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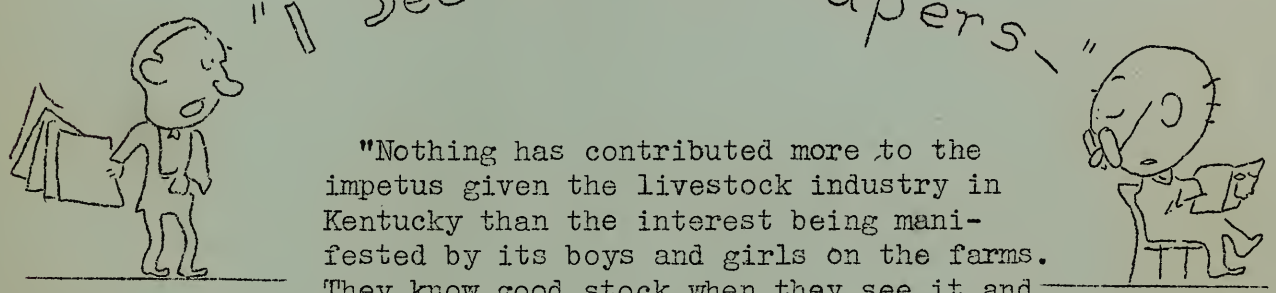

"Nothing has contributed more to the impetus given the livestock industry in Kentucky than the interest being manifested by its boys and girls on the farms. They know good stock when they see it and can readily point out the relative standards of each animal coming under their observation." EWING (Kentucky) ENQUIRER.

"Pride of occupation, efficiency in performance, high standards of living, a rich social and intellectual life are all an inevitable part of the future rural America, due in no small degree to the high ideals and the inspiration of 4-H club work. All honor to the 4-H clubs that labor in this field." MISSOURI FARM BUREAU NEWS.

"The most significant thing about their work (4-H club members') is the ownership. That is a fundamental of any happy and successful people and it has been kept before the boys and girls from the time the first club was organized. Ownership of property means greater interest and more stimulation to successful activities. It gives the club members the proper vision of the future and provides them with the beginnings of a career of their own." FARGO (N. Dak.) FORUM.

"It (the 4-H club) is education applied to everyday living and money making. Farm boys and girls are unfortunate who are for any reason deprived of the benefits of membership in one of these clubs.***The future of agriculture depends upon the well-trained boys and girls of the 4-H clubs. SUCCESSFUL FARMING, Iowa.

SUMMER'S BUSIEST DAYS

Rhode Islanders are still talking about the sixth Camp Edwards, their State 4-H club camp, which closed on June 30. Special features were a 4-H club play, a 4-H initiation service, harmonica band concert and contest, fashion show contest, dairy judging contest, recreational program, 4-H pageant, song contest, and the special honors ceremonies of the final evening.

Leaders' medals were awarded to two local leaders in the State who had not only aided their club members to excel in the quality of their work during the year but had also developed to an unusual degree the leadership ability of their members. This is the second year the practice of awarding leaders' medals has been followed, two being conferred in 1927 and two this year.

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Over 600 boys and girls representing practically every county in Pennsylvania, attended the ninth annual Young Farmers' Week at State College.

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Short courses at Oregon and Idaho agricultural colleges drew large enrollments this year. At Corvallis, Oreg., 26 counties were represented by 218 boys and 294 girls. Mornings were devoted to class work, general assemblies were held in the afternoon, and evenings were reserved for special events. Every county in northern, central, and southwestern Idaho sent boys and girls to the sixth annual short course at Moscow, Idaho, bringing the enrollment up to 250.

Rally days in South Carolina have been the occasion at which certificates for completing club undertakings have been awarded. In Manning County, 15 certificates were awarded for completion of club members' fourth year in club work. The programs, says Mrs. Harriet F. Johnson, State girls' club agent, showed that club members are quite capable of furnishing their own "talent," musical selections, pantomimes, and other entertainment features being carried out by the club members themselves, as well as the instructive part of the program and the athletics. At the Orangeburg meeting eight clubs had 100 per cent of their members present and three of these clubs had 100 per cent of their work completed to date. Farm Women's Council members assisted in arrangements for the events.

