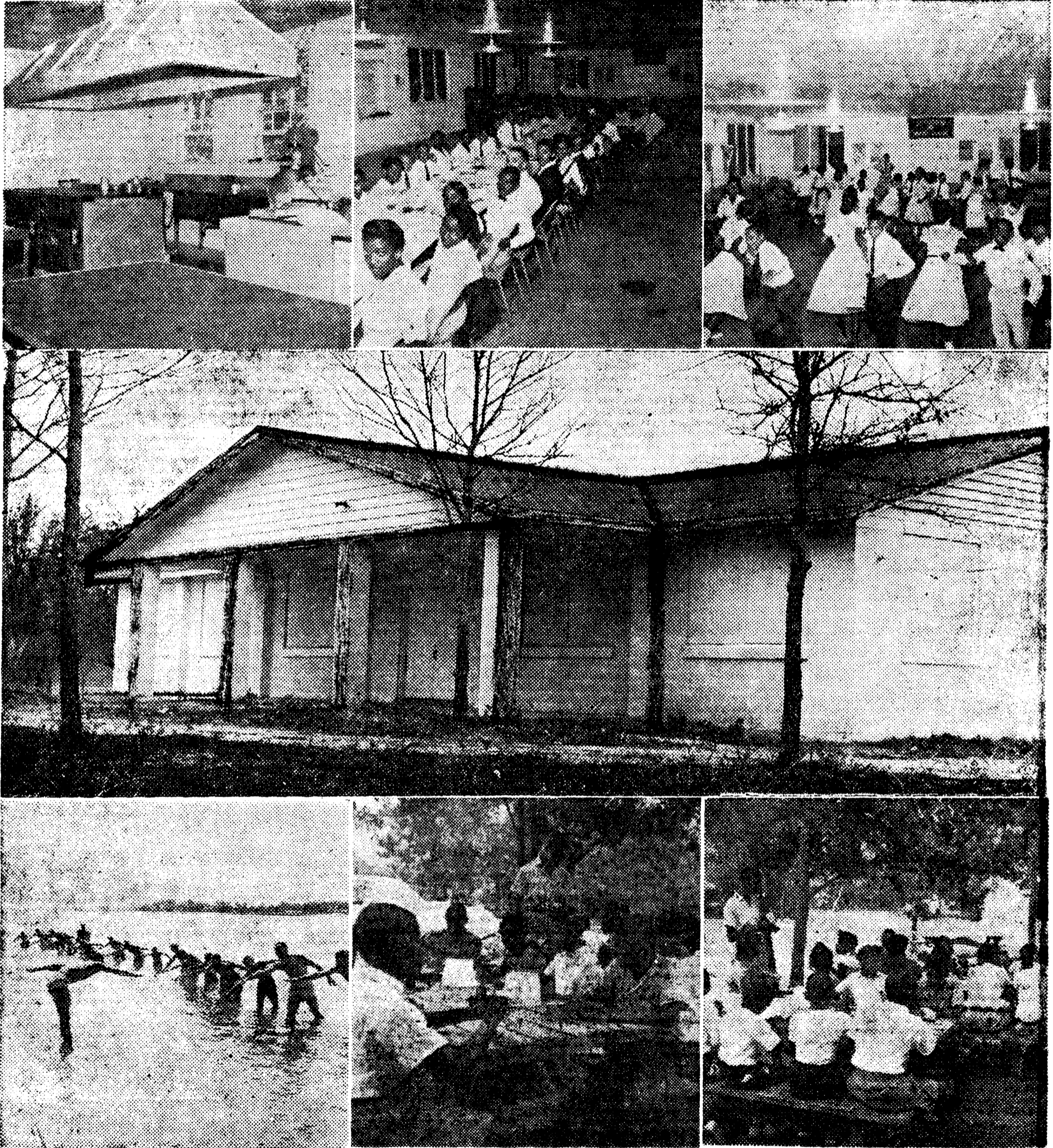


# DEDICATION EXERCISES

*4-H Club Camp*



ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.  
FRIDAY, JUNE THE FOURTEENTH  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN

**4-H Club Camp Grounds  
Swansboro, North Carolina**

### **Mitchell, John William, 1885-1955**

Born in Moorehead City, N. C. Received his elementary training in Fayetteville; graduated from Fayetteville State Normal School, now Fayetteville State Teachers College. Received B. S. degree in Agriculture, A. & T. College, Master of Arts degree, Central University of Indiana. He taught six years at Fayetteville State Normal School, five years of which he was assistant principal to the late Dr. E. E. Smith; County Agent for Bladen and Columbus Counties, 1917-1922; Pasquotank County, 1923-1929.

District agent, 1929-1940; state agent, 1940-1943; field agent for the upper Southern Region of nine states from 1943-1953. From 1953-1955, he was national leader of the Federal Extension Service. The work of 4-H Clubs was close to his heart. He supported it with sincere and devoted enthusiasm.

