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SECOND NATIONAL CLUB CAMP

Arkansas in First Again

Again Arkansas comes in first with the names of its delegates to the second national 4-H club camp in Washington, June 21 - 26, 1928.

Both the girls ~~Bertie~~ ^{Bertie} Holloway and Lula Roberson, have been club members for six years, and their achievements have been a credit to 4-H club work. One of the boys ~~Montie~~ ^{Montie} Tippy, is a successfull young dairyman who has been working on the project four years. William Simpson for 6 years has been making the best better in cotton, corn, and pigs.

Tennessee has the expenses of the two girl delegates assured by the State federation of women's clubs.

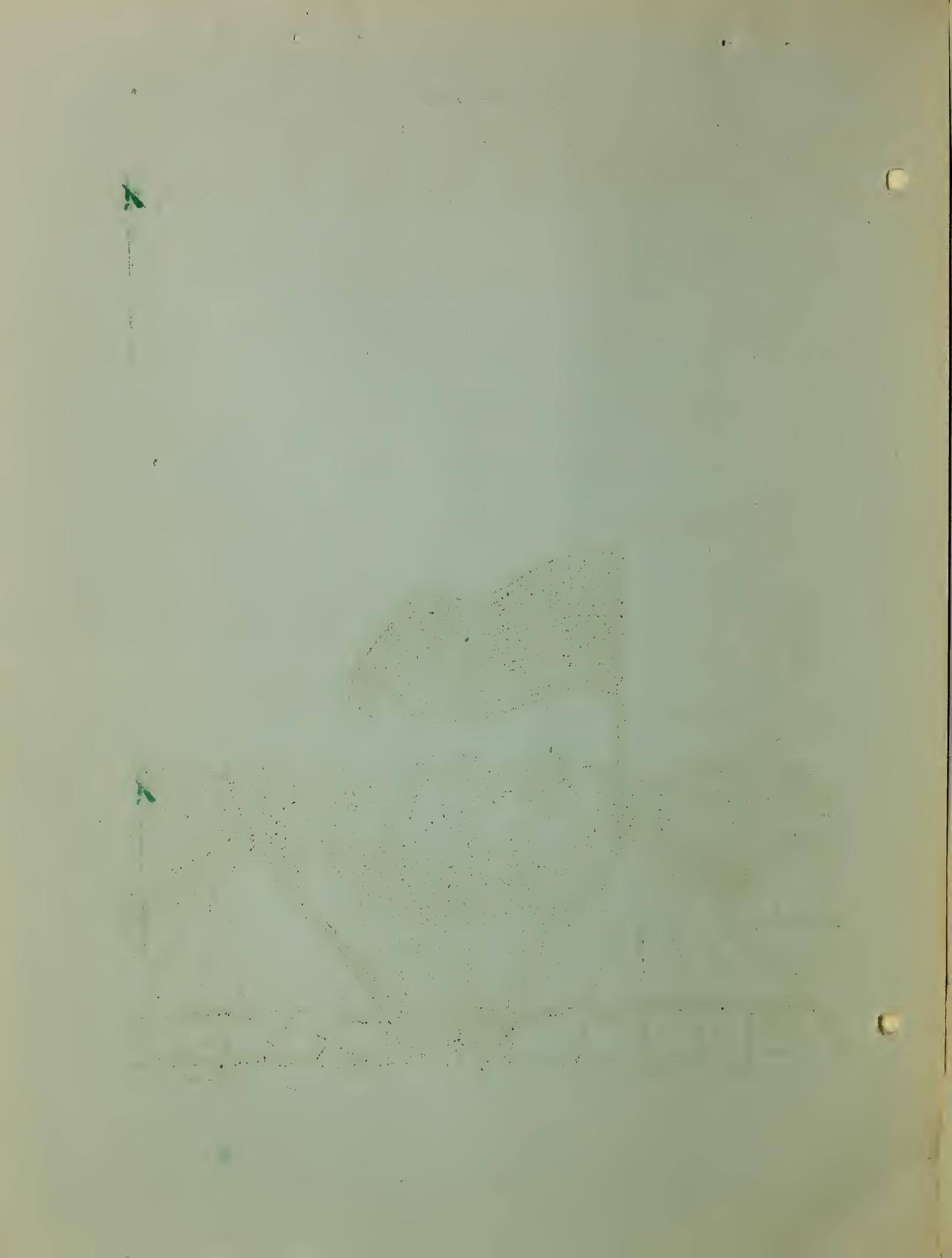
South Dakota reports more than a dozen club members already preparing their records for consideration as delegates to the national club camp.

