

STATE CLUB SHORT COURSE.

Our State Short Course was almost a failure from the point of attendance. On the other hand those who did attend received some very valuable instructions of a practical nature.

There were several things to cause the poor attendance. First the announcement of the date of the short course was not made in time; second, the agents were urged to get farmers to the Farmers' Convention, which came prior to the Boys Short Course, making it impossible for the agent to round up the boys; third, the shortage of labor on the farm prevented many from attending and the fact that those under fourteen were debarred from attending kept the attendance from running up as in previous years.

A very practical course in rope work, belt lacing, gas engine operation, farm levels and stock judging was given. Some very good work in leadership was done also at the general meetings. State officers were elected and committees of boys were appointed to take an active part in the meeting next year.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB JUDGING CONTEST.

Upon the part of the Washington Office and C. A. Cobb, Editor of Southern Ruralist, a very attractive club judging contest was inaugurated in connection with the Southeastern Fair in Atlanta. This contest is open to all states doing club work and the winning team gets a free trip to Royal Livestock Show, London, England.

A team of four boys was selected at the fair in Hickory in a competitive contest to compete in the contest in Atlanta.

After the team was selected they were given special coaching by members of the livestock division of the Extension Service.

Fourteen states entered the contest. North Carolina won twelfth place and Texas first.

This is considered the best club judging contest ever staged. It has great possibilities in arousing greater interest in livestock among club boys and girls generally. We regret that only four county agents took an active part in preparing boys for this contest, but we hope more interest will be shown another year.

A study of the tables below will show the results of club work for 1920. *as reported by the County agents.*