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With 129,576 members completing 145,407 projects, 4-H Club work reached a new high in North Carolina during 1950. ( Outstanding accomplishments in the year's activity <sup>included</sup> was the silver anniversary club week program in celebration of the 25th year of organized 4-H Club work in the state; the inauguration of a 4-H Thrift Program which was adapted and used as a pattern for a National Thrift Program; the completion and dedication of a \$75,000 camp in Western North Carolina; the leadership training program; the State Wildlife Conservation Conference; the State Farm and Home Electric Congress; the promotion and inauguration of a State 4-H Highway Safety Program; a State-wide recreation program; the 4-H camping program; and last but not least the State-wide observance of 4-H Church Sunday.

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Through 4-H project and demonstration activities farm boys and girls have been taught better practices in agriculture and in homemaking; breeding, fitting, showing and marketing of livestock; seed selection and treatment, cultural practices, fertilization, marketing and the economical home consumption of farm produce. Through homemaking projects girls have been taught home management, child care, foods and nutrition, and clothing. Through the 4-H camp program, state meetings and out-of-state trips, club members have learned to work with others. Their vision has been broadened and their opportunities have been increased. All these factors influence the growth and development of the individual member to the extent that he may become a better citizen, a better farmer and a better homemaker.

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In the rapid growth and development of the livestock industry in this state, 4-H club members have had a tremendous part not only through their own contribution but through their efforts to bring others into the livestock program. From what was at one time a 4-H Calf project has developed many of our outstanding breeders and many outstanding herds in this state. The training they have received as a result of their activities in 4-H projects has brought

to them and to their communities the best information and training available. These boys and girls through their demonstrations and judging contests have brought to their communities and to the various sections of this state practical demonstrations of a successful and profitable program in crop and livestock production and farm and home management. As these young people grow grand champion animals and crops, they themselves are growing into champion individuals--citizens who will take their places of leadership in their communities contributing to the social, economic, physical and spiritual welfare of the community where they live.

The scope of the livestock program as conducted by these young people is reflected in the following figures taken from the 1950 statistical report. Six thousand five hundred thirty nine club members conducted poultry projects involving 566,575 birds; 4,545 dairy calf club members owned and cared for 5,709 dairy animals; 1,594 beef calf club members fed and sold 1,909 beef animals; 9,266 4-H members fed out 19,482 head of swine. In addition to the feeding program 4-H members enrolled in livestock projects were encouraged to seed pastures and raise as much of the feed as is practical for feeding their livestock. In the field of food and feed and field crops, 4-H club members cultivated 11,586 acres of corn, 1,575 acres of potatoes, 1,599 acres of cotton, 1,983 acres of tobacco, 235 acres of fruits, 5,837 acres of home gardens, 757 acres of truck crops and 3,175 acres of other food and feed crops. Five thousand one hundred twenty three members conducted home beautification projects, 1,638 conducted forestry demonstrations, 1,778 were enrolled in the wildlife conservation program, 20,616 conducted projects in food selection and preparation, 13,923 conducted food preservation projects, 27,354 conducted clothing projects, 3,462 home management, and 6,670 conducted projects in home furnishing and room improvement.