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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

"As 4-H Clubs around the world celebrate the 25th anniversary of National 4-H Week, September 30 to October 7, they can add to their list of achievements a job well done in the area of conservation," according to Frank H. Mendell, State Conservationist.

"Whether they're farming small plots or big fields, raising mice or cattle, 2½ million 4-H'ers are learning about the preservation and development of their natural wealth. They are contributing a valuable service to America," Mendell added.

"4-H'ers have established recreation areas, beautification programs, practiced conservation on their fathers' farms, or in their backyard garden plots, set up bird sanctuaries, established historical monument areas and installed many other conservation practices.

"National 4-H Week, started during World War II as National 4-H Mobilization Week, proved so successful that it has become a permanent part of 4-H activity.

"Since 1964, National 4-H Week has been observed during the fall when project work is completed and members re-enroll for the coming year.

"It is a time to honor the outstanding work being done by these young people in the area of conservation as well as the many other projects they participate in," Mendell added.

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