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Yancey County Hails 4-H Club Week March 1-8

4-H Work In The Schools

By: Ed Hunter, Jr., Principal

The 4-H Club has earned for itself an important place in the public school program of today. Almost every public school has had the opportunity to test the 4-H Club as a part of its extra-curricular activity program, and those that have given it a fair chance to prove its merits have found it to be an essential part of the school program.

The 4-H Club is the "something for nothing" that the present day principal and teacher is constantly in search for. In recent years the duties and responsibilities of school personnel have grown tremendously with a constant demand that the school take over many of the tasks that were once taken care of in the home and by agencies other than the school. It is almost impossible for any teacher to do all the work and accept all the responsibilities that is expected of her by the public. Therefore, the teacher must take many short cuts, and the principal must constantly be in search of ways and means of helping the teachers do the most efficient job possible. With this in mind, the principal knows that the well trained 4-H Club leaders provided through the County Farm Agent's Office are a solution to at least a part of this problem. These leaders are usually as well trained as the best teachers in dealing with boys and girls. They have a good understanding of the problems that our children and young people face and of their capabilities and limitations. These leaders also have access to many teaching aids and demonstration materials that teachers cannot readily obtain. All this comes free and without obligation to the school. Teachers are not expected to neglect their classroom duties by doing excessive amounts of extra work with the club. The school is expected to furnish a teacher-sponsor for each club, who accepts the responsibility of helping members plan progress, keep record books up to date and advise students on certain other problems.

The development of the whole child, physically, mentally, morally, socially, and spiritually, is the ultimate of the school. The well-rounded program of the 4-H Club strives to help its members reach for this same goal as indicated by the club motto and pledge. At

Junior Woman's Club To Hear Dr. Williams

The Junior Woman's Club, which usually meets on the first Monday of each month, has scheduled its next meeting for March 10th at 8 p. m. in the Community Building. Mrs. William A. Tuttle will be in charge of the program. Guest speaker for the evening will be Dr. Charles F. Williams, pediatric consultant for the N. C. Board of Health, Raleigh. He will talk about well baby clinics and is interested in starting one in this area.

Club members will welcome visitors who are interested in seeing a clinic of this type established here.

Hostesses will be Mrs. William A. Banks and Mrs. Earl Young.

MEN'S CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The Burnsville Men's Club, at its February meeting held last Monday evening, elected the following officers for the coming year: president, Paul Laughrun; vice president, George Roberts; secretary-treasurer, Roger Hyatt.

These officers will be installed at the March meeting of the club, which will be the annual "ladies night" banquet of the organization.

each meeting of the club, each member not only has an opportunity, but is encouraged to develop himself to the fullest in each of these areas.

The ideal teacher strives to give individual attention to as many students as possible. But here she finds it next to impossible to discharge all her responsibilities and still give students the individual attention that they may need. In the 4-H Club the leaders are able to give more individual attention. In addition to being available after each meeting for individual consultation, the leaders try to get into the home of each active member once or twice a year, or more often when needed, to meet parents and discuss projects as well as the growth and development of the member.

The 4-H Club member does not complete his work when school is out in the spring. Instead, the vacation months are usually his busiest months with work on the selected project of his choice. In addition to this he has further opportunity to develop through the camping program. Every active member is eligible to spend a week in 4-H camp during his summer vacation. In addition, certain members may attend State 4-H Club Week in the state capitol, and those who achieve certain goals may be invited to attend other camp activities throughout the state. All this keeps the club member mentally alert during the summer, so that when he returns to the classroom in the fall, his mind isn't "rusty" as is the case many times where students spend their vacation months doing nothing in particular. Therefore, he gets off to a better start and progresses more rapidly in his school work than he would have had he not been an active 4-H member.

These are only a few of the many advantages that the 4-H Club program offers the public school. Many of the benefits are intangible and cannot be measured except in the minds of the individual members. The club offers unlimited opportunities for growth and development of each of its members and every public school should not only open its doors to the 4-H Club, but should support its endeavors with every means possible. I know of no greater bargain for today's teachers and principals than the club program, which when handled properly will in no way conflict with any other part of the school program.

Spread through this special 4-H issue of the RECORD, you will find much about Yancey County 4-H Club work, its progress, and the fine work of its leaders and members.

In other parts of this issue, you will find 4-H messages sponsored by merchants and business men in Burnsville and Yancey County. Read these inspiring messages and remember that these business men are true friends of 4-H Clubs. Trade with them.

These public spirited merchants and business places, who so generously sponsored 4-H messages, are The Yancey Pharmacy, Roberts Insurance Agency, Western Auto Associate Store, Robinson's Dairy, Blue Ridge Hardware Co., French Broad Electric Membership Corp., Deyton Farm Supply, Burnsville Furniture & Hardware Co., Profit's Stores & Poultry Farm, The Northwestern Bank, Johnson & Co., Roberts Chevrolet, Inc., Banks-Young Motor Co. and B. B. Penland & Son Lumber Co. There also is a special "4-H Gram" to all boys and girls between 10 and 21 years old from the members of Yancey County 4-H Clubs.

