

Members Observe National 4-H Club Week

By FRANCIS SKINNER

More than 2,200,000 4-H Club members in America will observe National 4-H Club Week from March 1 to 8. These young people, between 9 and 21 years old, belong to about 90,450 local clubs throughout the country. Uniting Head, Heart, Hands, and Health, they work for better homes, schools, churches and communities wherever they live.

Six outstanding 4-H Club members will spend part of National 4-H Club Week in Washington, D.C., giving "A Report to the Nation." They will go to the White House, call on members of Congress, government officials, and other national leaders; and appear on radio and television programs to tell about 4-H accomplishments in the past year and about plans for the year ahead.

The three boys and three girls named as top ranking this year are: Miss Karyl Ann Benson, Middleboro, Massachusetts and Doran Billman, Pulaski, Iowa, for achievement; Miss Clude Templeton, Olin, North Carolina, and Charles Pickering, Taylorsville, Mississippi, for leadership; and Miss Wilda Story, Savannah, Georgia, and Wendell Crites, Albion, Michigan, for citizenship.

They carry on widely varied projects in farming, homemaking, community service, and other activities. They raise livestock and poultry, grow gardens and field crops, conserve the soil, sew, cook, preserve food, and improve their homes. In keeping with their slogan they "learn by doing," and follow their motto, "to make the best better." For a well-rounded life, they enjoy play and recreation as well as interesting, worthwhile work. Character development and good citizenship are their most significant goals. Through their club programs, they learn:

A sense of home and community responsibility.

Habits and attitudes of good citizenship.

Skills for useful, productive work.

Application of science to everyday farming and homemaking.

The business side of efficient farming.

Sources of reliable information about their problems.

Practice of good health principles.

Art of getting along with people.

Happy home living and congenial family relations.

About 275,800 adults serve the country's 4-H Clubs as volunteer

leaders—attending club meetings, visiting 4-H'ers to see how their projects are advancing, and offering suggestions where needed. In addition, 95,520 older club boys and girls assist as junior leaders.

The program is a part of the national educational system of co-operative extension work in which the United States Department of Agriculture, the state land-grant colleges, and the counties share. Two important groups helping to further the program are the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, Chicago, Illinois, and the National 4-H Club Foundation, Silver Spring, Maryland. The Foundation is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.

One way people in other lands become acquainted with the 4-H program is through the International Farm Youth Exchange, now 10 years old. Last year about 300 young men and women took part in the program of family, farm, and community activities in other countries. Included were 125 out-bound United States delegates representing 37 states and territories, and 176 inbound exchanges representing 44 countries. The 4-H Club idea has spread around the world, the plan having been adapted to suit varying needs and con-

ditions in some 50 different countries.

The term "4-H" refers to "head, heart, hands, and health," which are emphasized in the club program, and which imply these educational objectives of members:

Head—To learn the value of science through applying the latest scientific knowledge to farming and homemaking projects.

Heart—To develop wholesome character and personality and the qualities of good citizenship, often through working together.

Hands—To acquire useful skills in farming, homemaking, and mechanics.

Health—To cultivate good health habits which lead to satisfying, happy living.

The national 4-H emblem is a four-leaf clover with a letter "H" on each leaf. Club colors are green

and white. The white background of the 4-H flag symbolizes purity; the green of the emblem represents nature's most common color, and is also symbolic of youth, life and growth. The national pledge reads:

"I pledge—
My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service,
My Health to better living,
for my club, my community, and my country."

The Cover

The cover picture for this week's Herald and News Magazine Section of Klamath Basin Living was taken by staff photographer Don Kettler on the West Side of Upper Klamath Lake. The fishing party is made up of the Leo and Edward Brennan families who live on Wilford Street. A 4 x 5 Crown Graphic camera was used set at f 16 and a 50th of a second.

Club Leaders Offer Service

By Mrs. Walter Croft

A 4-H community leader can be an asset to the community. A community leader has a responsibility to the county agents, the 4-H clubs, its members and leaders and to the community.

At a recent State 4-H Club Leaders Conference held at Oregon State College in Corvallis, many points were stressed by Ester Taskerud who has had experience with community leadership in many counties throughout the state.

Some of the main points that were brought out were that through community leadership local clubs have contact from the clubs to the agent and from the agent to the clubs. The leader should be informed on 4-H projects, know the helps available to inform leaders, organize clubs by visiting the schools, get acquainted with 4-H leaders and help new leaders get started. They should have the enrollments for all clubs in the community and make use of its talents, know about county fairs and arrange for community achievement and other events.

Community leaders are usually chosen from among other 4-H leaders, the home extension units or volunteers of interested persons from the community.



GARY BOYD has built up a fine flock of sheep over the years that he has been participating as a member of the Henley Sheep Club. The lambs he is shown holding may be the ones he will exhibit at the Junior Livestock Show this summer. His 4-H Club is under the joint leadership of Joe Riker and Arnold Brandt.



FOUR OF "THE SEWING SEVEN" gathered last week to display their skills for our photographer. The young ladies are under the leadership of Mrs. William Kunz who directs their projects in stitchery. From left to right the girls are Sherry Smith, Cathy Kunz, Nyna Payne and Melody Paxton.

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