

4-H Club News

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It won't be long before it will be time to buy your feeder calves for the Fat Stock Show next year. If you have some of that good Perquimans Ladino-Fescue Pasture and a few bushels of corn you 4-H members might try raising one this year. If you want us to find a calf for you to buy just let us know and we'll do what we can. There were several girls in the show last year. Janie Winslow from this county showed a calf. So some of you 4-H girls might try out-showing the boys. Some of the 4-H boys that will probably have beef calves next year are John Hill, Ben Skinner, Clarence Chappell, George Miller, Billy Proctor, Thomas Chappell and several more that I'll name later on.

4-H'er Clarence Chappell, Jr., just started a 4-H sheep project last week. He purchased four purebred Hampshire ewes that look mighty pretty. There's room for some more sheep projects in this county. They don't have to be purebreds to make money for you, and there is more money to be made on sheep than any other livestock projects if you will seed an acre or two of good Ladino-Fescue Pasture.

If any of you 4-H members want me to help you with our projects or anything else, just drop me a card to the Agricultural Building or call me, my number is Hertford 3771, or come by my office and leave your name if I am not in.

THE TRAVELS OF WILLIE, THE ROUND WORM

Now Willie isn't really his name, but that's what we'll call him today. His real name is Ascaris Lumbricoides—now, don't you think Willie sounds better. Willie starts his travels when his dear mother, who lives in the intestines of swine, lays her eggs which are passed out in the manure to the ground. In this wonderful Perquimans climate the eggs are incubated and Willie starts to grow inside the egg. But along comes Miss 4-H Pig, and not being able to see these tiny eggs, makes a perfect hog of herself and swallows the food or dirt that Willie's egg is lying on. Once inside Miss 4-H pig's stomach, Willie hatches out of the egg and is ready to start his mischief. Willie is so small when he is first born that he can go right into the intestinal walls. You know the things we make those wonderful chittlings from. Well, when he gets

into the intestinal wall he finds himself in the blood stream and so naturally he rides around awhile, but finally stops in the liver for a rest. This stop is when he makes those white spots or what some people call cysts on the liver that you notice during hog killing time. After he cuts up enough liver he travels on to the heart and from there to the lungs of Miss 4-H Pig. When Willie reaches the lungs he has grown large enough to be seen and is big enough to really raise cane. He does the most damage to Miss 4-H Pig when she is rather young or before she reaches one hundred (100) pounds in weight. In case Willie has several buddies with him or a few girl friends they will cause enough abscesses on the lungs to slow up the growth or even cause Miss 4-H Pig to be a runt and in some cases causes her to die from pneumonia. When you see your pig coughing or having difficulty breathing—sometimes known as "thumps" you can be pretty sure Willie and some of his friends are in her lungs. When Willie gets in the air spaces of the lungs, Miss 4-H Pig coughs him up to her throat and then swallows him and he goes back to the stomach and intestines. In the intestines Willie gets married and Miss Willie lays her eggs and Willie, Jr., starts all over again and follows in his papa's footsteps. Of course, we don't want to be mean, but Willie and family are certainly unwelcome guests to Miss 4-H Pig, so we should do what we can to get rid of him.

An instance in which the rate of growth and general condition of a

pig infested with Willie round worm and friends was compared with that of a pig of the same age kept free from round worms illustrates the point. At slightly over three months of age the worm free pig weighed eighty-two pounds and the infested pig, 11 pounds.

Now the best way to keep Willie off your farm is to keep your pig on pasture and have your pasture fenced off so you can rotate your hogs around on fresh pasture and give the sunshine enough time to kill the eggs. Before you put your pig on fresh pasture you should clean out the round worms in the intestines of your pig. You can do this by feeding Phenothiazene according to the directions on the box. Another treatment is with Sodium Floride, but you must be careful when you use it. Sodium Floride is the most effective deworming agent

for swine. It is given in dry ground feed in the proportion of one pound of Sodium Floride to 100 pounds of dry ground feed or one ounce to six pounds of feed, mixed very well. Do not moisten feed. Do not starve pigs before giving treated feed. Pregnant sows and scouring pigs should not be treated. Give pigs being treated all they will eat of treated feed for one day. On second day, after treatment turn on fresh pasture.

SNOW HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoffer, Jr., and girls spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hoffer Sr., at Sunbury. Miss Maxine Harrell of Norfolk spent the week-end here with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Mason Sawyer and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Cartwright. Mr. and Mrs. George Wood, Mr.

and Mrs. John Elmer Wood and girls, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis Knight and girls, and J. T. Britt of Hertford all spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood.

Ralph Harrell attended the Layman's Retreat at Lenoir College last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Harrell and children, Mrs. Ralph Harrell and girls, James Harrell and boys were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harrell Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Benton attended the W. S. C. S. Conference at Henderson this week.

Mrs. Eddie Harrell attended the P. T. A. Convention at Greenville this week.

Miss Doris Fay Allen of Woodville and Mrs. Cash of Burgess spent Wednesday with Miss Carolyn Dean Harrell.

Mrs. Clyde Russell was admitted to

the Albemarle Hospital Monday evening.

Mrs. James Wesley Harrell is still sick at her home.

Rev. E. E. Edwards will preach at Woodland Church Sunday morning at ten o'clock.

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