North Carolina 4-H clubs sent 424 representatives to the annual short course and club camp held at State college, Raleigh, the week of July 30. Class work began early in the morning and continued until 12 o'clock each of the five days. A special group of 30 boys and 30 girls studied recreation leadership each day. At 12 o'clock a club conference presided over by club members and directed entirely by them was held in the college auditorium. Recreation and inspirational events filled the afternoon and evening programs. Friday evening the short course concluded with the annual banquet and party for the club members, arranged by a committee of club boys and girls.

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North Dakota club members have been enjoying combined camps at points convenient to several counties. Boys and girls of northeast counties camped together in Lakewood Park, a southwest group met at the H-T ranch, the boys of three south central counties used the Mandan 4-H camp, and Stutsman County boys and girls had a camp within their own county at Spiritwood Lake. The camps lasted from four to six days.

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Louisiana parishes have followed the plan of combining for club camps, also, with 12 camps scheduled for this season in which about 50 parishes are participating.

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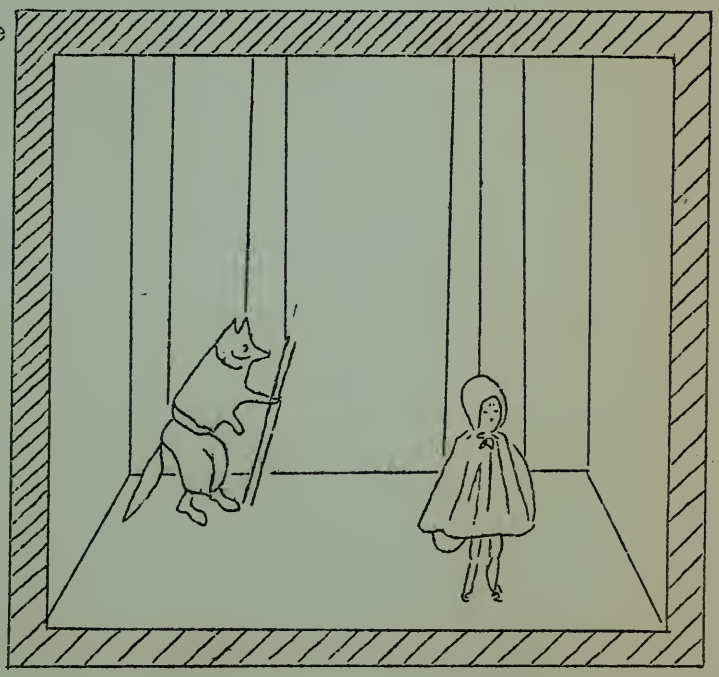
More than 200 volunteer local leaders from all parts of West Virginia attended the annual local leaders' training conference held at Jackson's Mill, June 12 to 22. Instruction and training were combined with healthful recreation and entertainment to afford a well-rounded program during the conference. The camp was divided into groups whose instruction was directed by specialists in the various fields in which the volunteer leaders desired training. The courses offered covered a variety of subjects designed to develop the ability of local leaders. These were: Four-H club development, music, vespers, community reporting, home-club plans, booklet making, news writing, first aid, life saving, recreation, use of the hand camera, silhouette and poster making, use of lantern-slide projection equipment, handicraft, courtesy and etiquette, puppet making and the staging of a marionette show, aids to leaders, and community opportunity.



TEN YEARS AGO Webster County, W. Va., celebrated this July the tenth anniversary of its 4-H camp. The first camp was a modest affair held on a borrowed site with only one leaky building. The tenth anniversary was held on 4-H owned land, 5½ acres of it, on which the Websterites have built 14 cabins, a caretaker's cottage, kitchen, auditorium, dining hall, council circle amphitheater, and barn for showing cattle. In most cases the lumber for these buildings was given by local lumber companies and the club members of the county were responsible for their erection giving both labor and money. The dining hall and council circle amphitheater were built during this year's camp, older boys doing much of the construction under the direction of an experienced carpenter. A hydraulic ram was also installed. The daily schedule for the camp included 4 class periods in the forenoon, rest, games and swimming in the afternoon, vespers and council circles at night. Dedication of the new council circle amphitheater drew a capacity audience of 2,000 visitors from all parts of Webster and adjoining counties. Assistant Director W. H. Kendrick of the State extension service assisted County Agent J. A. Wolfram and presided as "Big Chief" while the 125 "squaws and braves," who were members of the camp, sat in a circle about the dedication camp fire. A member of the CLUB LEADER staff who attended the camp reports that the residents of Webster County take much interest and personal pride in the camp and are actively in sympathy with Mr. Wolfram's program for its further development.

