

A REPORT OF 4-H ACHIEVEMENTS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Here in North Carolina where 4-H has grown from an idea, into the world's largest rural youth organization, we point with pride to the imagination and ability of the pioneers who laid the foundation for an organization that has captivated the interest of people in all parts of the world.

Its greatest achievement is reflected in the lives of people better trained to serve as good citizens in their community.

North Carolina can proudly count its outstanding citizens, leaders in Agriculture, business, industry, politics and education who have come from its rural community. Many of these leaders have attributed their present eminence to the start toward leadership which they were given in the 4-H Clubs in North Carolina.

For more than fifty years our young people through 4-H Club work have been learning by doing, striving to daily live the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better." Today 168,080 boys and girls in 2,353 organized 4-H Clubs enjoy play and recreation as well as interesting worthwhile work as they join together in building both personal character and group citizenship. In short, about one of every five rural boys and girls eligible for membership in 4-H is engaged in the varied activities of this program which has as its objective "Training Farm Youth in the Art of Better Living."

In food preparation and selection, 27,339 members planned and served 658,768 meals; 6,177 members in food conservation conserved 410,599 quarts and froze 262,079 quarts and 167,700 pounds of meat, foods, and vegetables; 27,018 clothing club members made a total of 70,233 garments and 109,756 articles.

In other phases of the program, 16,851 members received training in livestock and dairy judging; 33,520 in 4-H demonstrations; 23,932 in recreation leadership; 18,467 in music appreciation; 41,433 in money management; 73,090 in farm safety; 68,689 in citizenship; 68,113 in personality improvement; 27,278 in soil and water conservation; and 114,713 received training in health, first aid, and related activities.

In the International Farm Youth Exchange Program, North Carolina sent two delegates to other countries. Dickie Pierce of Wayne County participated in the summer program and lived in Belgium; Sarah Ann House of Hertford County participated in the summer program and lived in Germany. North Carolina club members entertained in their homes the following IFYE delegates: Klaus Schumachers, Germany; Dorothy Gillian Davies, Wales; and Pantouses Kaltsikes, Greece.

The story of how 4-H has provided for the economic, social, physical, and spiritual growth and development of its members, through its program of training in better practices in agriculture and homemaking, programs in recreation and community development, and health improvement, is best told in the combined summary of the 1960 annual reports of farm and home agents (White and Negro) in the state. These reports show that 4-H has conducted in each of the one hundred counties, with Negro Club work in fifty-two counties, in the state with a total of 2,853 organized 4-H Clubs and a total membership of 168,080 boys and girls. These club members completed a total of 115,968 projects. From these reports we find that 12,369 members completed 4-H projects in field crops, involving 16,950 acres; 14,731 completed projects in gardening and fruits, involving 6,503 acres; 5,085 members completed projects in forestry, involving 10,422 acres of forest land; 5,582 members completed poultry projects, involving 763,924 birds; 15,237 members completed livestock and meat animal projects, involving a total of 38,749 animals.

The 4-H Club program provides for recreational needs. Since 1927, the 4-H Club program in North Carolina has taken an active lead in the promotion of a recreational program for rural people. In cooperation with the North Carolina Recreation Commission and other agencies, an extensive program of recreation leadership training has been carried on in practically every county in North Carolina, providing training and leadership in the various fields of recreation, music, arts, crafts, social recreation, and recreation designed to meet the needs of the individual and the family group.

Featuring training in handicraft, recreation, nature study, and opportunities for training in leadership and citizenship, the 4-H Club camp is one of the outstanding features of the 4-H Club program. Four state camps are maintained and operated in North Carolina. These camps are staffed by trained personnel and provide annually camping opportunities and privileges for some 6,000 North Carolina 4-H Club members. Operated on a non-profit basis and within the financial reach of all 4-H members qualified to attend, these camps provide in many instances the only opportunity for rural boys and girls to attend an organized summer camp.

4-H continues to open new doors of opportunity for farm boys and girls and serves to broaden their horizons. In addition to teaching better farm and home practices in agriculture and homemaking, 4-H offers boys and girls an opportunity to participate in 4-H judging contests, team demonstrations, public speaking, and various other activities. Through the Wildlife Conservation Program an opportunity is offered to learn more about wildlife and natural resources and to participate in a State 4-H Wildlife Conservation Conference.