Camp news and camp talk are again humming around 4-H clubs throughout the States.

All aboard for the camp

To promote

Efficient club organization.
Leadership.
Citizenship.



The national club camp committee of the Office of Cooperative Extension Work has been appointed by C. B. Smith, chief, and is as follows: G. E. Farrell, chairman; R. G. Foster, Eastern States; I. W. Hill, Southern States; Madge J. Reese, Western States; R. A. Turner, Central States; and Gertrude L. Warren.

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ALWAYS SOMETHING DOING
at the
SIXTH NATIONAL BOYS' AND GIRLS' 4-H CLUB CONGRESS,
November 25 to December 2, 1927

Twelve hundred and fifteen boys and girls (including their leaders), representing 43 States, attended the congress which has been held annually for the last six years under the auspices of the National Committee on Boys' and Girls' Club Work, of which Guy L. Noble, 58 East Washington Street, Chicago, is executive secretary.

From 7 o'clock in the morning until 10.30 at night, when they put their heads down for a wee bit o' rest, these lionized princes and princesses of clubdom had something to do every minute, and did it. For their education, there were trips to all departments of the International Livestock Exposition, through meat-packing plants, world-renowned stores, a harvesting-machinery company, wild-animal houses at Lincoln Park, and other places of interest in and near Chicago; for their inspiration, there were church services, tours of the Field Museum of Natural History and the Art Institute, and a camp fire. And for those who liked to eat - and who doesn't? - there were special breakfasts, special luncheons, special dinners, and special banquets with entertainment features, not to mention the barbecue lunch.

One of the most colorful events was the club members' parade staged at the International Amphitheater before thousands of visitors to the International Livestock Exposition. Wearing costumes emblematic of their home State, they marched into the arena, heralding the story of club work and its achievements by banners carried high above their heads. The smallest delegation came from New Mexico - one girl - and the largest delegation came from Iowa, numbering 140 in all.

And while we are speaking of Iowa, the sidewalks of Chicago were not the same when the Iowa delegation attending the congress was out. An observer was heard to say that when you saw, blocks away and out of earshot, many arms suddenly reaching skyward, that was IOWA singing "We're from I-o-w-a, I-O-W-A! That's where the tall corn grows."

The keen competition in the contests, the quality of exhibits, the zest with which each attending member entered into all features of the congress, proved conclusively that these boys and girls had the real spirit of club work and that they were enjoying to the fullest extent the harvest they reaped for the work they put into it.

At the final banquet accorded the boys and girls attending the congress, winners of the Moses Leadership Trophy awards were announced. The honors this year to the boy and girl showing most outstanding rural leadership went to Caroline Eyring, of Pima, Graham County, Ariz., and Alex Cruickshank of McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oreg.

Caroline has been a club member in eight different years, during three of which she has been a club leader; she has been a leader of 235 boys and girls, eliminating duplications of names enrolling more than one year; 218 of those under her leadership have completed all of their work. In her club work she has finished nine projects in poultry, clothing, canning, foods, and meal planning. Evidence of her remarkable leadership is the growth of her community club from 9 to 235 members in three years and the actual participation in club work now of families which were originally opposed to it.

