

## Field Days and Picnics

### Craven County

Each club in the county began making plans early in June to hold the county picnic near Riverdale on June 19. Riverdale club will be host to all the other clubs that participate in the picnic.

The 4-H Club picnic which was held on June 19 near Riverdale was quite a success. I feel as though this was one of the best get-togethers for club members and their parents that has ever been put on in the county. All seemed to have enjoyed the occasion and did not want to leave the grounds at the set hour. I know that a very friendly bond was established among all club members present, and all seemed to have mingled freely, and made friends. This was one of the points stressed in the club meetings relative to the picnic. Both old and young had a nice time and expressed themselves as being in favor of having a picnic of this kind every year. The Jasper club having the largest attendance at the picnic stated they enjoyed it so well that they are making plans to have a picnic in August at Beaufort. The 4-H club movement is setting records for crowds at their meetings all over the county and at the picnic it was stated "if you want a crowd present at any gathering place, let it go in the name of the 4-H clubs." The Jasper club is credited with this movement in the county and it seems to be catching and all the other sections are following.

The Jasper 4-H club conducted a very successful club picnic at Faisons Beach, Monday, August 7, climaxing their summer's program of work. A total of 60 club boys and girls and their parents went down to the beach. Each family carried a lunch and at one o'clock an old-fashion picnic dinner was spreaded and added much fun to the occasion. The adults paid 50¢ and the club children paid 10¢ each. The track cost the club members \$12.50 and the club placed in its treasury from this effort \$2.50. To begin another year's work they had in their treasury \$12.50. They sent its representative to the Short Course in Greensboro which cost them \$15.00 - including board and transportation. They paid \$3.00 to attend the county picnic at camp Ki-Ro on June 19. They had plans on foot to raise some money for their club treasury. Each club in the county is requested to raise \$15.00 a year.

#### Granville County

Two combined 4-H club community picnics were held in the county during the summer. The object of these picnics was to give the club members a day away from the farm work under a general supervised program and to raise money to send delegates to the 4-H Club short course to be held at Greensboro, North Carolina. There were approximately 600 people present at these picnics. Parents and children enjoyed themselves together.

#### Northampton County

The boys' 4-H club camp which was held at Chowan Beach near Winton, North Carolina, has served as a factor to encourage boys to carry projects. Twenty-three boys from Northampton county camped one night along with boys from Bertie, Gates and Hertford counties. Many inspiring lectures were given by various

visitors and friends. The boys certainly enjoyed the swimming matches as well as other games, such as horse shoe, ball games and relays. Mr. J. W. Mitchell, Negro District Farm Agent and Mr. R. E. Jones, Negro 4-H Club Specialist, shared fun with the group along with many others. Over one hundred children from the counties attended camp on the second day. Dr. C. S. Brown, of Waters Training School (now deceased) who delivered the annual address chose as his subject: "Youth Should Face Life's Problems Squarely."

#### Person County

One 4-H Field Day was held on May 7 at the County Training School. Seventy boys took an active part in the occasion.

#### Vance County

No 4-H camps were held this year, but in July 132 of the 177 4-H club members turned out in grand style to a 4-H club Rally at Kirtrell College and represented the 4-H club work commendably before a large gathering. They made this a High Day in Vance County 4-H Club work by wearing the 4-H club uniform and rendering a special program of recitations, speeches, songs, games and other recreational features. This was a Gala Day for all present.

Vance County

Nine one-day training meetings were held for training of 4-H club local leaders. They were very successful and proved to be a great asset to the work. Seventy-five county and local project leaders attended these nine meetings and received special training and coaching in handling organizations, individual projects and recreational activities. As result of this training the older boys and girls and other project leaders were able to and did successfully conduct and carry out 17 monthly program meetings in the absence of the Agent.

Wake County 4-H Club Round-up

For several years the Farm and Home Agents of Wake county have held their 4-H Club Round-up at Pullen Park, a few miles west of Raleigh. The 4-H Club boys and girls look forward to this event as soon as their agents make known the date. This year the Round-up was held July 16. The morning was given over to 4-H Club members entirely. The President of Wake Forest 4-H Club presided. Songs, games, plays, and reports on achievements were features of the program. A 4-H club pennant was awarded to Morrisville club for the largest number wearing the 4-H Club uniform. There were eleven clubs represented with an attendance of about three hundred 4-H boys and girls and visitors. The afternoon program was given over to guest speakers and singing by the 4-H clubbers. Aside from the two Negro District Agents, there were Miss Ruth Current, District Agent and 4-H Club Specialist for girls and Mr. L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club Specialist for boys, of State College, Raleigh, North Carolina, who gave very a very impressive talk to the young folk.

Bertie County

The three outstanding features in our 4-H club program this year were the County Round-up on May 30 at the Windsor County High School, the District Camp, known as the Eastern Carolina Boys and Girls Camp, at the Chowan Beach, Vinton, North Carolina, July 15 and 16, and the State 4-H Short Course held at A. and T. College, Greensboro, North Carolina, all in which the club members and Agent played an outstanding part.

The County Round-up was attended by sixty-three girls and seventy boys, one hundred twenty-seven parents and non-club members. The program consisted of reports, demonstrations, addresses, games and singing contest. A lunch was served at the close of the program. Mr. C. W. Overman, Assistant County Agent, was one of our guest speakers and told us of the work he was attempting to do with the white boys and girls of the county.

For the past four years a two-day camp has been held for the club boys and girls of northeastern section of this State. This year eighty boys of Bertie county, Northampton, Hertford, Gates and Pasquotank counties camped with their Agents. The program for the first day of our camp consisted of the following: Registration, assemblies where instructions were given, games, swimming and a Candle Lighting ceremony. The second day, July 16, was known as general public day which was devoted to project instruction, recreation, demonstrations and a general program. Speakers for this occasion were the late Dr. C. S. Brown, a foremost leader of this section of our State, John L. Charity and T. B. Patterson, District Agents for the State of Virginia,

Dr. J. W. Seabrook, president of the State Normal School, Fayetteville, North Carolina, R. E. Jones, who is now State 4-H Club Specialist, and a number of other Extension workers of North Carolina and Virginia.

### Organization Activities

#### Craven County

The Riverdale club conducted a very successful club meeting the past Tuesday night and made plans to put more money in the treasury. During the last week in July the club will set up a club booth and sell the three days the convention is in session. On the third Saturday night in August the club will conduct a hike at which time the members and parents will hike over Riverdale to a number of the houses and at each stop there will be something to sell, and the money will go in the treasury for the two representatives to go to the Short Course.

Mullen's 4-H club (Scotland Neck) presented a playlet, "Happy Farmers," May 27 which portrayed the marriage of two 4-H club member. The playlet was composed by the President, Luther Norman and the Secretary, Gladdie Chism. The 4-Star quartet and the Edmonson sisters duet rendered music for the affair. The door receipt was \$5.50 which was raised to defray the delegates' expenses. The 4-H club members of the County Training school (Weldon) conducted a field day program May 25. Racing, talking contest, soft ball game, and backward relay were some of the field activities. Thirty 4-H