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Speaking of camps, Florida is now proudly leaving off the word "proposed" in referring to the permanent club camp for ten counties of West Florida. Preliminary work looking toward the establishment of such a camp was started in the spring of 1927 by R. W. Blacklock, State boys' club agent, and Flavia Gleason, State home demonstration agent. A site was selected bordering on the Gulf of Mexico and in the Florida National Forest. A kitchen, one control cottage and seven county cottages have already been erected and several farm and home demonstration agents have held their annual county camps there this summer. When completed the camp will consist of 20 cottages, a kitchen, a workshop, and an auditorium. Permanent camps for other sections of the State are on the "want list" of Florida club folks.

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Forty-five counties in Mississippi have held county club rallies this season, with an attendance totaling over 12,000 club members and approximately 5,000 parents. Some of the high-attendance counties are Lee, 709; Monroe, 627; Neshoba, 610; and Lauderdale, 604.

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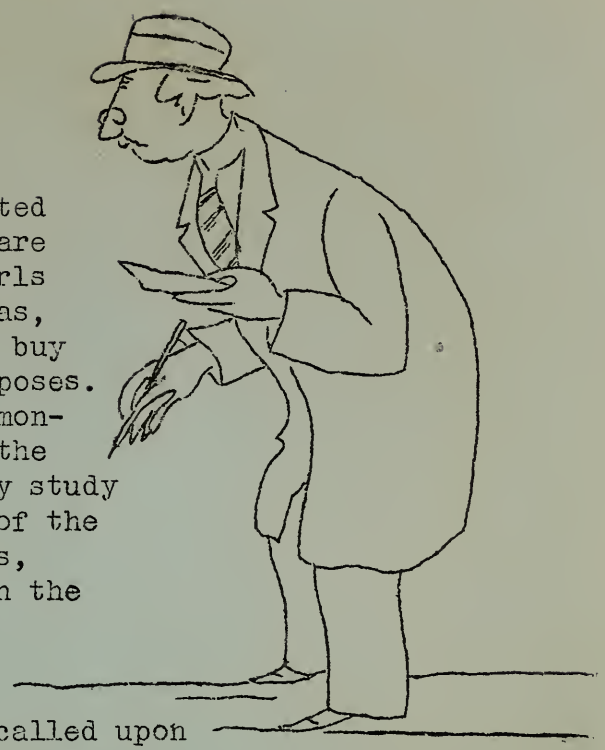

Personally conducted tours through stores are helping sewing club girls of Galveston County, Texas, to learn how to judge and buy materials for specific purposes. Verna Evans, county home demonstration agent, accompanies the girls through the stores where they study materials first hand with the cooperation of the store management. Saleswomen in the stores, Miss Evans finds, are just as interested in the discussions as the club girls.

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To train judges who would later be called upon to judge 4-H club exhibits at fairs and achievement meetings this year, three special conferences were held in Ohio in June under the direction of the State 4-H club department.

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Club girls in Virginia meet in project groups once or twice a month, according to their needs, and the chairman or captain of each group reports the activities of her group at the monthly meetings of the community 4-H club. Older club members who have done good project work are frequently used as project leaders, says Mrs. M. M. Davis, State home demonstration agent.

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The talent of club members is used extensively in the Washington State 4-H club camp. During the 1928 camp the delegates gave musical selections, reading, dances, playlets, etc., as well as talks on their work before assemblies of about 1,000 people. The club members show a keen interest in numbers provided by other clubs, writes Mrs. Ruth A. McGlade, extension editor.