Through the medium of state, regional and national events, 4-H members are afforded an opportunity to come in contact with the outstanding leaders in various professional fields. In the health improvement program every 4-H member in the state is expected to conduct a health improvement project. In the farm and home safety and the automotive care and safety programs they have an opportunity to participate in programs designed to eliminate traffic and farm and home accidents. In the state-wide observance of 4-H Sunday and in practically all 4-H programs and activities, 4-H members learn the importance of spiritual growth and development in the lives of individuals, communities, states, and nations.

## OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT IN ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

The most outstanding accomplishment during 1960 was reaching the Development Fund quota of \$6000. The concentrated drive was conducted during September and October. R. P. Butler, Route 2, Reidsville served as County Promotional Chairman; working with him were three area chairmen, John Carter, Madison; C. W. Roberts, Leaksville; Joe Stone, Reidsville.

Eighty-five adults worked with the chairman in the three areas. 4-H Club members participated by selling light bulbs and cooperating with adults in the different community sponsored activities. The cooperation of both rural and business leaders in the campaign made it possible to reach the county goal.

In addition to the Development Fund accomplishment, there was a noted increase in participation in 4-H projects and activities relating to Health and Safety. Both boys and girls took part in a County wide 4-H Cleanup Week. The boys made a special effort to make their homes, farm buildings and machinery safe. A team of 4-H members put on two farm pond demonstrations to 150 people. 4-H members emphasized better nutrition for better health through growing, preparing, and eating the foods needed for the best of health.

## WATER AND FARM POND SAFETY IN IREDELL COUNTY

The seeds of interest and knowledge of farm pond safety distributed to three teams of Iredell County 4-H Club members at the training school in Mecklenburg County were carefully brought back to the county and scattered upon fertile ground. Interest sprang up in every community, for the ground had been prepared beforehand by the tragic drowning of a five year old boy.

The program began with the organization and presentation of the farm pond safety demonstration for county council members, adult leaders, and interested parents. Mr. Tom A. Moore, local Red Cross Water Safety Chairman, helped organize the program, trained the teams, and narrated the safety demonstration. The farm pond safety demonstration was presented six times to a total audience of approximately 225 people. The films, "Teaching Johnny to Swim" and "Rescue Breathing" were shown to six clubs and community groups, a total of 250 people. In conjunction with and as a follow up to these meetings, three radio programs on farm pond safety were presented.

The three teams trained in Mecklenburg County have worked long and hard to reach farm pond owners with the information. One team member took personal responsibility for teaching water safety to all family of seven who had a swimming pool installed in their back yard. Two senior boys used their training as team members to assist the lifeguards in instruction of younger boys and girls in water safety when they attended 4-H Club Camp.

As a result of the work done by the teams, in cooperation with the local Red Cross organization, farm pond owners now realize the importance of preventive measures at the site of their farm pond, farm people are also familiar with simple common sense rescue techniques which will save a life rather than endangering two, and many people have learned rescue breathing, the newly developed method of artificial respiration recommended by the Red Cross.

## OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT IN GRAHAM COUNTY

4-H'ers are looking to the future in Graham County. Last year they planted 80,000 White Pine Seedlings. This means that the 75 boys and girls who planted these trees can count on about 90 acres of trees for a good cash return thirty or fifty years from now. It also means more jobs and forest products will be available to meet our future needs.

These 4-H'ers may also have influenced other North Carolinians to follow their example. At the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh, the 4-H Clubs of Graham County put on a county 4-H exhibit, having as its central theme - Forestry. The title of the exhibit was "A 4-H WINNER SHARES KNOWLEDGE." The way that the booth carried out this idea was by depicting a 4-H'er and his forestry projects. One-half of the booth showed this 4-H'er on his dad's farm on which he had completed several award winning forestry projects. Standing on a neighboring farm in the other half of the booth was a younger boy just beginning in 4-H work. With this younger boy, the older 4-H'er was sharing the knowledge he had learned through his 4-H projects.

Graham County 4-H'ers plan to expand their Forestry Projects still further in 1961. Eighty-nine members have requested tree planting as their 4-H club project. It is estimated that approximately 80,000 trees will be set in the county in 1961. These tree seedlings will again be supplied free of charge by Bemis Lumber Company of Robbinsville.