Alex Cruickshank has been a club leader four years. During the four years he has led a total of 12 clubs, each club making a record of 100 per cent completion of work. He has been a club member since 1917 and has completed 46 projects and given more than 40 demonstrations. One of the features emphasized in his clubs is that each member can put on a demonstration in his or her club project. The presentation of the Moses Achievement Cup to Alex was made with proper ceremonies at McMinnville, Oreg., the county seat of his home county. The cup was presented to him by O. M. Plummer, Manager of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition, a man who has contributed much to the development of club work in the Northwest. Among the other speakers who paid tribute to the winner of the Moses Trophy were the Governor of Oregon and the president of the State agricultural college. Six nationally known news-film companies "shot" the ceremonies and also made pictures of the club activities of sheep, calf, and poultry clubs which have been conducted under the leadership of Alex Cruickshank. Alex is now a sophomore at the Oregon Agricultural College.

The Moses Leadership Trophy cups are awarded by H. A. Moses, of Mittineague, Mass. For the last four years the cup has been offered to the outstanding club member, whether a boy or a girl, but this year for the first time two cups were awarded - one to the club boy and one to the club girl in the United States showing the most outstanding rural leadership.

Membership of the executive committee in charge for the 1928 congress are as follows: Wakelin McNeel, assistant State club leader, of Wisconsin; Dorothy Emerson, State girls' club agent, Maryland; Elaine Massey, assistant State club agent, Mississippi; H. C. Seymour, State club agent, Oregon; and A. G. Kettunen, State club leader, Michigan.

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A Good Time was had by all



One hundred and sixty 4-H club members from 28 South Dakota counties were in attendance at the junior short course at the State college, Brookings, S. Dak., December 27 - 30. Brown County led in representation, with 20 delegates. In general, the forenoons were used for lectures and demonstrations by members of the State college faculty. Afternoons and evenings were given over to general assemblies, sight-seeing trips, and games. Subjects for boys included gas engines, care of tools, seed-corn testing, livestock judging, carpentry, care of milk, selecting poultry, and planting the farmstead. For girls the subjects were "What I should wear; health demonstration; pictures we should know; best foot forward; food for complexion and teeth; novelties; artificial flowers; and room improvement."

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The club congress in Nashville, Tenn., November 25 was attended by 476 club members and leaders from 16 counties in middle Tennessee.

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The Brookfield, Conn., 4-H fair was held for the tenth year, September 23-24, 1927. For 10 years this exhibit has been a high spot in the career of club members in Fairfield County and has shown a healthy and steady growth. This year, says the FAIRFIELD COUNTY FARM BUREAU EXCHANGE, it developed into a full-fledged two-day event with many novel features and attractions hitherto unknown.

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Stephens County, Ga., held a 4-H club fair at Toccoa, November 4, and 75 club members were in attendance with their exhibits. Thirty-eight cotton-club members exhibited their bales of cotton, and 56 of them consigned it for auction at the conclusion of the fair. A total of \$3,721.14 was paid the boys for their cotton, which was a premium of 3/8 cent per pound over the prevailing market price for the day. The Toccoa Kiwanis Club entertained the boys at luncheon, and County Agent D. A. Bryant is still beaming his pleasure in the event.

The boys' and girls' 4-H club exhibits at the Virginia State Fair, October 3-8, were attractive features of the livestock, poultry, farm crops, garden, and home-economics departments. The judging contests in livestock, dairy, and poultry, and team demonstrations by 4-H club members were also interesting features.

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Four-H poultry club members of New York State enjoyed their "big time" of the year with poultry exhibits and judging contests at the New York State Production Poultry Show at the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University on November 15-17. Club members exhibited 124 birds of 19 varieties. Twenty-nine contestants entered the poultry-judging contest to select a team to represent New York State at the national poultry-judging contest at Madison Square Garden in New York City on June 21, 1928. These contestants were winners in county elimination judging contests among the 2,487 poultry club members of New York.

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Massachusetts reports a successful leaders' meeting in Plymouth County, with an attendance of 50 leaders including school-teachers, home makers, farmers, and older 4-H club members.

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Shelby County, Tenn., reports a very successful "fathers' and sons" banquet.

