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Program of County Organization Day

FOR

Boys' Corn Club

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- I. Call to Order.
- II. Prayer and Short Address by a Local Minister.
- III. Objects of the Meeting.

The objects of organizing boys, between the ages of 10 and 18 years, into corn clubs, are to increase the production of corn, to improve seed, to aid the young farmers in better methods of agriculture and the more intelligent use of commercial fertilizers, to encourage systematic crop rotation in which are included soil building crops, to increase the interest of farm boys in agriculture, and encourage them to get an education along agricultural lines and remain on the farm.

- IV. Address.

One or two prominent men in the community should be invited to make short appropriate addresses. This is an opportunity to bring the leading business and professional men of the community in close personal contact with this work and the young farmer.

- V. How the Teacher Can Make the Corn Club Work a Success, by the County Superintendent.

1. All boys of your school district, between the ages of 10 and 18 years, are eligible to club membership, even if they are not in school.
2. It is especially desirable to keep boys enrolled as members from year to year. Secure as many new members as possible, but by all means keep those already enrolled.
3. Remember that successful club work means putting into practice those methods recommended in the literature issued by those in charge of the Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Club Work.
4. The boys should be enrolled in the fall, because fall preparation of the soil is essential to successful crop growing.

5. Nothing arouses so much interest and stimulates the work as do club prizes. Therefore each teacher should secure a number of prizes for the school club.
6. A large number of small prizes is more desirable than a small number of large ones.
7. One personal visit to the corn patch of a club member by the teacher is worth more to the cause than a dozen inquiries about the crop.
8. Every school should have an exhibit of the boys' corn at the school during the fall when prizes are awarded. In this way the attention of the public is called to the results of the work, a great stimulus is given to the movement, and the object lessons bear fruit on numbers of farms.
9. The corn club member whose work does not result in better soil as well as large yield is not getting the results to which the following of instructions should entitle him.
10. Keys to successful work are PRIZES and PERSONAL VISITS.

VI. Five Minute Talks from Teachers, Boys and Others Present.

This should be an experience meeting. The teachers should tell of their efforts in the club work and make suggestions. Corn club boys should tell how they grew their prize acres.

VII. Address by County Demonstration Agent.

This should be largely in the nature of instruction to the boys on selection, preparation and cultivation of the acre of corn, and gathering and reporting the crop.

VIII. Announcement of County Prizes.

Before this organization meeting is held a good list of prizes should be worked up. If it is taken up in a systematic way, it is an easy matter to have a large list of valuable prizes to announce to the boys.

XI. Organization of the County Boys' Corn Club.

SUGGESTED CONSTITUTION FOR A COUNTY CORN CLUB.

Article I.—Name.

This organization shall be known as the _____ County Boys' Corn Club.

Article II.—Purposes.

The purposes shall be to make farm life more attractive and the profession of farming more profitable; to assist the public schools in teaching the fundamental principles of agriculture in a more practical way; to aid the State College of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture, through the Farmers'

Cooperative Demonstration Club Work, in carrying information directly to the farms.

Article III.—Members.

Boys only between the ages of ten and eighteen, on January the first of any given year, shall be reported as members.

Article IV.—Officers and Committees.

The club shall have a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and a committee on prizes, of which committee the county superintendent and the county demonstration agent shall be members.

Article V.—Duties of Members.

The duties of members shall be such as are outlined in the by-laws and rules governing contests.

Article VI.—Duties of Officers and Committees.

The duties of officers and committees shall be such as are laid down for officers in similar organizations.

Article VII.—Amendments.

Amendments may be made by a majority vote of the club.

SUGGESTED BY-LAWS AND RULES GOVERNING CONTESTS.

1. Members of the club must agree to read all instructions and literature on Demonstration Club Work.
2. Each boy must plan his crop and his work. Boys under twelve years of age may have assistance in breaking and bedding land and in doing other heavy work, provided same is charged against account.
3. No boy shall be allowed to contest for a prize unless he is a member of the club.
4. Club membership is limited to boys between the ages of ten and eighteen.
5. The amount of yield by weight, and the measurement of land must be certified to by each boy and attested by two disinterested parties.
6. Each member shall gather the corn on his acre and weigh it all in the shuck. He shall record the number of pounds of corn in the shuck, then weigh out a hundred pounds of this corn, shuck same, shell and weigh the grain, and then record the weight of grain shelled from the 100 pounds of corn in the shuck. This will represent the per cent. of grain. Such per cent. multiplied by the entire yield, and the result divided by 56, will give the yield in bushels.
7. No member shall be awarded more than one prize until every member has received a prize.
8. Every member of the club who contests for prizes shall make an exhibit of his corn at the county fair.

9. In estimating profits, five dollars per acre shall be charged as rent of land. The work of each boy shall be estimated at ten cents per hour, and the work of each horse at five cents per hour. Manure shall be charged at the rate of \$2.00 for each two-horse wagon load, and \$1.00 for each one-horse wagon load. Commercial fertilizers shall be charged at their market value. No charge shall be made for leaves or muck hauled to the boy's acre by himself for the purpose of adding humus to the soil.
10. Teachers shall appoint all judges of school contests.
11. Meetings shall be held at time and place designated by the club.
12. In awarding prizes, the following basis shall be used:
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|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| (a) Greatest yield per acre | 30 points |
| (b) Best exhibit of ten ears | 20 points |
| (c) Best written account of crop | 20 points |
| (d) Best showing of profit on investment ... | 30 points |
| Total | <u>100 points</u> |

X. Adjournment.