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# **RURAL YOUTH**

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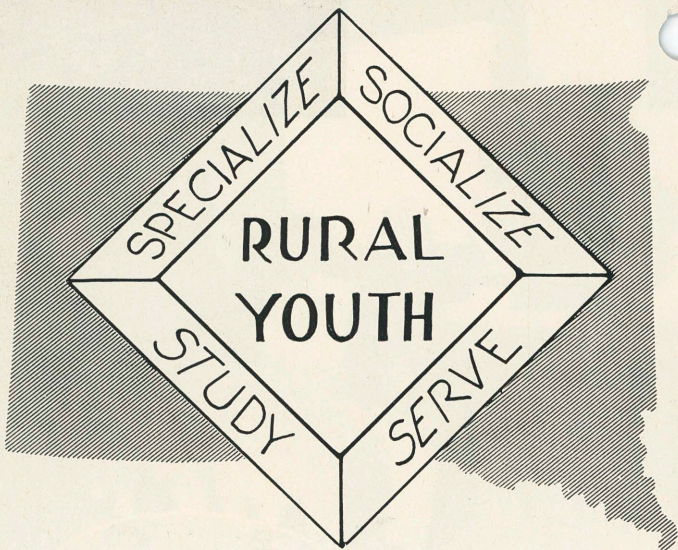
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**AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE  
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## Who Can Belong

You can belong—if you are between the ages of 17 and 35. It doesn't matter if you're married or single or live in the country or in town.

If an existing club is organized in your county, join in. If not, talk over the possibilities with your friends of starting one. Then contact your county or home agent.

Belonging to Rural Youth, you will find, is a wonderful way of making new friends. It will also prove beneficial in fellowship and personal enrichment.

Softball and basketball tournaments between county groups is popular with Rural Youth members. Winner of the softball tournament held annually at the state camp receives a trophy.





# South Dakota RURAL YOUTH

A Program For and Planned By  
Young Men and Women,  
Married or Single,  
Living in Town or Country.

## What RY Does For You

It can provide activities which lead to the improvement, enrichment and appreciation of rural life. It can teach you how to plan and carry out programs which meets the needs of your group. It gives you an opportunity to work with other young people for fuller personal, group, and civic development. It can develop leadership ability.

RY is a program for young adults who do not fit into older people's organizations or activities for young teen-agers. Versatility of the program gives you an opportunity to take

part in social and recreational activities, to learn new skills in farming, home making and other vocations, to serve your community and to share talents and abilities with the group.

## An Extension Program

One of the many programs of the South Dakota State College Extension Service, Rural Youth is given assistance through the county extension service and the State College. A state Rural Youth leader gives counseling to activities of the county and state events, and projects. The Extension Service assists in the organization and program planning.

Telling a story of highway safety at a mock court trial is a community service project.

Planning meetings chart the course of the club programs, events and projects. The RY flag is present at many meetings.

Recreation, a part of many meetings, offers fellowship, friendship, fun. Club members often excel in leading folk games, song leading and other recreation.







Records of club events are kept by members in attractive scrapbooks.

A contest, during annual camp, provides keen competition for the scrapbook trophy.

## Program Planning...

Special interests, social activities, study and service are the four integral parts of each county's program. Club members, when planning their year's program, try to meet the group needs with film discussions, talks by local officials, talent contests, basket socials, skating parties, tours, softball tournaments, travelogues, plays, and many other things of interest to young men and women.

Executive committees in the county

Projects of wide scope are undertaken by Rural Youth members. Sponsoring an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to foreign

and state organizations help to chart the year's programs. Assistance is given them by the county extension service and the state Rural Youth leader.

## When Organized

Several county Rural Youth clubs have been established many years. Reorganization on the state level took place in August, 1948. Since then, it has grown in numbers and prestige.

shores—or calling square dances at a public affair are two examples of the variety of interests of Rural Youth members.



## Activities

Many events take place throughout the year of interest to all RY members. These activities include attending an annual spring conference, a summer camp, a leadership workshop and jamboree, regional and national camps, and participating in a scrapbook contest, talk meet, trips to places of interest, softball tournaments and regional jamborees.



Personal growth and achievement, through events such as the Talk Meet, is gained by RY members. The RY program stimulates youth to think, develops leaders, and teaches youth to cope with real life situations.

## Come to Next Meeting

When.....

Where.....

Program.....

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