

Facts Regarding National 4-H Club Week

About 2,300,000 4-H Club members in America will observe National 4-H Club Week from March 4-11. These youth, 10 to 21 years old, belong to more than 94,200 local clubs in all 50 States and Puerto Rico. Since 1914, when federal legislation was passed to help finance and conduct 4-H Club work, about 21,300,000 young people have taken part in the "learn by doing" program. Today 4-H is nearly everywhere — in almost every community and county, coast to coast.

North Carolina leads the Nation in 4-H Club work with an enrollment of 167,000 boys and girls — 18,000 more than any other state. But the magnitude of the program is not measured in numbers alone. Of greater significance is the influence of the 4-H program in training youth in the art of living, its influence in changing the social pattern of life in the home, the community, and the state.

PURPOSES OF NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK:

1. Offer a special time for members to evaluate past achievements and plan for the year ahead.
2. Inform other youth about the program and invite them to participate.
3. Increase public understanding of 4-H aims, and gain support for year round-activities.
4. Encourage more able men and women to become volunteer club leaders.

HOW 4-H WEEK WILL BE OBSERVED:

The continuing theme will be "Learn-Live-Serve, Through 4-H". Plans in local areas will include occasions where club members, 4-H alumni, and leaders, will be guests and speakers.

VALUED SUPPORT BY 4-H FRIENDS:

Numerous business and industrial firms, foundations, groups and organizations, and private individuals provide significant assistance nationally. All make a real life investment through supplying funds for 4-H awards, incentives, leader training, staff consultants in specialized areas, and for other uses. The unique and important contributions of 4-H friends, working in many and varied capacities in small communities and across the Nations, promote 4-H in America and around the world. The 4-H plan has now been adapted so that 4-H Clubs or similar organizations exist in more than 50 other counties.

LIVE THROUGH 4-H

by Frankie Greene

During your 4-H Club work you will be faced with many projects which will enable you to find a better way of doing things.

Some of these projects are cooking, child care, home management and farming which includes raising of a 4-H steer or calf and improving many other 4-H Club animals.

Through 4-H, club members study problems of the community, state, nation and world. But there is no other way of explaining the meaning of 4-H Club and the life through 4-H Club than the four H's on the 4-H emblem which which mean head, heart, hands and health.

Heads are developed as boys and girls learn to be kindly, sympathetic, and co-operative. Hands are developed as boys and girls learn useful skills of farming and home-making. Health is developed as boys and girls learn good health habits and get exercise in the open air.



YES, SHE CAN, BILLY BOY—These girls have been judged the nation's best cherry pie bakers in a Chicago contest. Sherry Shirley, 18, of Bunker Hill, W.Va., (seated) is number one. Regional winners are, from left, Linda Brooks, Huntsville, Ala.; Marcia Wood, 17, Ft. Collins, Colo.; Marilyn Lindgren, 18, Fairfax, S.D., and Kathleen Hinkler, 17, Union City, Pa.

HOW JONES LEARNS THROUGH 4-H

by Lib McDaniel

4-H is a very interesting and enjoyable way of learning. Many 4-H'ers of Jones County have taken advantage of this chance of learning and enjoyment by going to 4-H summer camp, electric congress, national 4-H Club week and many other programs of learning.

Through 4-H many inhabitants of Jones County have received part of the learning they need to be a house wife, Home Economics teacher, an Agricultural teacher or a Home Economics Agent. All of these jobs are very rewarding and worthwhile.

4-H'ers learn to make clothes, build things, preserve food, cook, knit, weave, drive nails straight, or even lead groups in recreational affairs.

When a girl makes a dress or when a boy builds a dog house they get much more pleasure out of it for they know it was their time and patience that went into the making of their article.

4-H not only helps the youngsters it also lends a helping hand to the older generation. Some 4-H'ers take as a club project painting mailboxes to improve the looks of Jones County, others take Home Ground Beautification as a project of their own. This also helps to beautify the community.

Some 4-H Clubs take as a club project cleaning the shrubs off of curves and ditch banks. This teaches the 4-H'er the importance of safe driving at all times.

For such jobs as painting mailboxes, a 4-H'er might get paid as

much as fifty or seventy-five cents. This teaches him how to earn money for the club and put it to use wisely.

There are many other ways Jones County has learned through

4-H but it would take a very long time to tell about all of them. I hope this article will encourage more youngsters of North Carolina, as well as Jones County, to join 4-H and see how much fun you will have learning through 4-H.

MAKE THE BEST BETTER

by Sherry Littlejohn

Everyone knows that the 4-H Club motto is "To Make the Best Better". One may say, "How can the best be made better?" As 4-H Club members we know that it can be done by planning and working towards a given goal. It may even sound as if we are trying to hitch our wagon to a star, but many young people have become better by living under the shadow of this great 4-H Club motto.

I would like to give an example of a very poor home in which its members were doing the best they thought possible. One day the young daughter was urged to join the 4-H Club at school. She became interested in its activities. Soon she discovered that through proper planning and utilizing all available resources around the home that it could be made better with little additional expense.

In our world today, most people feel that unless we have money we are an outcast and nothing can be made better. This, of course, is untrue and no one realizes that more than a 4-H member.

As a 4-H Club member 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. With a pledge this strong and great, and with the ambitious and understanding leaders that we have, one cannot help but make the better best.

4-H CLUB PLEDGE

By Janice Lowery

The four H's in the pledge stand for the ideals of the 4-H movement. They stand for development of the head, heart, hands, and health of each member.

Heads are developed as boys and girls learn to be kind, sympathetic, and co-operative.

Hearts are developed as boys and girls learn to think and plan.

Hands are developed as boys and girls learn useful skills of farming and home-making.

Health is developed as boys and girls learn good health habits and get healthful exercise in the open air.

When I joined the 4-H Club three years ago and repeated the pledge I really pledged to do exactly what it says. I know as long as I keep the pledge in mind I will grow up to be a better citizen.



4-H CLUB PLEDGE

by Ann DuVal

Since this is National 4-H Club Week I have been chosen to write the 4-H Club Pledge and what it means to me.

I Pledge:

My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
My Health to better living,
For My club, My community
and My country.

I pledge my head to clearer thinking: This world has seen many changes from slow travel across land to missiles in space in half a century. My mind must be trained to have standards by which to judge. I must keep my mind alert to my responsibilities.

I pledge my heart to greater loyalty: Loyalty to my God, my Country and my Fellowman. For the training of my heart, for the nobleness it will give me to become kind, sympathetic, and true. The 4-H member engages in activity which brings him in close contact with spiritual forces in nature itself. He has opportunity to learn and to practice honesty; fairness; understanding; co-operation; responsibility; helpful living; wholesome use of leisure time; loyalty to his God, to others, and to the finest within himself.

I pledge my hands to larger services: With my mind seeking thoughts that will lead in right paths, trained to explore the secrets of the world and my heart in tune with God, my hands cannot help but serve my fellowmen. My hands are instruments of God, serving to feed the hungry and comfort the troubled.

I pledge my health to better living: If we are to meet the challenge of head, heart and hands we must be found faithful in keeping the laws of good health. I must accept the responsibility to care for my body that I may be strong, alert and able to do my part, avoiding those things that will seek to make me weak of body or mind.

My Club, my Community and my Country: Unless I accept the challenge of the 4-H Club pledge, I cannot take my rightful place in my Club, my Community nor my Country.

PASS THE BEAR BOTTLE, PLEASE—End of the world? No. End of tournament basketball game in which the team

of Shortridge High School lost by a point to its archrival in Indianapolis. The girls, Shortridge rooters, of course,