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For farm and home day at South Dakota State College this year different 4-H clubs gave an initiation ceremony, a Maypole dance, and sang club songs for the 3,500 people in attendance.

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A proper-dress contest of their own,-that is what the 4-H club boys of Oklahoma are enjoying at the annual farmers' week held at the State college, July 31 to August 3.

Falmouth (Va.) district community organization was entertained recently by the county 4-H club members. The meeting was in charge of one of the club girls. A group of boys and girls from one club gave the pledge; sewing girls from another gave a parade wearing aprons they had made; the new 4-H club camp was described; and the proud record of Stafford County club members was outlined by another club girl.

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The camp program for Ohio this year is a progressive one, beginning with a State gathering and finishing in the counties. It includes--

A State camp for all extension people, where work for county extension agents, leaders in various projects and directors of other camps was given.

Three district camps for leaders and older members of clubs who learned there how to carry responsibilities of their own local camps which were scheduled for later dates.

Fifty county camps for the 4-H boys and girls of 65 counties, as several of the counties will "double" with other counties. Several will use the new State camp site in Licking County.

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Landscaping the school grounds and adding improvements in the school house and teachers' cottage were included in the project of one Skamania County, Wash., club this year. The club members sowed grass on the school yard, planted several varieties of trees, and set out bulbs and annual flowers. They refinished furniture and walls, built in shelves, and made baskets, trays, and similar articles for the school and teachers' cottage.

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A study of 4-H club girls' clothing is being made in South Carolina. Reports are coming to the State office each month from 50 farm girls between 15 and 18 years of age, writes Mrs. Harriet F. Johnson, State girls' club agent. In the report of "clothing on hand," cotton was shown to be far ahead in materials used for dresses and underwear. More cotton hose were used than silk. Raincoats, umbrellas, and overshoes were in the minority. A summary of this study and the reports on purchases each month will be made at the end of the year and will be used in planning clothing-club work.

Suggestions for club leaders, based on actual experience, have been outlined by the Thurston County (Wash.) Pep Club, an organization of club leaders and club presidents in that county. They are given in the Washington BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB RECORD as follows:

(1) Make complete outline of work for each meeting to be held.
(2) Assign special work to one or more members for each meeting. See that each member has an assignment.
(3) Have each member demonstrate before the club some time during the year.
(4) Hold six meetings before the end of school year if possible. This is the minimum number. Any successful club will hold many more than six.
(5) Have club members put on demonstrations before some community gathering.
(6) Spend a few minutes on record books each time and see that they are kept up-to-date.
(7) Have each one keep notes on project to assist in writing story.
(8) A garden-club tour during the summer is a fine help in garden-club work. Similar plans can be carried out by any other kind of club.

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The 4-H club girls of Anson County, N.C., have organized a county federation of girls' clubs. Maude Wallace, assistant State home demonstration agent, assisted Mrs. Rosalind Redfearn, county home demonstration agent, in the organization work.

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Questions are quite the order of the day and 4-H publications are keeping right up with it. Several club papers, State and county, run an "Ask Me Another" set, based on either club matters or local agricultural and historical features. The latest numbers of Rhode Island's State club letter contain a set of five questions propounded by C. P. Hart, extension poultry specialist. Club members are to score themselves 20 points for each "Yes" they can answer, hand the scores to the club secretary, who will send them to the State club leader. The questions in the current issue are:

(1) Have you removed all windows and cloth screen so there is an abundance of fresh air?
(2) Is your house cool at all times of the day?
(3) Can you tell when hens are suffering from the heat of the sun?
(4) Have you shade trees, brush, or shelters that hens can run under during hot days of summer?
(5) Was your score over 80 points last month?

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FROM CLUB MEMBER TO CLUB LEADER
And Other Things About Leaders

As club work grows older, many of the good club members of yeaterday are found to be the good club leaders of to-day. In South Dakota, H. M. Jones has been taking note of this transition from club member to club leader and gives a few cases in his State. A member of the 1926 champion livestock judging team is now leading a successful sow litter and baby-beef club. The members of the 1927 champion canning team are both club leaders now, one of the girls having obtained 25 new members for her club. The home-economics champion in 1927 is also leading a club of girls. "They know what club work does for boys and girls and so were interested in seeing other boys and girls get the benefit," says Mr. Jones.

