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MISSION 5: "Up from the Dust"

## 4-H Club Pamphlet

4-*H* is a national organization that began in 1914 with the purpose of promoting hands-on education for youth in rural areas. 4-*H* clubs teach children farming techniques, home economics, and encourage engagement in local communities. This text from the national 4-*H* organization's 1926 handbook details the organization's goals; also included is a page from the club's equipment catalogue.

Club Work - What It Is

Boys' and Girls' Club Work is a nation-wide movement which gives rural boys and girls an opportunity to develop themselves educationally, economically and socially.

It is a movement which demonstrates the better practices in agriculture and home economics.

It makes play out of work.

It promotes industry and thrift.

It applies business methods to farming.

It develops self-reliance, ambition and aggressiveness.

It fosters individual ownership a love of nature and the things in the open country: it makes farm life attractive.

Through contests it brings out the best effort and thought.

It stands for the four-fold development of the Head, Heart, Hands, and Health.

Its slogan is "Make the Best Better."

And above all it develops the highest type of manhood, womanhood and American citizenship.

Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club work is organized and administered by the Agricultural Colleges, the U.S. Department of Agriculture co-operating.



Source: The National Committee, "4-H Handy Book: Songs, Ritual, Equipment," 1926, pgs. 2, 16.

