

4-H CAMP PROGRAM

All members of the State 4-H Staff continue to help reach the objectives of the 4-H camp program in helping achieve fourfold development of boys and girls--socially, mentally, spiritually, and physically. Six State 4-H Camps were in operation during 1964: Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center, Millstone, Mitchell, Roanoke Island, Schaub, and Swannanoa. A total of 5,210 attended these camps representing 98 counties. Leadership and personal development are stressed most of all in the camps through educational programs, handicraft, swimming, electricity, nature study, farm shop, recreation, social graces, and boating safety. The camp fee was raised during the year over previous years from \$14 to \$16 to more adequately take care of the cost of camp operations. A breakdown in camp attendance follows: boys and girls, 5,210; leaders, 226; agents, 290; and other, 5. Fred H. Wagoner as 4-H Specialist In Charge of Camps devoted a major portion of his time to the supervision of the camp program. With the assistance of Martha McMillan, Secretary, and Earl Peterson, Administrative Officer, all funds for the camps except for Mitchell and Roanoke Island were received and disbursed through the accounting system here at North Carolina State. The camp schedule was made up after having received requests for preference from the counties. All literature was prepared for use during the camping season including printed camp programs, "4-Hward to Camp", the flag in camp, recreation, water safety program, vespers, certificates, forms for registration, and the material for training and orienting leaders and agents. The Camp Instructors' Training School was planned and conducted at Millstone 4-H Camp on April 24, 25 and 26. All Camp Directors and Instructors were trained during this weekend training school. A total of 80 Camp Instructor's Applications were received and evaluated, and the Instructors secured for the camps. Most of these applicants were interviewed in person and some by mail. Some were also interviewed by indirect evaluations other than mail. The Kitchen Manager, dishwashers, and cooks were secured for each camp; and all of them were given some training.

Several members of the State 4-H Staff worked with the major power companies in planning the Electric Classes for the camps and in conducting a training school for their Home Economists and Agricultural Engineers who taught Electric Classes at the camps during the summer. The Wildlife Resources Commission provided two Instructors in Wildlife and Boating Safety for the camps, and they were assisted in training this personnel.

Supervision was provided throughout the summer to help the Camp Directors and Instructors in directing the camps and in managing their facilities, food service, and equipment. Continuous evaluation was carried out of the teaching jobs being done by the Instructors and of the total program being conducted. All members of the State 4-H Staff and some other Extension specialists assisted with various phases of the program--in planning programs and in maintenance of facilities.

Fred H. Wagoner spent considerable time assisting with the construction of the new Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center near Reidsville. He provided supervision and made arrangements for securing materials and labor to construct some of the program facilities at the camp. All members of the

State 4-H Staff assisted with various phases of the program in planning and supervision throughout the year when needed. A total of 68 employees were involved in conducting the program in all of the camps during the three summer months serving as Camp Directors, Instructors, and Kitchen Staff. Some general maintenance workers were involved. Building contractors, plumbers, and electricians were secured when needed to do general repair work for all the camps throughout the year. A new porch was constructed at Swannanoa 4-H Camp for the Recreation-Assembly Hall, clothing closets were built in all of the cabins at Schaub 4-H Camp, a new roof was put on the Assembly-Dining Hall at Schaub 4-H Camp, and a new water tank tower was constructed at Millstone 4-H Camp.

Members of the State 4-H Staff worked with the Foundations Office at North Carolina State in planning and conducting a dedication and open house for the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center which was held at the camp on May 24. An estimated 8,000 people attended various phases of the dedication and open house program that day. The program included a luncheon for those who participated in the program and special invited guests. This was followed by the dedication ceremony at 2:30. This ceremony included music by the Caswell County 4-H Chorus, a flag raising ceremony by three 4-H members--Betty Scott, Linda Shearin, and Donald White, dedicatory remarks by Luther Hodges, United States Secretary of Commerce; Terry Sanford, Governor of North Carolina; and William Friday, President of the University of North Carolina. The keys to the camp were presented by Mrs. Jefferson Penn and her nephew, Filmore A. Willets, Jr. Mrs. Penn gave the land and a great deal of the money for the construction of the camp. The response was given by Clement Lucas, a 4-H Club member and Camp Instructor. The dedicatory prayer was rendered by the Reverend Gary Berell. Members of the State 4-H Staff and District Extension Agents served as guides for the open house at which time groups viewed all facilities and enjoyed refreshments in the Recreation Hall.

Some of our camp facilities were available for a few weeks during the summer so they were rented to other groups such as the Waynesville football team; Coker County High School (Tennessee); Wilmington YMCA; Soil Conservation Society of America; Department of Agriculture, Division of Research Stations Superintendents; and the YMW Clubs. Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center is made available as a year round facility and was used by 20 different groups during the months of September through December.