

National 4-H Club Week March 1-9

Continuing through 4-H



ANNOUNCING THE NEW 4-H HISTORY

Democracy has a growing bulwark—a bulwark that stretches across our great country and into Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico.

That bulwark is 4-H Club work where boys and girls learn the great privileges and responsibilities of democracy; individual initiative; active citizenship; respect for others' accomplishments; group cooperation; healthy competition; love of farm, home, and community; interchange of ideas from club to club across state lines.

The story of the development of such a great bulwark is faithfully presented in the first history of 4-H

Club Work, "The 4-H Story," just published by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, 59 East Van Buren Street, Chicago 5, Illinois.

An exciting panorama is set in motion by the inspirational words in "The 4-H Story," words that came after Author Franklin M. Reek's many months of careful research, interviews with pioneers in the movement, data checking with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and State 4-H Leaders, and the reading of all available records.

"The 4-H Story," which the author says "is too great a movement to be claimed by any one man," unfolds

through the early 1900's when the country was ready, youth was eager, the time was right for a great change of rural power. Simultaneously, in various parts of the country, corn clubs and canning clubs appeared, as county superintendents of schools sought to make education a more vital factor in the everyday living of the boys and girls. Then the colleges found a way to let their new discoveries be known through youth-eager, inspired, energetic youth, who planted the experimental corn, who used the new ideas, who came together in groups for discussions of better methods and for comparing results. In 1911 the four-leaf clover with its signifying head, heart, hands, and health appeared, and by 1913 the term "4-H Clubs" was being generally used.

With the passage of the Smith-Lever Act in 1914, the Cooperative Extension Service was established, and a national program was on the way. In 1919 a group of public-spirited citizens foresaw a role for industry in building a stronger 4-H, in strengthening our youth, in participating in the development of rural areas to which industry owed so much. From these beginnings came the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, National Awards programs, National 4-H Club Congress, and other services to 4-H Club Work. In 1927, National 4-H Camp came into being to honor 4-H boys and girls with outstanding abilities in leadership and citizenship. At this first National 4-H Camp, the 4-H pledge and motto were officially adopted.

All this and much more are in "The 4-H Story" with countless episodes of early vision, youth's responsibility, the strength and devotion of local volunteer 4-H leaders, the capable direction of federal, state, and county extension workers. The hope of our country lies in our youth, and today 2,000,000 boys and girls, active members of 4-H Clubs, are living by the 4-H's of head, heart, hands, and health to build riches into their lives, into their farms and homes, and into this wonderful country of ours.

"The 4-H Story" may be ordered for \$3.00 postpaid from the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, 59 East Van Buren Street, Chicago 5, Illinois. It has 308 pages, 23 chapters, 91 illustrations, an easy-to-use index, dark green hard covers, and is 7 x 9 inches in size.

MUSIC CLUB MEETS

Charlie and Vicki Johnson, Lura and Jim Mac Leete were joint hosts Friday evening to the Hertford Junior Music Club at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Johnson.

The short business session, presided over by Charlie Johnson, opened with the Club Hymn, Collect and Pledge, accompanied by Letitia McGoogan. C. D. and Tommie White were welcomed into the club. After committee reports, plans were made for the annual Hymn Program to be held in the Methodist Church, with the assistance of the Junior Choirs of Hertford.

Nancy Lane presented a musical program based on the Folk Tunes and Songs of America. Special features of the program were a chorus of fifth and sixth grade girls singing folk songs, accompanied by club members, duets, a fourth grade number, and a violin solo by Lura Leete.

Games and riddles followed, after which an ice course was served by the hosts. Those present were:

Tommie White, Franklin McGoogan, Edward Mathews, Jimmie Rogerson, Linda Bass, Diane Hollowell, Pat Drake, Anne Lane, Vicki Johnson, Ray Winslow, Gail Johnson, Elizabeth Thach, Becky White, Letitia McGoogan, Becky Cox, Nancy Lane, Charlie Johnson, Evelyn Gertrude Lane, Fay Cruise, Mrs. J. A. Leete, Mrs. Charles Johnson, Mrs. R. M. Riddick, Mar-

gare Williams, Betty Drake, C. D. White, Glencie Myers, Jills Lapine, Deborah Nixon, Manda Lee Coprow, Kay Mathews.

Upward Trend In School Bus Wrecks

An upward trend in school bus accidents has officials of the State Highway Safety Division worried.

Since the first of the year, they said, three children have been killed in accidents involving school buses.

In a majority of cases the youngsters themselves were morally at fault the safety experts pointed out. Most of the fatalities occurring recently have been traced to children stepping from in front of the bus into the roadway. State law, of course, requires that traffic from both directions stop when approaching a standing school bus. However, the law is violated occasionally and when it is the child becomes a target.

The Safety Division is appealing to parents of school age young people for help. They especially want to emphasize that the school bus does not provide 100 per cent protection as many children and parents think. Safety equipment is adequate, the division feels. Every bus is painted brilliant orange, it carries stop lights at the front and rear and is equipped with a stop sign showing both ways when the vehicle is halted.

"Parents must continually impress on their youngsters the dangers of the open road," the safety men said. "Teach them to look carefully before crossing the highway."

TRY A WEEKLY CLASSIFIED AD CAN DREAMS FORECAST COMING EVENTS?

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ONE MINUTE SPORTS QUIZ

1. What is the record for speed skating the mile?
2. Of Joe Louis' 59 pro fights through 1946, how many did he win by knockouts?

3. In what year were Manny Marion and Hal Newhouser named most valuable in the Majors?
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2. 50.
3. 1944.



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