

ANNUAL REPORT OF CLUB WORK FOR 1925

NORTH CAROLINA

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Beginning with this year an effort was made to tie club work much closer to all extension work. The first step in this was to make every district agent directly responsible for club work in his district. In addition to this each specialist is held responsible for subject matter assistance in club work, making this just as important as his assistance in adult work. In this way we hoped to more effectively interest those agents that had felt no great responsibility for club work in this part of the extension program. That this was a wise move is evidenced by the fact that the district agents themselves took more interest in this work than heretofore and the work has spread over the state more widely. There was no great increase in number enrolled but there was a considerable increase in interest among those who enrolled.

A glance at the statistical reports of 1924 and 1925 shows something of the progress made:

	1924	1925
Number junior clubs	513	974
Number enrolled	7617	21582
Number completing	4338	13457

It is only fair to say that the greatest increase was shown in the number of girls enrolled. However, we feel that the work with the boys was effective and that this work is in a wholesome condition and will show marked increase the coming year. So marked has the increased interest in club work become that we expect to again employ a full time specialist in club organization and methods for the coming year.

CLUB ENCAMPMENTS

During the year 53 club encampments were held and one State club rally. There were 2578 boys and girls attended these encampments. Attendance at these camps was restricted to members who were satisfactorily carrying on their club projects. These were largely recreational, but training was given in some subject matter and particular emphasis was given to leadership training.

CONTESTS

The Educational Bureau of Chilean Nitrate of Soda offered a scholarship of six hundred dollars and accrued interest to the boy making the highest yield on five acres of corn. Fourteen boys from every section of the state entered this contest. Owing to the very unusually dry season only three made complete reports. Dal Williams of Lenoir County won with a yield of 418.85 bushels, total on five acres or an average of 83.77 bushels per acre. He is now enrolled at the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering.

The North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association offered prizes to cotton club members for the best reports on three acres of cotton based on the following credits:

Total yield	50 Per Cent
Quality (grade & Staple)	30 Per Cent
Economic Production	<u>20 Per Cent</u>
Total	100 Per Cent

The prizes were won by the following boys with yields as shown:

1st Prize.

Lloyd Weeks	Holly Springs, Rt 1	6115 lbs. seed cotton
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2nd Prize.

Geo. E. Williams	Kinston, Rt 5	5229 lbs. seed cotton
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3 rd Prize.

William House	Kinston, N. C.	5264 lbs. seed cotton
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4th Prize.

Charlie Leagans	Cana, N. C.	4500 lbs. seed cotton
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To stimulate interest in boll weevil control measures and better methods of cotton culture the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce offered prizes to club members in four zones. These zones were named by us with reference to the expected boll weevil injury and somewhat as to soil types. The winners with their yields in these zones were as follows:

First Zone.

Name	Post Office	No. acres	Yield	Prize
Gerald May	Maysville, N. C.	2	2171 lbs	\$60.00
Graham Eubank	Maysville, N. C.	1	1081 "	50.00
Hildred Waters	Maysville, N. C.	1.2	575 "	40.00

Second Zone.

Lloyd Weeks	Holly Springs, Rt 1	1	2288 lbs.	\$60.00
Edward Davis	Pikeville, Rt 2	1	2355 "	50.00
Marion E. Hobbs	Fremont, Rt 2	1	2280 "	40.00
Preston Valentine	Kenly	1	1823 "	25.00

Third Zone.

Paul Rosser	Jonesboro	1	2421 lbs.	\$60.00
Lemuel Pierce	Sanford	1	1955 "	50.00
Ellenson McDougald	Jonesboro	1	1613 "	40.00
Osborne Maddox	Sanford	1	1500 "	25.00

Fourth Zone.

Brooks Litaker	China Grove	1	1562 lbs.	\$60.00
J. Paul Leagans	Cana, Rt 2	1	1300 "	50.00
Mitchell F. Huck	China Grove	1	1252 "	40.00
Williams Heaver	Newton, Rt 1	1	1033 "	25.00

This contest was scored on the following basis:

1. Completeness of both direct and indirect methods used for weevil control.....	25 Per Cent
2. Records.....	30 Per Cent
3. Story or written record of project.....	15 Per Cent
4. Yield of seed cotton.....	30 Per Cent
Total	<u>100 Per Cent</u>

The American Jersey Cattle Club cooperated with us in the calf club work by offering premiums to calf club members having calves registered in their own name and complying with other club requirements. The following counties had organized calf clubs and participated in these awards: Alamance, Buncombe, Catawba, Gaston and Mecklenburg.

This year we again had club teams put on demonstrations at the State Fair. These teams were first selected in the counties by elimination contests then from district contests.

Each district was allowed to bring five teams to the State Fair to put on demonstrations and to enter a contest with other like teams for the state championship. In the boys work there were the following teams represented: Corn, Calf, Pig, Poultry, (jointly with the girls) and any other crop. (Cotton, potato, peanut and Tobacco) The girls had teams in Food, Room Improvement, Clothing, Health, Poultry, (joint with the boys). We find that the demonstrations put on by the boys and girls create considerable interest in this work in the minds of the visitors at the State Fair and also stimulate interest in club work in the minds of all club members.

The most satisfactory results of the years work is in a very decided increase among the agents in club work and their determination to make it an important part of their program of work for another year.

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LEGEND:

GRAPH SHOWING THE CORRELATION
BETWEEN ADULT DEMONSTRATIONS
AND CLUB MEMBERS PER COUNTY.FIGURES TAKEN FROM 1925
ANNUAL REPORTS.ADULT DEMONSTRATIONS
JUNIOR CLUB MEMBERS*L.R. Howell*

ALABAMA

ALANSON

ALEXANDER

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AVERY

BUNCOMBE

BEAUFORT

BERTIE

BLADEN

BRUNSWICK

BURKE

COLUMBUS

CRAVEN

CUMBERLAND

CASWELL

CHATHAM

CABARRUS

CALDWELL

CARTERET

CATAWBA

CHEROKEE

CLAY

CLEVELAND

CHOWAN

DAVIDSON

DUBLIN

DAVIE

EDGECOMBE

FRANKLIN

FORSYTH

GRANVILLE

GASTON

GUILFORD

HALIFAX

HERTFORD

HOKE

HARNETT

HENDERSON

IREDELL

JONES

JACKSON

LEE

LINCOLN

LENOIR

MCDOWELL

MADISON

MECKLENBURG

MONTGOMERY

MACON

MARTIN

NORTHAMPTON

NEW HANOVER

ONSLOW

PITT

PENDER

POLK

PAMLICO

PASQUOTANK

RUTHERFORD

ROWAN

RANDOLPH

RICHMOND

ROCKINGHAM

ROBESON

SCOTLAND

STANLY

TRANSYLVANIA

UNION

VANCE

WATAUGA

WAKE

WAYNE

WILKES

WILSON

WASHINGTON