

Boys' and Girls' Club Work

NEARLY 24,000 boys and girls were enrolled in club work in Minnesota in 1925. This is an increase of 20 per cent over the previous year. Not only has the past year been the best in point of enrollment, but it has established another record in that 79½ per cent finished their project.

Our goal should be to give every boy and girl who expect to remain on farms an opportunity to take part in club work. We must arouse the interest of our young folks by giving them a worth while task to perform. This club work does. Give a boy a calf, and you instill in him the feeling of responsibility and owner-ship. He will want to know how to feed, care for, train, fit, and show his animal. He will learn the sources of agricultural information. At the club meetings he will learn to cooperate with other boys and girls by working and playing together. The training of his mind and hand that he receives in his club work will give a bigger vision of agriculture and rural life.



Royal Champion of Angus made a fine showing with his Aberdeen Angus calf last year. He was awarded a trip to the Junior Livestock Show and was selected to accompany the Junior Livestock Special on its tour through part of North Dakota and Minnesota. He has already secured another calf for the coming year, determined to do even better than last year.

Alice Landro of Hendrum won a trip to the National Dairy Show at Indianapolis as a member of the Minnesota Dairy Judging team with all expenses paid. It has been her ambition for a number of years to make this team and it was indeed gratifying to her to know that her efforts had been rewarded. Alice is also taking the Leadership project, giving other boys and girls in her county some valuable assistance in club work.

Minnesota boys and girls have many incentives in the way of trips and prizes. In Northwest Minnesota, the Winter Shows at Crookston are doing much to encourage club work. This year \$700 were offered in prizes and the railroad fares of fifty-five boys and girls were paid. In addition to this the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association gave \$100 toward paying freight on the dairy calves.

The year 1925 has been a successful club year. Let us be true to our club motto by making 1926 better.