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Negro boys and girls from 5 States were represented at the Southern Negro Farm Boys' and Girls' 4-H Camp held December 5-8, at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. There were contests for the girls in dress and hat making, bread baking, table setting and butter making. The judging events were closely contested; the young judges showing a considerable knowledge of corn, potatoes, dairy cattle, mules, hogs and poultry. The program also included a health contest, plowing and milking contests, a parade and field events for the boys and girls.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

In Minnesota 30 scholarships, which include all expenses for 3 months, have been awarded to 30 outstanding 4-H junior leaders. These scholarships are good in the State schools of agriculture. Reports were sent in by 175 junior leaders.

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Texas announces the three prize winners in the 1927 home demonstration club girls' contest for college scholarships of \$200 each. The first two are given by the State fair of Texas and the other by the Texas Home Demonstration Association, an organization composed of the 17,436 home demonstration club women of Texas. The records of these girls show that they have cleared a total of \$3,141.84 during their club work.

PROGRESS REPORTS



During the last year 30 per cent more boys and girls in New Hampshire were enrolled in 4-H club work than ever before, according to the annual county reports just summarized at the State university. All told, 4,500 young people were reached in the agricultural and home-economics projects.

Perhaps of still greater importance, it is believed, is that there was a 40 per cent increase in the number of club members completing their projects. About three-fourths of those starting the year reported at the close of it, and this is the highest percentage of completions ever reported in the State.

The value of products produced by club members in five major projects - gardening, poultry, potatoes, clothing, and canning - amounted to \$63,000 more than double the larger and previous total.

The work has been carried on by the extension agents with the cooperation of 483 voluntary local leaders.

The largest enrollment was 653, in Rockingham County, and the largest number of completions was 557, in Hillsborough County.

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Ohio speaks with pride of club work in Ashtabula and Montgomery Counties. Of 65 standard clubs in Ashtabula County, 37 clubs finished 100 per cent. K. V. Battles, club agent, reports that of 1,931 boys and girls enrolled, 939 completed their projects.

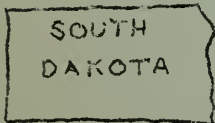
In Montgomery County there are 51 standard clubs and 2 clubs not standard. Of these clubs 22 are led by ex-club members. Of 664 boys and girls enrolled, 614 finished their projects. C. C. Caldwell is the county club agent. At a 4-H club banquet and achievement program held December 7 diploma awards to those who have completed four years of club work were given to 35 boys and girls.

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There were 8,222 members of 4-H clubs in South Dakota in 1927, says State Club Leader H. M. Jones.

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Pender County, N. C., put on a rather intensive club-organization program last year under the direction of the farm agent, W.H. Robbins, and the home agent, Nora Mills with good results. Five clubs were organized, each of which sent representatives to the annual short course at the State college. A county club camp was successfully held, and the annual club rally and achievement day brought out 500 enthusiastic 4-H club members.

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NEW CORN KING

Dan Bickley, 4-H club boy of Irmo, Lexington County, S. C., winner of the sweepstakes prize at the State fair with the best 10 ears of corn on exhibition, has been announced winner of the Southern Railway trophy cup for the best 10 ears grown and exhibited in the eight Southeastern States. This lad, who identified himself as the South's leading grower and exhibitor of quality corn, is a 12-year-old veteran of five years in 4-H club work. As president of the St. Michael Club under the leadership of County Farm Agent C. S. Addy, Dan proved himself a leader. Dan was also a member of the cotton and pig clubs in 1927. Since 1924, when Dan won first prize on a corn exhibit, he has won annually in the State fair corn-club show. In 1925 he was State prize-winner in the pig club. During each of his five years in club work, Dan's Duroc Jerseys have brought home at least one prize ribbon from the State Fair. Two years ago, Pat Boland, clubster of Newberry County, won the Southern Railway trophy the first time it was offered. Although it went to a mature farmer and corn breeder of North Carolina last year, the honor was this year brought back to South Carolina by a club boy -- "twice in three years," says the gloating State Club Agent, B. O. Williams.

