

# State Announces Year's 4-H Events

Theme of North Carolina's more than 120,000 4-H club members for their 1951 program will be "Working Together for World Understanding," according to L. B. Harrill, State 4-H leader for the State College Extension service.

A schedule of outstanding 4-H events for the year was announced this week by Harrill.

National 4-H Club week will be held March 3-11; National 4-H Camp, Washington, June 13-20; National 4-H Achievement Week, November 3-11; and National 4-H Club Congress, Chicago, November 25-29.

Highlight of the State program will be State 4-H Club Week, to be held at State College July 23-28. The State Wildlife Conference will be held August 20-24; Young Men and Women's Club Conference and Rural Youth Talk Meet, August 27-31; Farm and Home Electric Congress, Raleigh, during November.

Other events include: Tractor Maintenance Schools, January 22-24 and January 25-27; 100-Bushel Corn Club Speaking Contest, January 26; 4-H Church Sunday, April 29; poultry shows, September and October; State Fair, October.

Completed applications for National 4-H Camp delegates and State Honor Club candidates are due in the State office by April 5. Summaries of wildlife project records are due by July 22; county-winning records except crops, by October 15, and crops records, by November 10.

Farm production in the United States has increased 20 per cent since 1941, while the number of farm workers has dropped by one million in the same period.

# Tar Heels Set Pasture Goals

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round. In the past five years, ladino clover — seeded with tall fescue or orchard grass — has been established successfully in every one of the state's 100 counties.

Sharp impetus was given the program in the past year with organization of a "Green Pastures" campaign aimed at the 2,000,000-acre goal by the end of 1952. Co-operating are the Governor's office, all agricultural agencies, seedsmen, fertilizer dealers, farm machinery dealers, and bankers. Their watchword is ladino.

At Wake Forest, in northern Wake county, the W. W. Holding farm offers a striking example of what ladino can do for the pasture program. In mid-December, following the state's coldest fall in many years, Manager John Rich had the farm's dairy cows grazing contentedly in a pasture of ladino and fescue.

The pasture is a 20-acre plot which was seeded two years ago. That happened after Holding and Rich gave up on efforts to develop it as a natural pasture. In all, they have 200 acres of improved pastures, some in ladino-fescue, and some in ladino-orchard grass. They seeded 60 acres more this past fall and plan to seed another 60 acres next fall. The pattern they follow is to start with alfalfa, followed by pasture seeding. In this way, Rich points out, the land provides income while the

farm's herd is being built up.

There are 200 cows and calves — mostly dairy — on the farm. Holding's beef cattle, a sideline, live entirely on pasture. Rich plans to graze the dairy cows regularly throughout the winter. Up to mid-December, the cows hadn't a day on pasture, and up to the first of the month had had no grain at all. Then they began getting a supplemental daily ration of 10 pounds of dehydrated alfalfa and ground corn, cobs and shucks. Production was running at four gallons of milk per day per cow. In the spring, when the cows go back on pasture entirely (and Rich says that then you can't make them eat anything else), production will rise to five gallons.

An even more striking recommendation for improved pastures, Rich thinks, is the result he got with beef calves in 1950.

"We sold seven calves," he says. "The oldest was seven and a half months and the youngest was five and a half. The biggest was 650 pounds live weight. They averaged 300 pounds dressed weight — not counting the livens, which weighed about six pounds apiece.

"We made that entirely on pasture. And we did it in just those few months."

Successes like these are not isolated cases in North Carolina. You can find the same sort of thing going on all across the state as more farmers join in the "Green Pastures" campaign.

But the field isn't crowded by any means. Beef is always in demand, and despite its increasing milk production, North Carolina isn't self-sufficient in milk. The rise in production is not keeping

up with the rise in consumption. Each year more farmers — not only North Carolinians but also many who are coming in from other states — are finding North Carolina to be a land of opportunity

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