

National 4-H Hall of Fame 2008

Texas



Floyd Lynch

Texas Extension Emeritus, State 4-H Leader

Home: Bryan, TX

Nominated by: Texas 4-H

Major 4-H Accomplishments:

First assistant county agricultural agent in Nueces Co. Texas State 4-H Leader 1949-1970. Accomplishments include establishment of community and neighborhood 4-H clubs, leadership training for teen leaders, involvement and training of volunteer leaders, establishment of the Texas 4-H Council as a youth governing body, establishment of district 4-H councils, organization of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, expansion of private sector support to 4-H, expansion of 4-H to include urban youth and initial development of the Texas 4-H Center. Established a Texas 4-H Scholarship Endowment..

Biography:

Floyd Lynch's Extension Service experience began as the first assistant county agricultural agent for Nueces County. Lynch was State 4-H Leader from 1949 to 1970. During his tenure, he led the establishment of community and neighborhood 4-H clubs, leadership training for teen leaders, involvement and training of volunteer leaders, establishment of the Texas 4-H Council as a statewide youth governing body, establishment of district 4-H councils, organization of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation, expansion of private sector support to 4-H, expansion of 4-H to include urban youth and initial development of the Texas 4-H Center.

Prior to his appointment, the Texas 4-H Program was led by a Boys 4-H State Leader and a Girls 4-H Leader. In 1949, Lynch was a leader in the nation to bring the two separate programs together. He hired outstanding 4-H specialists - the first 4-H specialist positions in Texas - to support the development of this "new" program. Under his leadership, the Texas 4-H Council was launched. These youth represented all geographic parts of Texas gave voice to the concerns of youth of the 1950's. The Texas 4-H Council still exists today, and Texas 4-H members aspire to serve with this group. After retirement, Lynch established a Texas 4-H Scholarship Endowment to support a Texas 4-H member to attend college.

Quote:

At Mr. Lynch's retirement, Extension Director J. E. Hutchison stated, "Under Floyd Lynch's leadership, the quality of 4-H programs has increased greatly in Texas. Many thousands of 4-H boys and girls have experienced developmental opportunities which enabled them to become more effective leaders and finer citizens because of his energetic leadership."

Floyd Lynch at Texas A&M
with the 4-H flag flying.

