

MESSAGE OF J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR OF SOUTH
CAROLINA, TO MEMBERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA 4-H CLUBS,
ON OCCASION OF 4-H CLUB WEEK, MARCH 5-13, 1949.

South Carolina's 45,000 4-H Club members are to be commended upon joining some 2,000,000 other members in the nation in the observance of National 4-H Club Week, March 5-13. For many years the 4-H Clubs have made their influence felt in proper education for farming, home-making, and rural community life. Your progress deserves the praise of your community, State and nation.

Your national theme, "Better Living for a Better World," is worthy of your best efforts. Rural boys and girls who participate in 4-H projects and activities are working together for a better home community. The building of a better home community means a better world community.

In 4-H Club work, the emphasis is on self-reliance, character, and greater appreciation of the life of the open country. This makes for good homes, good citizens, and a more cultural rural life.

Now is the time to rededicate yourself to the 4-H ideals. During 1949, I hope you will really pledge your Head to clearer thinking, your Heart to greater loyalty, your Hands to larger service, and your Health to better living for your club, your community, and your country. You will be better boys and girls and will be developing into more useful citizens, if you strive to "Make the Best Better."

I urge that all citizens of South Carolina, particularly those in rural areas, encourage the continued growth and influence of the 4-H Clubs.

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