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An interesting experiment in leadership is being tried in Noble County, Ind. Last year a number of older club members were enrolled in the leadership project. The records were accurately kept and on the basis of the work done five boys were given increased responsibility as club leaders this year. These boys were given charge of county clubs, specializing in pig, dairy calf, potato, lamb, and beef-calf raising. They meet in the county extension office regularly for instruction and conference. It is unusual to organize clubs on a county-wide instead of community basis in Indiana, and the difficulties of the new leaders are increased because of the area to be visited.

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For two years, former club girls now students at colleges and universities have been employed in Washington County, Ohio, during vacation time to assist in the county club program. The first year the farm bureau financed the venture, but the second the county commissioners appropriated the additional money. This county has a fine record in club leadership. Former club members helped conduct the activities of camps for both rural women and 4-H club members in other counties. The judge of dairy cattle at the Barlow fair was a former dairy-calf club member and several others judged club exhibits outside the county. Another former calf-club member has been elected president of the county Jersey cattle club and is serving efficiently. He has also been secretary of the cow-testing association (now called dairy-herd improvement association), leader of a boys' poultry club, and secretary of his community institute.

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A leader who attended the first local leaders' conference at Camp Gilbert, Mass., last year, returned home, interested five junior leaders who were older club members, put on a final exhibit, and all six of the clubs were banner clubs, finishing 100 per cent.

Thirty-one boys from Pennsylvania 4-H clubs took part in the third annual leadership conference at State College, the week of June 11. Club aims, ideals, how to organize groups, and similar leadership topics were discussed by these young men. During farmers' week following, they assisted in handling the crowds, gaining much experience in this phase. O. C. Croy, Ohio's assistant State club leader, assisted with the program.

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Club leaders in Goshen County, Wyo., recently had a training meeting with Bernice Forest, State clothing specialist, assisting the home demonstration agent, Myrtle Euren. Leaders from the eight clubs in the county attended, 14 in all. Miss Forest first went over all the club outlines for clothing work very carefully and then showed an exhibit of first-year clothing work. The leaders then made samples of the more difficult portions involved in their work under her direction. Afterwards some recreation work was given. A follow-up meeting is planned for a later date, when demonstrations and exhibits will be considered.

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Older club members at the district camps held in Ohio for leadership training, preliminary to the county camps, received special attention. Each county could send eight adult leaders and an equal number of older boys and girls. Block printing, camp craft, vesper and camp fire discussion work, together with recreation, all learned by participation, were scheduled for emphasis.

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Farm women's councils of South Carolina, county extension organizations, are asking to know more about leadership for junior clubs. Mrs. Harriet F. Johnson, State girls' club agent, has been attending meetings of councils recently, to discuss this phase of extension work with them.

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"Examples of how 4-H clubs build a foundation for leaders among adults in later years are apparent in counties where clubs have been formed for a considerable time," says the Extension Service News of New York and goes on to prove the point by Chenango County, where "several older club members canvassed their communities for farm-bureau membership and, in every instance, exceeded the membership for the preceding year. In Otsego, Chemung, and Chenango Counties, former club members are acting as local leaders and in one case at least, as a member of the county board of junior extension."

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"Boys' and girls' sheep clubs have been responsible for establishing over 100 new sheep flocks in Canada recently."

SPOKESMAN-REVIEW, Spokane, Wash.

MORE ABOUT THOSE CLUB MEMBERS WHO,

FARLEY SAYS, DO NOT "KEEP" COWS

A 5-year-old dairy club has about made a dairy county out of Sebastion County, Ark., says County Agent J. H. Gayer. In 1922, a purebred Jersey calf was brought into the county for each of 22 boys and girls who were interested in the possibilities of dairying. They gave their personal notes for the cost, $116.65, at 6 per cent interest, due in two years. All notes, he states, were paid within 18 months. There are 97 animals now in the county from the original 22 heifers. Twenty of the original club members still own their calves and offspring, valued at more than $25,000. Milk products sold by farmers when these calves were bought, totaled about $40,000; now it is over $90,000. "Not all of this increase is due to the calf club," says Mr. Gayer, "but at least 60 per cent of it is and the market for purebred bulls has changed from none at all to a demand which has taken all of the bull calves raised by the club members."

