

CHAPTER VII

The All Star Motto—Service

The major contribution of the entire All Star Organization to 4-H Club work, whether within the community, county, or state, is to render service. Many times service has been referred to as: "any conduct contributing to the advantages of others;" truly this reference is typical of the All Star activities. Currently one of the foremost services rendered by the All Stars is to assist the Extension Service in whatever way they can in conducting a profitable and educational Club Week for the many Maryland 4-H'ers. Many times it has been said that the efforts of the All Star Group at Club Week have contributed immeasurably to the growth and expansion of the 4-H idea throughout the state.

SERVICE AT CLUB WEEK

With so few Extension workers to perform the many tasks in preparing for Club Week, it is essential that the All Stars serve at Club Week. For years, the custom of the All Stars has been to arrive during the weekend before Club Week to assist in the necessary ground work that must be done before the main body arrives the following Monday. The preparation of meal tickets, gathering of news for the "Maryland Trail," establishing of nation and tribe groups, billeting, and many other detailed items must be completed during these two days. Then during Club Week the active service of the All Stars is employed at its greatest peak. Many members of the group serve on committees, and as pages, ushers, typists, tribe leaders, nation chiefs, older youth discussion group leaders and in other tasks that are revealed during the operation of the many Club Week functions. Their work contributes to the successfulness of Club Week for the many 4-H'ers who are in attendance from the various counties throughout the state.

SERVICE TO YOUNGER 4-H CLUB GROUPS

Upon the completion of the many jobs at Club Week, there is always the work to be done in making the next Club Week more successful and educational than the last. Also, there are the many tasks to be done in the various counties that contribute invaluable service to the younger 4-H Club Groups. Many All Stars serve their local communities in the organization of 4-H Clubs; in the carrying through of functions such as picnics, county fairs, observance of Achievement Day and National 4-H Club Week; and as the local leaders of 4-H Clubs. Many times since the organization of the State Council of 4-H Clubs, All Stars have been on committees and served as officers of the Council.

responsibilities mean the end of active 4-H Club work for the older All Stars, however many members in this group serve in civic clubs and other welfare groups and assist in the operation of the Farm Bureau and Grange.

During the past three years one of the outstanding achievements of 4-H'ers in the State of Maryland has been their performance at the National 4-H Club Congress, which is conducted in Chicago each fall. With pride, the 4-H Clubs and the All Stars can point to the fact that the incentive given to new members to initiate projects and other active club work has established Maryland as one of the consistent prize and scholarship winning States at the Club Congress. Part of this success has come through All Star service to the county Extension staff in building the small county 4-H Clubs into active and progressive organizations which provide leadership training for future All Stars.

SERVICE TO THEIR COUNTRY

In the fall of 1941 the fulfillment of the All Star principles required that members of the Group render service beyond their greatest dream or realization. This time it was not to the local group, nor to their county or state, but to their country. In the recent struggle for the liberation of the peace-loving countries of Poland, Norway, France, Belgium and Korea, many All Stars served with the Army, Navy, Marines, and the Coast Guard. During World War II, All Stars saw service all over the world in every active theatre; serving as combat troops and service troops; and as enlisted men, non-commissioned and commissioned officers in all branches of the military service. The forty-seven All Stars who served in the Armed Forces during World War II were as follows:

*James R. Adkins
William Baker
Betty J. Bryan
Joseph Callis
Jack Clark
William Comella
Eugene Cornor
Earl A. Crouse
Charles Downey
Lawrence Downey
J. Paul Duke, Jr.
Richard Fey
Hannah Golladay
Glen Gordy
Richard Greenwood
Sloane Hoopes*

*Merle Howes
Mrs. E. Cissel Hurt
William James
David F. Jenkins
Wayne Jerome
David Joesting
William Johnson
Leo Judy
Burton Kephart
James Kirkpatrick
Fred Kretzer
Dale Mann
Edward Mayne
Frank McFarland
Elsie McGinnes
James McHenry*

*Marjorie McKnight
Milton Moore, Jr.
Reverend Herbert Payne
William Powell
Jean Reese
Rita Ryan
Granville Shumaker
Roy Shryock
Charles St. Clair
Charles Stiles
Turner Timberlake
David Trundle
Warren Tydings
Lee Warfield
W. Sherard Wilson*

same time was active in the Student Council and served as a Junior 4-H Club leader. In 1935 Paul became active as a poultryman and four years later represented the Southern Maryland Poultry Association at the World Poultry Congress in Cleveland, Ohio. It was then that Paul really began to gain the highest possible achievements in Club work, for at Club Week in 1939 Paul was chosen as an All Star and the Fall of the next year he was selected to go to the National 4-H Club Camp following his graduation from high school.

In September of 1940 Paul entered the University of Maryland as a student in the College of Agriculture and majored in Animal Husbandry. During his freshmen year he was elected to membership in the freshmen honorary, Phi Eta Sigma, and later in his sophomore and senior years was elected to Alpha Zeta and Phi Kappa Phi, respectively. In 1943, a year ahead of his class, Paul graduated with honors and also obtained a commission as an officer in the Army. On July 29, 1943 Second Lieutenant J. Paul Duke, Jr. began active military service in the Airborne Infantry.

After completion of the usual basic training, Paul was sent to England as a member of an officer's replacement pool immediately after D-Day on June 5, 1943. On September 17, 1943, as an officer of the 82nd. Airborne Division, Paul jumped near Nymegen, Holland from a shell-damaged plane. Four days later Paul was slightly wounded leading a group of men in the seizure of a small town. On the morning of September 22, 1943 while in transit from the division hospital to a base hospital at Brussels, the ambulance carrying Paul was bombed on the Nymegen road. Later on November 26, 1943 Paul died after a leg amputation and the following day was buried at the Everre Cemetery in Brussels, Belgium. His body was later removed to the United States Cemetery at Neuville, Belgium, where it now lies.

In honor of the service rendered by J. Paul Duke, Jr., the Clinton (Maryland) Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post Number 9376, was named the "J. Paul Duke, Jr. Memorial Post." Paul's father is now the current commander of the group. During a presentation in the fall of 1948, a section of books was donated to the Prince George's County Library by the All Stars, the local 4-H Clubs and older youth groups of the county in honor of Paul; truly a hero to the folks of Clinton and nearby Prince George's County.

In closing the final chapter of the All Star History, the words written by Paul Duke in his paper on "My Club Record" are quoted below as one of the finest tributes of unselfish service, sense of duty and willingness to pay the price ever rendered by any All Star.

"I was an usher at Club Week this year (1939) and on Thursday of this week I received the greatest honor of my life. I was taken into the All Stars, a group of older 4-H people who further the 4-H program in all possible ways."