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4-H CLUB MEMBERS have an important place in farm family planning. 4-H members can help family dreams come true by developing demonstrations which fit into the family goal pattern.

Through the Farm and Home Development method, the entire family sits around the table to make plans and decisions. The family members set up goals for the future. Then they plan how their resources can be used around the farm and home to reach these goals. Many of these goals can make excellent 4-H demonstrations.

Perhaps the family decides it wants the farm home to be more attractive. A landscaping demonstration is a natural for either a boy or a girl 4-H'er.

Better livestock and poultry often are included on the list of goals. Good grade livestock raised as 4-H demonstrations may be used to improve the farm herds and gradually make this goal a realization.

Providing adequate food for the family can involve several 4-H demon-

strations. A gardening demonstration followed by a canning and freezing demonstration may help supply a well-balanced diet for all the family. Meal planning and preparation also make interesting demonstrations.

Perhaps the family income won't stretch to buy a new tractor. If Bill or Jim have made tractor maintenance a 4-H demonstration, it may mean time and money saved later. And when the new tractor becomes a reality, such knowledge will help keep it in good condition.

Sometimes it takes careful planning in the family council to provide adequate clothing for the family. Mary's or Susie's clothing demonstrations might help stretch dollars and provide better wardrobes.

Additional demonstrations may include insect control, pasture improvement or soil and water conservation.

4-H'ers like to share in the family responsibilities - 4-H demonstrations provide this opportunity.

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