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Keystone boys and girls are going into the dairy business in earnest, too, according to reports from R. R. Welch, Pennsylvania's dairy specialist, and A. L. Baker, State club leader, who estimate an increase of 100 per cent in dairy calf enrollment. During last year 167 club members kept records on their cows, which they had raised as club calves, and a summary of the results show that the first 10 high individuals had an average production with first calf of 5237 pounds of milk and 300.4 pounds of butterfat. They returned an average of $125.18 above feed costs for an average record-keeping period of 9½ months.

About 20 dairy calf club tours are to be made by South Dakota club members this summer, G. Heebink, extension dairy specialist, announces. Enrollments increase every year, he says. In 1927 there were 354 dairy club members and this year 250 more are enrolled.

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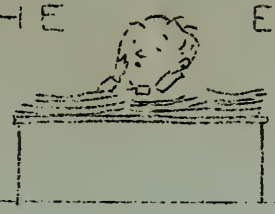
More than 300 dairy calves are being developed by Texas club members, writes S. C. Evans, State boys' club agent, presaging a time, perhaps, when the "Texas steer" will have a rival for fame in the Lone Star State.

OVER THE EXCHANGE DESK



A "Petersburg Short Course Special Daily Edition" of THE SOUTH-SIDE NEWS, weekly paper of Petersburg, Va., was published daily during the 4-H short course held there the week of July 9 for 11 south Virginia counties. This is the first weekly paper to put out a club daily paper, so far as the CLUB LEADER is advised. The daily was a tabloid, devoted exclusively to short-course news, and each issue contained a blank space marked "Write a letter to your folks tonight--Use this space." A business concern of Petersburg paid for the space and supplied envelopes for mailing the daily home.

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CACKLE AND CROW, New England poultry newspaper published at Guilford, Conn., is running a page under the head, "At the Sign of the Four Leaf Clover," edited by Carl O. Dossin, extension poultry specialist for Pennsylvania.

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THE WEBSTERITE and THE TOTEM POLE kept everybody informed daily as to county camp affairs in Webster and Pocahontas Counties, W.Va., when these events were in progress in July. Members of the news-writing class given at the Pocahontas camp put out the TOTEM POLE while members of Extension Editor W. C. Schnopp's news-writing project wielded the mighty pen for the WEBSTERITE.

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With many regrets we chronicel the discontinuance of the FLORIDA PEPPER, State 4-H club newspaper, which has added "a little spice for boys' and girls' club work in Florida" for three interesting years. It's final issue tells of a news writing class at Gadsden County's club camp and at the State boys' short course. Here's hoping that it may soon be possible for the Evergladers to put out another PEPPER crop.

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Praise for the effectiveness of the county 4-H club newspaper is implied in the announcement that Marian Lawrence, home demonstration agent of Amelia County, Va., who has been sponsoring a lively 4-H paper in that county, has begun the issuance of a similar paper in the interest of home demonstration work with women, called the AMELIA COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION LEADER.

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FROM MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA Comes a letter acknowledging the receipt of literature relating to 4-H club work in the United States of America sent to W. Thomas, Assistant General Superintendent, Transportation Branch, Victorian Railways. Mr. Thomas incloses a pamphlet which his organization has issued recently to encourage club work in Victoria. It states briefly what is doing in the boys' and girls' club line in this country, England, Canada, and some provinces in Australia; then tells how to get a club going in Victoria. Photographs of fine Australian livestock, owned by club members, illustrate the booklet which is prepared especially for parents, teachers, and livestock breeders.

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A "Washington-made" song is being used by Washington State club members, printed on a special insert page for their BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB RECORD recently. The music was composed by Mrs. LaVerna Kimbrough of the department of music at the State College of Washington and the words were written by Mrs. Stanley Beymer of Pacific County. The song was chosen through a contest.