WHAT 4-H HAS MEANT TO ME

By: Harold Higgins

In February of last year, a community 4-H club was organized in Jacks Creek Community. I joined the club and was elected president. Being president for the past year has made me feel more at ease when I talk to a group and also has made me realize that it takes cooperation on the part of everyone to make a 4-H club.

After joining the club, I selected gardening and the Pig Chain for my projects. Gardening was a good experience for me and I am planning to make a long time record on it.

June 5-8 1957, I attended a TVA meeting at Fontana Village where I learned the importance of the TVA program in Western Carolina. In July I became a member of the Yancey County 4-H Dairy Judging team. The training which I received by being a team member has helped me to select good dairy calves for my project for 1958 and I learned the good points to look for in a good dairy cow.

Last August I attended the annual 4-H Leadership Conference at Camp Swannanoa. The conference was planned to provide an opportunity to secure a broader vision of the different opportunities in the 4-H club work and to secure training that will enable 4-H members to be more effective leaders.

Last fall I became a member of the Yancey 4-H Tobacco Judging Team. The team judged at the Junior Tobacco Show and Sale in Asheville in December and our team came out 4th out of five teams. I always try to keep in my mind that winning isn't all that is that important. What we learn and the experience we get is just as important as winning. I have found that through 4-H club work it is a good way to get a lot of experience and know-how which will be helpful in my future years as club member and leader.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET FRIDAY

The Garden Club will meet Friday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. D. R. Fouts. Mrs. Troy Ray is program leader.

Religious Census To Be Made Sunday

The churches of the Burnsville area will undertake to make a complete census Sunday afternoon. Any church in the area although they may not have been contacted will be welcome to participate in this effort. All cards will go to the church that is indicated as the local church preference by the person signing the card. A card should be filled out for every member of the family. It will be helpful if some member of the family could arrange to be at home between the hours of 1:30 and 3:30 and be prepared to give the information that is needed.

All workers will meet at the First Baptist Church promptly at 1:30. They will be given an assigned territory with specific directions as to the number of houses to be called upon. Transportation will be arranged where needed. No area will be too large to be covered in two hours or less. The ministers and as many as are needed will remain at the church and will separate the cards as the workers will indicate so that each church will have its prospects Sunday afternoon. Where no local church preference is indicated a card will be made and given to every church in the area.

The purpose of the census is to gather information that will help the churches to minister to the people in Burnsville and the adjacent areas.

Holcombe Seeks Re-election In County

Harlon Holcombe, who represented Yancey County in the 1957 session of the General Assembly, announced today that he will seek re-election subject to the Democratic primary to be held May 31st.

He is a native of Mars Hill and has resided in Yancey County for the past eighteen years. He is a partner in the Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home in Burnsville.

New Minister In Area To Occupy Presbyterian Pulpit

The Rev. George R. Blue, coming recently to North Carolina from New England, will preach in the Burnsville Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service. Mr. Blue is a native of Newton, Massachusetts, and has been preaching in recent years at Shirley, Massachusetts, near Fort Devens. Last Tuesday at a meeting of the Presbytery of Holston in Erwin, Tenn. he was received into the Presbytery and on March 9th will be installed as minister of the Madison County Larger Parish, of which Walnut is the leading church.

Mr. Blue preaches in Burnsville on this Sunday as part of a presbytery-wide pulpit exchange, done as an evangelistic project in each church. Mr. Blue has been assigned to preach in the Marshall Presbyterian Church. Each congregation is having a luncheon after the service and a furmister.

The Presbyterian men will have their monthly breakfast together their conference with the visiting Mrs. Ralph Laughrun attended a meeting of the Executive Council of the church at 8 a. m. Sunday at the Women's Presbyterian Society.

Do You Put The 4-H Pledge To Work?

By: Virginia Cox

I pledge: my head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty
My hands to larger service and
My health to better living for
My club, my community, and
My Country

Every 4-H club meeting is opened by repeating the pledge to the American flag and the 4-H pledge. Many times when words are repeated together the words come automatically and there is no thought behind the words. During your lives you develop ways of doing things and ways of saying things so that by the time you are a teen-ager or younger your family and your friends know pretty well what to expect of you. They know whether or not they can count on you to do something you promised to do, or whether you will thank them for their help. These actions are generally referred to as habits.

The growth of your habits can be compared to the growth of trees. When a tree is young and its roots aren't set very deep, it can be pulled up easily; but after it continues growing and the roots develop, it cannot be pulled up. While people are still young their habits aren't set firmly and they can be swayed or pulled up with very little effort; but later their habits become a part of the person and it is a hard job to get rid of them.

Let's take stock of your habits and see if they are what they should be and if we have let them become a part of us.

A pledge is a promise and is not to be taken lightly. What does it mean when you pledge your head to clearer thinking? Are you a dependable person and prove that you are by finishing what you start? Get your jobs done without being reminded coming home when you say you will? and by keeping your project up to date? Do you discuss differences of opinion

What Is The 4-H Club?

