



YANCEY COUNTY 4-H'ERS—Susan Wilson, Jan Hensley, Greg Robinson, Steve Haruin, and Kay Honeycutt attended the Sixteenth Annual District 4-H Leadership Conference at Swannanoa 4-H Camp, August 9-14. During the week the 4-H members participated in a number of workshop sessions and special interest groups on such topics as junior leadership, ecology, government, family relations, crafts, outdoor camping, art & recreation.

Club Has Worthwhile Activities

By Charles Hopson
4-H Leader

Why do I take time to work with 4-H boys and girls? This is the question I sometimes ask myself when there are always so many demands on my time.

First of all, I have four children enrolled in 4-H Club work and I am interested in my children developing into good citizens. There are many worthwhile activities for 4-H members.

4-H is an informal educational youth program guided by the North Carolina State Extension Service and sponsored by local, state and federal governments.

In 4-H, young people learn to work and plan together under the guidance of an adult. The young people with the help of their "leaders" choose

what they want to learn. The leaders get help in the form of literature, assistance and training from Extension Agents.

4-H work provides the opportunity for youth to belong to a group and be a part of what the group is doing. Boys and girls learn from each other when they work together in small groups. What a boy or girl learns in 4-H is tied to real life situations. They learn "why" as well as "how" of what they do. All learning is planned to bring about desirable changes in head, heart, hands and health or four-fold development--head, things known; heart, things felt or attitude and spiritual growth; hands developing useful and creative skills; and health, understand and practice good mental and physical health.

Each group with the guidance of an agent or leader decides what it wants to learn. Boys and girls can gain know-how and skills in special interest groups. This group will be made up of youth near the same age who live close to each other and who want to learn the same things.

Much of what a boy or girl does in 4-H is centered around the home. Parents need to have an understanding of 4-H and what the members are learning and doing. They can and should help to keep the 4-H'ers interested, enthusiastic and encourage them to take an active part. Parents will benefit also. After a 4-H'er learns something at a meeting, he practices it at home.

In a good 4-H member you will find a good citizen.

4-H Builds Good Citizens

By Patrick Guyer

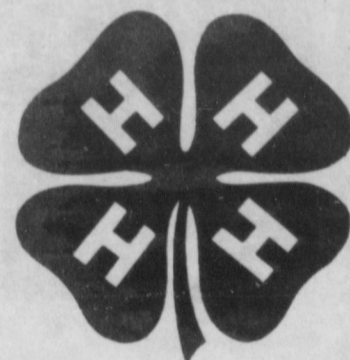
"Just what does the 4-H Club do?" This is a question we hear asked almost every day. Our answer would be very long and boring if we were to try to enumerate all the activities of the 4-H Club. Yet we could give an answer that would sum up the joint purpose of all these activities. This is the forming of good material for world leadership tomorrow out of the material at hand today. In simpler form the building of good citizens out of today's youth.

If I were ranking the organizations that contribute the most to building good citizenship, 4-H would be ranked second only to the church and a good 4-H member makes a good church member.

James Russell Lowell once said "Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide". He also emphasized the fact that our decisions rule our lives. One decision that has much to do with our lives is when we decide whether or not to join the 4-H club.

To explain why this decision is so important I'll just list some of the ways the 4-H Club helps to build good citizenship.

1. It helps our personal outlook on life. It does this by giving us a broader view of life. It changes our mode of thinking. It causes us to become less self-centered and to begin to notice the things around us. It causes us to see in most of the things which we have been just taking for granted a chance for improvement. In short, 4-H truly makes us



want "to make the best better."

2. 4-H also helps our outlook toward others. This is our main reason for most of the group activities carried out by the 4-H club.

3. It teaches us conservation in all phases of life. First the 4-H club is teaching today's youth to appreciate and to conserve our natural resources. It teaches us to make the most of what we have and to waste nothing we can use. The 4-H Club teaches us that conservation is not only practical, but as applicable in our every day life as it is on a broader scale.

4. 4-H encourages us to go forward in the world today with our head high and our shoulders square. It encourages us to use our head, heart, hands and health for better living, which will in turn strengthen the world. 4-H encourages us to set ideals that the faint-hearted of the American youth would seem great feats if they are reached.

5. It helps build in us a competitive spirit. A spirit that gives us a will to win.

6. Through the International Farm Youth Exchange, the (IFYE) Program it gives us a chance to learn what life is like in other countries. It also breaks up prejudices that grow up toward people in other countries and different nationalities.

7. The 4-H club teaches us to do things for ourselves that heretofore we have been having others to do for us. We learn these things through our various projects. Some phases of 4-H gives us a means of making money which enables to stand on our own two feet.

8. 4-H develops personal character traits such as honesty and dependability through our contact with others. 4-H does a lot for us in all its activities and all that it does only helps "to make the best better."

Tribute From "4-H Mother"

By Mrs. Paul Buck

It's pretty wonderful to be a 4-H mother... to see our youth grow into better citizens, working toward a better future, helping themselves and their fellow men.

4-H work takes them to the outdoor world. It improves their health and minds. It improves their talents and skills. They learn to appreciate the beauty that surrounds them and get experiences to treasure all the years to come.

4-H'ers learn to stay on schedules and abide by rules. They show more appreciation of their work and play and learn to be more independent. They become better students and better boys and girls in the home.

The youth of today make the future of tomorrow. They are improving in our community and learning, through the 4-H Program, to be better, more dependable boys and girls.

The youth of our community are enjoying the 4-H and are very proud to be members of the club. Much thanks goes to Mr. Pat Guyer.

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Picnic Held

About thirty 4-H'ers, leaders and adults attended the county-wide picnic on Wednesday afternoon, July 21st at Briarbottom, part of the Black Mountain Campground. 4-H'ers and adults alike had much fun in the softball game. We all enjoyed the food.

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