In 1953 he was cited as "Man of the Year in Service to Agriculture" by the **Progressive Farmer Magazine**, an honor he shared with Dr. E. B. Evans, president of Prairie View A. & M. College. He was awarded an honorary doctorate degree by Livingstone College, 1949.

Member of the Executive Committee of the Interracial Commission in North Carolina; member of the Executive Committee of State Parent-Teachers Association; member of the Committee on Negro Affairs of North Carolina; secretary of Adult Educational Council.

# ORDER OF EXERCISE

*Presiding, MR. J. H. WHEELER, President*

**4-H Club Foundation of North Carolina, Inc.**

SELECTION.....**BARBER HIGH SCHOOL BAND**  
*New Bern, North Carolina*

INVOCATION.....**REV. CLEO M. MCCOY**  
*Director of Religious Activities*  
*A. and T. College*

WELCOME.....**DR. H. N. DOWDY**  
*Vice-President, 4-H Club Foundation*  
*of North Carolina, Inc.*

**4-H CLUB PLEDGE.....4-H MEMBERS**

**4-H HYMN.....4-H CAMP GROUP**

## GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF:

North Carolina Public Schools.....**DR. CHARLES F. CARROLL**  
*State Superintendent of Public Instruction*

Colleges of North Carolina.....**DR. W. T. GIBBS**  
*President, A. and T. College*

Health and Welfare.....**MR. J. R. LARKINS**  
*Consultant, N. C. Department of Public Welfare*

Agriculture.....**MR. H. D. GODFREY**  
*Administrative Officer, A. S. C.*

Business and Industry.....**MR. W. J. KENNEDY, JR.**  
*President, N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company*

Fraternal and Civic Organizations.....**REV. G. W. CARNES**  
*Grand Master, North Carolina Masonic Order*

Government.....**MR. J. VANCE PERKINS**  
*First Vice-President, N. C. Association*  
*of County Commissioners*

SELECTION.....BARBER HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
*New Bern, North Carolina*

DEDICATORY ADDRESS.....MR. D. S. WEAVER  
*Director, N. C. Agricultural Extension Service*

PRESENTATION OF KEYS.....MR. R. A. BRYAN  
*President, T. A. Loving and Company*

RECEIVING OF KEYS ON BEHALF  
OF THE FOUNDATION.....MR. J. H. WHEELER  
*President, N. C. 4-H Club Foundation*

RECEIVING OF KEYS ON BEHALF OF STATE  
4-H CLUB OFFICE AND CLUB MEMBERS.....MR. L. R. HARRILL  
*4-H Club Leader*  
*and*  
MR. RICHARD BARBER  
*President, State 4-H Club Council*

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION  
OF 4-H CAMP NAME.....MR. R. E. JONES  
*State Agent*

## SERVICE OF DEDICATION

*Leader, REV. CLEO M. MCCOY*

- LEADER: Blessing and Glory and Wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God forever and ever.
- PEOPLE: Blessed be the Lord God who doeth wonderous things; and blessed be His Glorious name forever, and let the whole earth be filled with His glory.
- LEADER: Being graciously prospered by the hand of God to finish the work we are called upon to perform,
- PEOPLE: We do now, with joy and gratitude, solemnly dedicate this camp.
- LEADER: To the glory of God the Father, to the honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to the praise of the Holy Spirit, source of light and life,
- PEOPLE: We dedicate this camp.
- LEADER: To camping which is interesting with elements of adventure and lasting popularity,
- PEOPLE: We dedicate this camp.
- LEADER: To camping which is healthy; to activities which build strong, vigorous bodies and help us to attain abundant living,
- PEOPLE: We dedicate this camp.
- LEADER: To camping which is socially constructive, wherein our young people may meet and make good friends, in whom may grow courtesy and all social graces which make living with others pleasant,
- PEOPLE: We dedicate this camp.
- LEADER: To camping which is democratic—in which all participating youth may feel at home in a spirit of mutual good will,
- PEOPLE: We dedicate this camp.
- LEADER: To camping which is stimulating to the mind—to activities which challenge clear thinking, alertness, and creative self-expression in all,
- PEOPLE: We dedicate this camp.
- LEADER: To camping which is satisfying to the emotions, to the provision of surroundings for play which call forth our best impulses, to activities which bring into our lives the best of music, drama, art, and the beautiful in nature,
- PEOPLE: We dedicate this camp.
- LEADER: To camping which is spiritual, which appeals to more than physical desire; which is in harmony with the hopes of our homes and the ideals of our country,
- PEOPLE: We dedicate this camp.
- LEADER: The heart of camping is friendship, friendship with the spirit of all Goodness, who is God, and with His children. Goodness shines whenever people keep their daily lives clean and fine through their inward friendship with the Great Spirit and the outward friendship with their fellows. They who would keep this inward friendship with God wholesome, constant, and high must learn to see Him where He is, in all the goodness and beauty of the world. Human love and friendship are windows through which He shines. He is present in all loyalty, fidelity, kindness, and truth. 4-H Club camping provides opportunities for goodness and friendship to develop and shine in the lives of all concerned.
- LEADER AND PEOPLE: Therefore, O God, we dedicate these camp grounds to Thee as a place of education, joy, and pleasure for Thy children; and we pledge in faith that here through work, play, fellowship, service and worship, in an atmosphere of reverence, we shall let our "minds dwell on what is true, what is worthy, what is right, what is pure, what is amiable, what is kindly—on everything that is excellent or praiseworthy."

