

THE PARENTS  
PART  
IN  
4-H CLUB WORK



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## The Parents Part in 4-H Club Work\*

In the days ahead youth will be asked to assume new responsibilities, undertake bigger tasks, and to do more with less. Rural youth will face the temptations of high city wages, modern inventions and conveniences. To meet these challenges will require the stamina, integrity, and clear vision that comes from experiences of rural life at its best. The 4-H Club, if properly conducted, will provide the medium for giving the training and experiences to best fit farm boys and girls to cope with these new situations.

The 4-H Club is a nation-wide organization conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and your county. The objective of this organization is to give to your boy and your girl training in better practices in agriculture and homemaking, and in the broader phases of community organization and the finer and more significant things of life. Through youth organizations of the proper type we mold the destiny of our future.

4-H Club work was established on the basis of project activity. It is still the basis of any worthwhile program of club work. Through the project, the club member should

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learn better methods and approved practices. In it he should find the pride of ownership and, if properly conducted, a reasonable profit. The success of the club member in this respect will be largely determined by his interest, his attention to details, and his willingness to follow the suggestions of the Extension Agent in conducting and completing the project.

*Each Club member is required to conduct a project in agriculture or homemaking according to the instructions of the Agricultural Extension Service under the supervision of the Farm or Home Demonstration Agent and agrees to keep an accurate account of the time and cost of the enterprise.*

Things worthwhile require effort and usually a small expenditure of money. For example, for John to successfully conduct a pig feeding demonstration he should have a self feeder, and a supplement such as tankage or fish meal. These cost money. Does John have it available? Mary perhaps will need some cash to buy paint, wax, etc., for refinishing her bedroom. Is it available? These are merely suggestions but it is a fact that every worthwhile project requires some financial consideration. On the other hand, the net profit from the club demonstration will be in direct proportion to the club members' efforts and ability. But which is worth

more, the inspiration and determination of your boy or girl or the small amount of money necessary for the successful completion of the demonstration?

*Ownership is Essential to Thrift.* To further encourage the boy and the girl they should be given the profits from their work (after all expenses have been deducted). Nothing could do more to destroy initiative and to discourage thrift than to be deprived of ownership. That is exactly what happens when John's calf becomes Dad's cow and Mary's poultry becomes Mother's hens.

Remember the 4-H Club is an organization for helping to train boys and girls in your community and for giving them a broader knowledge of rural living and to help them appreciate the advantages of farm life, and at the same time train them in the economical and practical phases of agriculture and homemaking. In brief, the 4-H Club is an organization which trains farm youth in the art of living. You have a very definite part in making this possible for your county, your community and for your boy and girl. However ambitious they may be, your full cooperation and support is necessary for them to make the most of the undertaking.

For additional information consult your Farm or Home Agent.