By: Roger Hyatt, Assistant County Agent

The 4-H club is the world's largest rural youth organization of boys and girls from 10 to 21 years of age who are interested in home-making, farming, personal improvement and community relations. It is an organization of opportunities for young people to have and work with something of their own. As the club members work and play in the 4-H club, they use their head, heart, hands, and health. Membership is voluntary.

Club work is a part of the Agricultural Extension Service of North Carolina State College, the United States Department of Agriculture and your county. The extension county farm and home demonstration agents and assistants, working with 4-H adult leaders, help the club members with their individual club work. The extension agents meet regularly with clubs at school during the school year. The agents and leaders meet with neighborhood clubs also.

4-H club members are expected to do the following things: (1) Enroll in at least one project pertaining to the farm or home; (2) enroll in the Health Improvement activity; (3) they are expected to keep an accurate record of the project and Health Improvement

FIRST SERVICE IN NEW CHURCH BUILDING

Members of the West Burnsville Baptist Church will have their first worship service in the new church building this Sunday morning. The Rev. E. G. Adkins, pastor of the church, will deliver the message, and the choir has prepared special music for the service. The public is cordially invited to be present.

in family matters without "blowing up"? Hold your tongue when you want to say unkind things? Willingly take your turn in matters? Do you discuss your 4-H project with other members of the family? These questions may help you to decide if you are carrying out the pledge.

If you pledge your heart to greater loyalty, do you thank members of your family for things they have done to help you? Praise members of your family and friends more than you criticize them? Remain loyal to your friends or are you just kind when you want something from them? Do you treat the friends of other members of your family as you want them to treat your friends? Have respect for persons older than you?

Are you using your hands for larger service? Do you offer to do someone else's work when you know they don't feel well? Clean up any mess you have made? Offer to help other members of the family when they need help or encouragement? Keep your room and clothes tidy and in order? Do you strive to complete your project to the best of your abilities?

Are you using your health for better living? Do you practice good health habits? Look neat and clean? Eat the proper foods? Go to bed at the hour agreed upon by you and your parents? Do you work with your family and community to help improve sanitary and safety conditions of your home and community?

Let us each take inventory and see if we are carrying out the promises we make when we say the 4-H pledge and also the pledge to the American flag. Even though saying the pledge at meetings may become a habit, the things that are said can become a great part of us and we will strive to the fullest "To Make The Best Better"

ment Activity; (4) exhibit the project or parts of it in the home, community, county, or other places if they are asked to; (5) attend local club meetings in the school or community; (6) do all the work in connection with the project as far as possible; (7) try each year to enlarge the project or projects over the previous year; (8) take part in demonstrations, judging teams, exhibits, and other such 4-H activities which will improve the quality of the project or projects; (9) write a story telling how the project was carried out; (10) turn in completed project and health record books when asked for by the extension agent.

Selecting a 4-H project will be an important decision for the club members. The member will need the help of his or her parents, and together they should consider the following points in selecting a project: (1) The needs of the family; (2) the money it will take; (3) the space or equipment available for a particular project; (4) the time the particular project requires; (5) the support the member can depend on from his or her family; (6) the use or the marketing of the project or animals; (7) how the project or animals; (8) how the project fits the needs of the community and county.

After the club member and his or her family has considered these points, they should review the various projects which can be taken. Together they should decide the project or projects to be taken for the year. Check on the project enrollment card, which is given to the club member by the extension agent, the project or projects which have been chosen. When the card is returned, the agent will give the club member a record book and a manual which will outline the requirements for completing the projects.

There are 54 various farm and home projects which can be taken by club members. A brief description of the projects are available from the extension agent. The club member should read carefully the description and requirements and choose the project or projects best fitted to his or her ability and to their farm, home, and community situation.

Health Improvement is not a separate project. Each year the club members will carry it as a 4-H activity along with their other projects. In order to carry out their activity they will first check the health improvement which they should make and those which should be made by their families and communities. They will then make plans for these improvements and carry out as many as possible.

Spanish Study Group Formed

A speed-up course in Spanish is being offered under the auspices of the Woman's Club of Burnsville on two evenings each week. The course is open to any adult or serious high school student interested in acquiring a good working knowledge of Spanish in a short time. It is a free public service conducted for its cultural and recreational value.

The meeting place of the group rotates among the homes of members of the class. An enjoyable two-hour session of good hard work is slated for each meeting.

To date, there have been two classes, but the ground covered thus far can be made up by those entering now.

The next session will be tomorrow night at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Robert K. Helmle. Each member will need to bring a pencil to the classes.



YANCEY COUNTY 4-H COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS are (left to right) Cladde Sparks of Micaville Senior Club, song leader; Arlene Grindstaff of Brush Creek Community 4-H Club, president; Harold Higgins of Jacks Creek Community 4-H Club, secretary; Carolyn Gogen of Burnsville Senior Club, treasurer; Becky Profit of Bald Creek Senior Club, vice-president; and Susan McIntosh of Burnsville Senior Club, song leader. Norma McDougald of Micaeville Senior Club, reporter, was absent when this picture was taken.