DEDICATORY PRAYER.....BISHOP H. B. SHAW  
*Presiding Bishop, 6th Episcopal District*  
*A. M. E. Zion Church*

"BLESS THIS HOUSE".....EVANDER GILMER, JR.

BENEDICTION

OPEN HOUSE



May 27, 1957

# The 4-H Camp Story

*With Special Reference to 53,986 Rural Youth Organized in 778 4-H Clubs  
in 52 North Carolina Counties*

The facilities we dedicate here today are thought of in terms of their educational and recreational opportunities for 4-H Club members in North Carolina.

Our records show that 4-H Club members made their first efforts at camping in 1924. 4-H Club members in Beaufort, Bertie, Hertford, Pasquotank, and Gates Counties were the first to do group camping. The years 1927-1938 are milestones in the march toward securing adequate 4-H camp facilities in the state.

Bertie County constructed the first 4-H Club camp during WPA days at a cost of \$5,200, and was known as the County Rural Recreation Center.

The first statewide effort in organized camping revolved around the 4-H Wildlife Conservation Camp in 1940 and has continued until this date.

In 1943 we organized the first financial effort to construct facilities for all club members. At this time each of the counties pledged for a period of five years to raise \$50 to be deposited to the credit of the State 4-H Club Camp Fund. In checking on this effort in 1947 the counties had raised \$1,045.

In 1949 the Extension Agents' Association of farm and home demonstration agents agreed that we should establish a foundation as a basis for securing adequate finances to construct a camp.

In the spring of 1950 we secured 256 names of charter members in 51 N. C. counties and this became the basis for the organization of the foundation of 4-H Club work of North Carolina, Incorporated. The original charter members represent a cross-section of citizens in North Carolina, including government, industry, agriculture, professional leaders, civic, social, and professional groups, organizations and individuals.

From the date of the organization of the 4-H Club Foundation in October, 1950, until April 25, 1955, the Foundation realized a total of \$37,015.16.

A camp selection committee was named in 1954, made up of county farm and home demonstration agents, state extension staff members, and members of the 4-H Club Foundation. The group visited six different sites in Wake, Craven, Richmond, Vance, and Onslow Counties. A smaller committee from this group in April, 1954, designated the Hammock's Beach project area as the site for this 4-H Club camp.

With the site selected and a little over \$37,000 in the 4-H Foundation treasury, we felt that the time had come to start building the

camp. The State Extension staff outlined this plan to some members of the Executive Committee and they approved the construction of three units of the camp, including the two bath houses and the assembly building.

We selected May 28, 1955 as 4-H Camp Day. The 52 counties in North Carolina on that date reported \$50,080.30. This effort had the endorsement of mayors, County Boards of Commissioners, Rotary Clubs, Junior Chambers of Commerce, leaders in business, industry, professional groups, churches, and civic clubs in all of the counties.

About the middle of May (1955) the Executive Committee of the Foundation and the State 4-H Club office let the remainder of the making a total of twelve units. The Agricultural Extension Engineering Department devoted considerable time to this project while under construction. They prepared and duplicated the project plans.

4-H Club work in North Carolina, its growth, development, and program has been in direct proportion to the development of Extension in the state, and the program leadership of county and home demonstration personnel.

The first and primary objective in the establishment of the 4-H Club Foundation was to build a camp. Voluntary 4-H Club leaders, 4-H Club members and Extension workers, along with the membership of the 4-H Club Foundation, were dedicated to this objective from the beginning. Of the \$100,000 raised through the 4-H Club Foundation, approximately 50% of the total was contributed by 4-H Club members through their nickels, dimes, and quarters. This camp site comprises approximately 31 acres of land, located on Queens Creek on the Hammock's Beach property. We have a 50-year lease, renewable at the option of the 4-H Club Foundation.

This camp has operated one full season, (1956) with over thirteen hundred boys and girls, voluntary leaders and county Extension personnel participating. We began camping June 3rd and will run through the last week in August. We expect over 2,000 club members and leaders to participate in this year's program. The dedication of this camp today is the fulfillment of the dreams of club members in the 52 counties and was realized through the contributions and genuine interest of citizens in practically every walk of life in the state.