

North Carolina – 2010



Dalton Proctor State 4-H Leader

4-H Efforts: As a 4-H member, selected as North Carolina Health King. As an Extension professional, honored with the Outstanding Extension Leadership Award from NC State University Extension Service, 1984. Served on the national 4-H energy committee, chaired the national natural resources conservation committee and the Southern Region state 4-H leaders.

Honors: Chief Engineer Award from National 4-H Council for leadership in the \$52 million campaign that included Ralph W. Ketner Hall, 1988. Recognized by NAE4-HA with the US Air Force Spirit Award in 1987 and Distinguished Service Award in 1995. Dalton retired after 28 years as a Lieutenant Colonel with the US Army, 1984.

Home: Cary, NC
Nominated by: North Carolina 4-H
Year Inducted: 2010

Dalton Proctor joined 4-H in Wilson Co. at age 10. His projects included steers, pigs, corn and tobacco. After earning a PhD he became a NC community development specialist. He joined the 4-H staff in 1974 as Specialist in Charge and Associate Leader; his duties included State 4-H Congress. He served as the fifth State 4-H Leader from 1984 - 1995. Proctor championed the university knowledge base of 4-H and its relevance to youth in developing life skills. He was instrumental in

developing the 4-H curriculum development process. Proctor supported and expanded 4-H international programs. He helped to establish the Eastern 4-H Environmental Center; a brick courtyard at the center honors Dr. & Mrs. Proctor.

Proctor was skilled in securing and administering curriculum grants and 4-H funding at the state and national level. He actively supported the national Campaign for 4-H, a funding effort with a \$50 million goal. Anne and Ralph W. Ketner, President and CEO of Food Lion and NC 4-H Development Fund board member, donated \$1,000,000, and NC 4-H Development Fund pledged \$200,000 toward the North Carolina Lobby. The Proctors established an endowment for the perpetual care of this lobby. Proctor represented state 4-H leaders in the transformation of National 4-H Congress from Chicago to Atlanta. He chaired the national "I Have a Dream" Youth Assembly and received a special honor by Mrs. Coretta Scott King.

Quote: My favorite quote is, "A child is not a thing to be molded, but a person to be unfolded." That is what 4-H does so well; 4-H helps young people reach their full potential. For a lot of kids, 4-H is their first step toward a successful life.



Dalton Proctor, 4-H Agent; Frank Doggett, Soil Conservation Specialist; George Daniel, State 4-H Soil Conservation Presentation Winner; L.R. Harrill, NC State 4-H Leader.



Groundbreaking for Ralph W. Ketner Hall (L-R) Gary Deaverman, National 4-H Council; Anne & Ralph Ketner; Dalton Proctor



Dalton Proctor with his Grand Champion Duroc Hog