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Jeff Bryan of Harrison, Ark., came off with the highest individual honors of the contests held at the American Royal Livestock Show, Kansas City, November 12 - 19. In the contests, Jeff matched his skill in judging against some of the best 4-H judges from the Mid-Western States.

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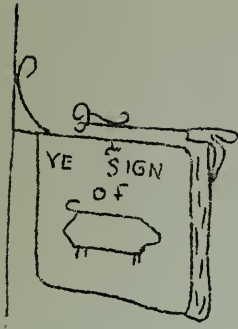
Joe and Neil Stilwell, of Sharon, Spokane County, Wash., won first place in judging and second place in grading at the Northwest Potato Show held in Spokane in November. Six teams completed, including two from Washington and four from Idaho.

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ALL IN THE FAMILY Three Shuler brothers, Dan, O'Bryan, and Clinton, 4-H club boys living at Vance, Orangeburg County, S. C., have each produced more than 100 bushels of corn on one club acre this year. Dan Shuler harvested 116 1/8 bushels of Douthit's Prolific corn from his club acre this fall, making a profit of \$50.40. Clinton Shuler, who has done club work three years, grew 107 7/8 bushels of corn on his club acre. O'Bryan Shuler, doing his fourth year of club work, made 106 bushels and 44 pounds from his acre cornfield.

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PIGS AND POULTRY



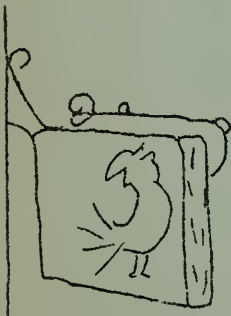
Sam Raper, of North Carolina, made the State record in the ton-litter contest. His record was 3,165 pounds in 180 days. He nursed three of the pigs on a bottle until they were put on a self-feeder. All the pigs were fed on a self-feeder. Sam has made over \$700 from his pig-club work in the last two years.



Charles Slappey of Sumter County, Ga., has been in club work only one year, but his record is unusual. His project was pigs, and he grew the champion ton litter of the State. The 11 pigs were grown at a cost of \$206.72. The final weight of his litter was 3,395, pounds a gain of 23.85 pounds per day. He sold the litter to Swift & Co., for \$414, which left a net profit of \$207.28, and in addition to this he won \$559 in prizes at the different Georgia fairs.



Results of the boys' pig club in Columbus, Neb., drew forth the enthusiasm of the community. Reports show that each boy received \$2.10 for each hour spent on the project. A total of 100 pigs were raised and their valuation was set at \$3,427. The value of the brood sows was estimated at \$710. Fifteen boys were furnished with one purebred sow each by the Lions Club of Columbus. Two pigs from the litter were returned to the Lions Club. Of these, the sows were given to new boys, and the boars were sold. To this amount the Lions added \$62 and bought more sows to supply new members.



During the last six years the value of the poultry industry of Haywood County, Tenn., has increased to more than \$100,000, and the purebred flocks have increased from less than 50 to more than 500. This was largely brought about through club work, according to H. S. McPherson, county agent. Some communities show as much as 90 per cent improvement in poultry.



The Blue Ribbon Poultry Club of Lennox, S. Dak., has won the State grand championship in agricultural demonstration three times in five years with different members each time.

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SOMETHING NEW

Four-H club farm boys in five counties in New York State - Chemung, Oswego, Jefferson, Orange, and Delaware are organizing into clubs with local bankers as their leaders to take inventories of their farms and to keep farm accounts. V. B. Hart, of the State college of agriculture at Ithaca, who is assisting to organize these clubs, reports that Chemung County has two clubs, one with 11 and the other with 12 boys; Delaware County has one club with 18 boys. Enrollment is not complete in the other counties.



