monday of this week. The sale totaled 8,671 pounds for which the farmers received \$1,805. Sales will continue through the month of June after which they will be discontinued until fall. As a general rule people now have their flock pretty well culled. As a result the sales are falling off to some extent. The county agent states that the market prices of poultry and eggs will be sent out to be posted at the post offices in each community and that these prices will appear in The Press so that those having poultry and eggs for sale at times other than regular sales days will have some idea of the worth of their products.

BY THEIR RECORDS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

"IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH"

COMING SALES

June 6—Hog Sale. 10c per pound paid for No. 1 hogs on foot—less a small cost for handling.

May 24—Wool Sale. 51c per pound net paid for clear wool in the grease.

June 4—Poultry Sale and Egg Sale.

It's well to keep in mind the fact that prices stay up only when we patronize our Co-op Sales. Peddlers may give more on occasion, but its the long time gain we must look to.

LYLES HARRIS, County Agent.

THE FARMERS FEDERATION

Your store has bought Potato Plants, Tomato Plants, and Pepper Plants for you. These plants are guaranteed to us to be true varieties and are very large vigorous plants. Let us know how many you want so we can increase the orders.

E. S. HUNNICUTT, Manager.

A WANT EXPRESSED IN TIME SAVES MANY A DIME