

Rural Life Activities Make Strides Though State NFA Association

The North Carolina Association of New Farmers of America makes great strides in training rural youth for leadership activities. This association is affiliated with the National organization of students studying vocational agriculture known as New Farmers of America.

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Instruction. The daily program was organized in such a way that the young farm boys had time for individual and group conferences with the various camp leaders. The main objective in all the camp activities was to train the youth so that they might go back to their chapters and help the teacher of Vocational Agriculture.

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public attending these programs spoke most highly of this youth organization calling special attention to the fine character of the boys.

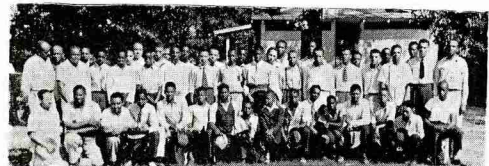
TRAINING NFA OFFICERS

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NFA HEALTH PROGRAM

The National Organization is calling upon State Associations and local chapters to take an active part in helping to maintain and improve the health of Negro citizens and especially the rural youth. The following health objectives were set up at the camps. These objectives are to be carried out by local chapters:

1. Every NFA member have a physical examination and health check-up.
2. Destroy breeding places of mosquitoes, flies, and insects around barns, poultry yards, stagnant streams, etc.
3. Construct sanitary privy, screen floors and windows for those homes



Pictured above is one of the groups that gathered for the Leadership Training Program at Chowan Beach.

porated in this State. Today it has the honor of having the largest membership of any Negro Farm youth organization in the world. In the past summer a selective group of NFA members were gathered at Lincoln Academy, in the western part of the state, and Chowan Beach in the eastern section for a two day period of intensive training in camp life and leadership activities. The program was under the supervision of Professors S. B. Simmons, C. E. Dean, and W. T. Johnson, aided by a number of successful Vocational Agriculture teachers.

tional Agriculture conduct similar Leadership Schools for those boys who were not able to attend the camp.

There were around fifty youth from some fifteen chapters present for each camp. The camp period

followed in local chapters in the training of future officers. It was surprising to note the eagerness with which the students entered into this aspect of the program. This course provided training which would give a more practical understanding and an appreciation of the officer's responsibilities. The course also brought out the fact that all members should be encouraged to make an effort to qualify himself

The scheduled activities were ag Raising and Lowering Ceremonies, Physical Exercises, Methods Planning the Local NFA Chapters, Developing Techniques of Leadership, How to Select Qualified NFA Officers, Group ers, Recreation and Swimming.



NFA boys taking swimming lessons in Chowan Beach.

lasted 2 days and one night. As a rule there were three representatives from each chapter. The groups were supplied with a list of food and other essential items to bring to the camp. Each boy was allowed to name the food items he could bring

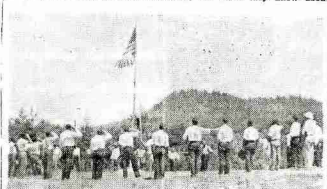
to become an officer. It is true all the members can't be officers, however, the more they know about

needing them as a part of the farm shop.

4. Sponsor a community yard and home clean-up campaign.
5. Give a chapel program during Negro Health Week.

NFA SPECIAL THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

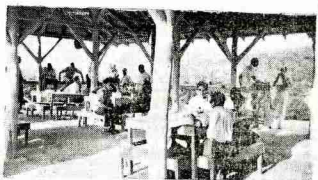
The final act of each camp session was a unanimous vote that every NFA member would take a very active part in securing gifts, foodstuffs, clothing and cash in his school and community, which will be presented to the Oxford Colored Orphanage Wednesday before Thanksgiving. For a long time local chapters have been carrying out a similar program for needy families of the local community. The boys are calling upon friends to support them in this most worthwhile undertaking. Their slogan is, "A Plea That Cannot Be Denied."



Loyalty to the United States Flag gets first consideration in the NFA Leadership Training Program. This group pictured above is lowering the Country's Flag.

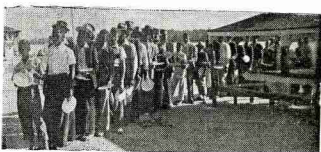
from the home farm. Those food items which were not produced on the farm were purchased co-operatively. Here the boys received a practical lesson in co-operative buying.

The main features of the camp were: the selection of camp student officers who had general charge of student activities, the camp program which the boys developed and presented at the last meeting, the wolver roast, and moving pictures which showed many successful phases of NFA life here in the State and at the National Convention. The



The Mess Hall is an important place wherever boys are gathered. The group pictured

above is enjoying a meal at the Lincoln Academy Camp.



Chowan NFA Camp boys prepare for the good old camp meal.