A new feature of 4-H club work in Kansas is that of encouraging the various clubs in the State to organize 4-H club orchestras. It is planned that these orchestras will come together in a contest at the time of the 4-H club round-up held at the Kansas State Agricultural College each year in June. The winning orchestra in this contest will be awarded a trophy cup provided by Senator Arthur Capper.



Kansas plans to organize a collegiate 4-H association composed of agricultural-college students who formerly belonged to 4-H clubs.



THE FARGO (N. DAK.,) FORUM gave to the Boys' and Girls' Club State Achievement Institute a 4-page display in the issues of Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, December 15 and 16. Taken in groups of 15 to 25, pictures were presented of 229 club members, all identified in the cut lines, in addition to local leaders and county agents. This was accompanied by individual summaries of from 20 to 50 words regarding each of the delegates at the institute. This material was prepared by the staff of the Fargo Forum in cooperation with the publications department of the college. Each delegate was presented with a free copy of the paper. Questionnaires were filled out by the delegates to provide the information for the individual write-ups.



Local leaders of poultry clubs in Massachusetts are going to have an egg-laying contest of their own this winter. E. H. Nodine, assistant State club leader, is in charge of the contest, which will include the leaders throughout the State. According to stories heard occasionally some of these flocks will smash all contest records for egg production and profit per bird. But that is as it should be, if the leaders' example is to be followed by the club members.



C A L E N D A R

- FLORIDA - Boys' club enrollment week everywhere in Florida, January 9 to 14, 1928.
- KANSAS - 4-H club round-up, Manhattan, June 4 to 10, 1928.
- MINNESOTA - 4-H department, State poultry show, January 20 to 25, 1928.
- NEW YORK - New York State annual extension conference of county agents, home demonstration agents, and club agents, Ithaca, March 26 to 30, 1928.
- Special school for leaders of boys and girls, State college of agriculture, Ithaca, May 7 to 12, 1928.
- OHIO - Club leaders' conference, Columbus, farmers' week, January 31 to February 2.
- Madison Square Garden Poultry Show and national 4-H poultry-judging contest, New York City, January 18 to 22, 1928.



With The Powerful Pen



A 1-month-old mimeographed and illustrated club newspaper of Roosevelt County, Mont., the 4-H CLUB MEMBER, has found its way from County Agent R. W. Warden's office to the CLUB LEADER'S desk. Its purpose, stated in this first issue, is to acquaint its readers with some of the things accomplished by club members throughout that county together with some news of club work in other States, and Roosevelt County club members are invited to make the paper their own. Included in this number's news is the announcement that 87 per cent of the club members enrolled in the county last year completed; that the S.E.W. clothing club of Lanark was the first club in the county to make the 100-per-cent-completion goal.

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HERE AND THERE

The Tahoe 4-H Club of Wayne County, W. Va., is very proud of its new permanent meeting place. The members obtained a room which proved to be bare, dirty, and ugly. A house-cleaning day was declared and the room refinished in rose and gray, the club colors. Furnishings no longer in use at members' homes were brought in, and the room now presents an attractive and homelike appearance.



Of 130 Indian boys and girls enrolled in 4-H club work on the Pine Ridge Reservation, S. Dak., 113 turned in reports of completed projects - 87 per cent. This work is in direct charge of Superintendent Jermark and W. O. Nicholson.



Placing sixth, eighth, and tenth as individuals, Osage County's team won first place in the 4-H club poultry-judging contest of the Oklahoma State Poultry Federation show held at Pawhuska, Okla. Oklahoma County was second.



I can't get 'em out,
I can't get 'em out,
I can't get 'em out,
To the meeting.

The answer to this old refrain, as given by Fred B. Cochran, leader of the Norwell, Mass., forestry club, at a recent meeting of leaders, is: "Let them know you will have something to eat if you want to be sure to get them out to the meeting."



A Cake with One Candle

From a first year made very happy by the kindly helpfulness of the world into which it stepped 12 months ago your CLUB LEADER looks toward 1928 with right good cheer and makes a birthday wish that it may chronicle in its second year a proud volume of 4-Hachievement.

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