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Early morning walks are part of the program of an Orleans County, Vt., club. All members will keep bird and flower records of their studies on these walks, says the BI-WEEKLY 4-H NEWS LETTER of Flora J. Coutts, county club agent.

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In a playlet, "Home Demonstration Speaks for Itself," 11 Four-H club girls from near-by counties entertained the visitors at the home extension luncheon given in connection with the biennial meeting of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, San Antonio, Tex., in June.

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A recent check made in Klamath County, Oreg., by the State club leader, county club agent, and county school superintendent, showed that 35 per cent of the eligible club members in that county were enrolled in 4-H clubs at that time, and more livestock and crops clubs were to be organized within a few weeks.

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Two "advanced" 4-H clubs have been organized in Kittson County, Minn.; one in which each member is growing turkeys under the new Minnesota Plan, and a second in which the members will grow an acre or more of certified seed potatoes. Those enrolled are from 16 to 21 years of age.

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"Our efforts will, we hope, be analyzed not from a standpoint of how many pigs or how many calves or how many farms, but rather how many boys and girls did it improve? Our goals in club work are to train properly a personnel to man the livestock business of the future. With that personnel properly trained we need have no fear about the future welfare of the industry." -- Nebraska Animal Husbandry Report.

Reprint from The EXTENSION ANIMAL HUSBANDMAN.

C A L E N D A R

GEORGIA	Camp Wilkins, Athens, Ga., open for club boys, July 23 to August 27.
LOUISIANA	Sixteenth annual boys' and girls' short course, La. State University, Baton Rouge, August 13-17.
MINNESOTA	Eleventh annual Minnesota State Fair boys' and girls' club camp and associated events, Hamline, Minn., Sept. 1-8.
SOUTH DAKOTA	Annual encampment of 4-H club members, South Dakota State Fair, Huron, September 10-14.
MISSISSIPPI	State Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Congress, A. and M. College, July 30 to August 4.
National Swine Show, club department - Peoria, Illinois, September 10-15.	

WORKBOX AND TOOL CHEST

The report of the standardization committee, National Farm Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Camp, 1928, has been issued in mimeographed form. Its 22 pages contain results of the committee's collection of facts relating to age requirements, general organization, clubs for young men and women, project requirements, meetings and special events, finance and score cards for 4-H club work. The committee was composed of Madge J. Reese, Office of Cooperative Extension Work, chairman; George L. Farley, Eastern States; T. T. Martin, North Central States; W. J. Jernigan, Southern States; and Charles E. Potter, Western States.

Arthur S. Bussey is Georgia's new assistant State boys' club agent, giving up his work as county farm agent in Coffee County, Ga., to join the State 4-H forces at Athens.

May Keithline and W. R. Hauser have been busy at their new work as assistant State club leaders in South Dakota, for some weeks. Miss Keithline was formerly clothing specialist and Mr. Hauser livestock specialist. Both will retain Brookings as headquarters.

Bessie Fleming has been appointed State girls' club agent in Alabama, taking up her work at Auburn July 16, but came to the national club camp with the Alabama delegation in June to get a good start before she was "officially" on the job.

Robert F. Spence, county agent in Madison County, Ky., has won the cup offered by Assistant State Club Leader J. M. Feltner for the county in East Kentucky district doing the best 4-H club work. Over 20 counties are in the district. Madison County had 24 organized clubs with an enrollment altogether of 572 members. The county club committee held two meetings during the year, There were 4 club leaders' conferences, 2 project leaders' training meetings, and 75 club meetings reported to the county agent's office by leaders and secretaries. Eleven club members attended junior week at the University of Kentucky, and a Madison County club boy was elected State President. A "club inspection day" was held, local leaders and visitors going to club members' homes to see their project work. THE CITIZEN of Berea carries a front page story on the award of the cup.

Among the club folks of the Office of Cooperative Extension Service, I. W. Hill is just in from a swing around the short course and camp circuit in the Southern States; Madge J. Reese comes in August 9 from visits to Western States; R. A. Turner will return from club conferences in the Central States about August 13; and Gertrude L. Warren leaves August 9 for Maryland's club short course, conferences in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Maine, and to give talks to women specializing in home-economics extension at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City.

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