JOEL HUNEYCUTT - STANLY COUNTY'S OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBER

From a small poultry project, to a nice commercial beef herd; from a boy who could not talk in public, to one who could speak before a group and be an officer; from just a 4-H enrollee, to a most cooperative, considerate and respectful 4-H member; has been the road of success and achievement of Joel Huneycutt of Locust, Stanly County. With \$150.00 saved from gifts and doing odd jobs, Joel invested this in a small poultry flock in 1955 as his first 4-H project. At graduation in 1961, that \$150.00 invested to 4-H projects had amounted to a 38 animal beef herd by the purchase of a purebred bull and three cows, 17 acres of additional land purchased, 19 acres of young pines set, soil well taken care of, value of good seed known, many improvements made, and a "go to college" saving account of \$800. During these seven years, Joel has conducted a wide variety of projects including Poultry, Horticulture, Entomology, Field Crops, Livestock, Soil & Water Conservation, Forestry, and Wildlife.

In addition to this, he was gaining in leadership and speaking ability. Without concern of his own gain, he devoted much of his time and energy to helping others. During his seven years in club work, he was an officer of his local club six years. He was Reporter, Secretary, and President of the County Council. In 1960 he was elected a district officer.

Joel's awards and honors have been indicative of his club work. He has been state winner in Forage Crops, Wildlife and Fruit & Vegetable Production demonstrations. He is a member of State Honor Club. Represented North Carolina at American Youth Foundation Leadership Training Camp, Muskegon, Michigan. Selected to receive \$1,000.00 Smith Douglass Scholarship. State winner in Boys Agriculture project receiving a trip to National Club Congress. National winner in 4-H Forestry Scholarship program and recipient of a \$1,600.00 scholarship.

At present Joel is enrolled in the School of Forestry at North Carolina State College.

From a young boy to a young man, Stanly County is very proud of Joel Huneycutt and his achievements.

## COMMUNITY 4-H CLUB AT WORK IN MECKLENBURG COUNTY

The "BUSY" sign should swing continually outside the Paw Creek Community 4-H Club house in Mecklenburg County. This club, organized in March, 1960, was a product of the enthusiasm of its organizational leader, Mrs. J. B. Cox. Enthusiasm is contagious, and so fourteen inspired club members form a bee-hive of activity.

No club develops without problems but the first problem of the Paw Creek Club -- where to meet? -- was solved in short order. A storage room outside the Cox home was converted. Cheerful curtains were hung at the windows, old chairs of all description gathered, and an unused piano placed in one corner. Mr. Cox, fuel oil dealer, supplied the used oil stove. All this came about from generosity and hard work. But now the second problem developed -- other equipment was needed which cost money! Doughnuts were sold as a project. Enthusiastic club members outdid themselves. Wall flags were purchased for the club house and a sewing machine, for project work.

By now the club was running smoothly, meeting once a month for a program planned and presented by the members under Mrs. Cox's leadership. Demonstrations such as "A Whale of a Breakfast" brought results as club members reported eating breakfast for the first time in years.

But activity didn't stop here. Club members met with their respective project leaders, Mrs. Willis Cox, Food Preparation, and Mrs. Joe Eller, Clothing, for project training. Cooperation was stressed here as clothing project members made aprons for food preparation girls who served refreshments.

Special interest workshops were held as the Saturday morning spent in making Christmas gift planters from coffee cans, clothes pins and ingenuity.

Recognition came to the club when two members were State Wildlife Demonstration winners and the club-sponsored fair booth placed first in its division of the County Fair.

As so the busy sign should continue to swing through 1961 with the untiring efforts of Mrs. Cox's leadership.

"How in the world do you find time to do it all?" is the continual question popped to this determined leader.

"I've found you always have time to do what you want to do.", is her calm reply. Mrs. Cox surely does want to do 4-H Club work!

## OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENT IN NASH COUNTY

A 4-H Interstate Exchange Program was conducted between Nash County, North Carolina and Rockland County, New York, during 1960. Three 4-H Club members, one agent, and his wife from Rockland County, visited and lived in homes of Nash County club members for a week in June.

During their stay, a special tour of the county was conducted. Included on the tour were stops at a poultry farm, tobacco farm to observe harvesting, a swine farm, a tobacco warehouse, a fertilizer plant and a farm equipment company, peanut storage facilities, a sawmill, a hybrid seed farm and a cucumber buying station.

In August, five 4-H members and one agent from Nash County, lived in homes of 4-H members in Rockland County, New York. While there, the delegates and hosts visited New York City. The Youth Fair, scheduled for this week, was rained out; however, the delegates had an opportunity to see some of the fair and learn how it was carried out. Individual host families and delegates toured other points of interest in the area.

The delegates attended a cook-out and 4-H Council Meeting where they learned more about the 4-H program and how it is conducted in Rockland County.

Through this Exchange, agents and delegates from both states developed a better appreciation for the others' way of life.