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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT
AND THE
HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT
NOVEMBER, 1947
ST. CROIX COUNTY, WISCONSIN

To The Honorable Board of Supervisors
St. Croix County, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to submit our combined report on 4-H work in St. Croix County, the 2nd Annual report of the County Home Demonstration Agent, and the First Annual report of the County Agricultural Agent.

The field of Cooperative Extension Service covers the entire farm family; the 4-H Club program for farm Juniors, and the agricultural, economic, and Homemaking problems of Farmers and their Homemakers.

We wish at this time to express our sincere thanks for the fine cooperation and the interest shown by the members of the County Agricultural Committee: William Bergeron, chairman of the County Board, Walter Karnes, chairman of the agricultural committee, Ben Huenink, Frank Van Someren, and Wels Erickson, secretary, and County Superintendent of Schools. Especially must they be commended for their interest in 4-H club work.

We express our appreciation too for the cooperation given us by the St. Croix farmers and their wives in projects and programs undertaken. The fine help of members of the U.S.D.A. Council composed of Vocational Agricultural Teachers, Veteran Trainers, Soil Conservation Service, F.H.A., A.G.A., P.C.A., and R.E.A. personell has aided the program immeasurably. Splendid support was received from County 4-H Council members, 4-H leaders, Homemakers Executive Council, County Superintendent of Schools, County Highway Commissioner and Highway personell, Machinery Dealers, Feed and Seed dealers, Canning Company, Business institutions, Breed clubs, Editors through the press, Bankers and the Clergy.

We will welcome your comments and suggestions, and stand ready at all times to give assistance wherever we can.

We appreciate your continued support of the County Extension Program.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Tubbs Giezendanner

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County Home Demonstration Agent

Elwood E. Anderson

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County Agricultural Agent

To the Honorable Board of Supervisors
St. Croix County, Wisconsin

Gentlemen:

We are sorry that this, our fifth report to you, shall be our last. I have enjoyed my work in St. Croix County very much. We wish to thank you and everyone else, for the fine cooperation and support we have received through the years we have been here. I hope you will extend to my successor the same spirit.

We have prepared a narrative report of our activities for November 1, 1946 to May 19, 1947, which you will find on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

Omer W. Peck

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County Agr'l Agent
St. Croix County

4-H CLUB WORK

The bulk of our 4-H club program has been turned over to our Home Agent. At the end of the season, she will, no doubt, prepare a detailed report of the activities for 1947. We have, however, been taking an active part in 4-H work to date. We have attended several 4-H meetings, including a number of 4-H leaders meetings. We also helped organize a couple of new clubs to date.

CROPS

Pasture Renovation

Our office, in cooperation with the Local Soil Conservation Service Office, arranged for two pasture renovation demonstration plots. There is a larger amount of permanent pasture in the County, and such a program, it was felt, would be very helpful. Method demonstrations were planned at the time of application. However, weather conditions interfered and they had to be cancelled. Result demonstration meetings are definitely planned for the summer months.

Forvic Oats

Our office assisted farmers of the County in bringing new seed oats in the County. With the assistance of the Farmer's Elevator of Baldwin, we secured and brought in 610 bushels of certified forvic seed oats. We also brought in at the same time 200 bushels of certified vicland.

Fruit

We had several requests for advice and assistance from farmers in pruning apple and other fruit trees. These were carried out in the best possible manner.

Gardening

The Homemakers Clubs of the County requested a lesson on gardening. We handled this and so attended five center meetings on the subject. The lesson seemed to be well received. We also had requests at the office for advice on gardening problems.

LIVESTOCK

Dairy

Again this year, our office is cooperating with the Holstein Breeders Association in promoting a Junior bull project and sale. Sixteen bulls have been donated by various Holstein Breeders in the County. These were drawn for by Future Farmer members of the various high school agriculture departments in the County. Another sale will be held sometime in the fall.

LIVESTOCK

Dairy (Continued)

We started another new project this spring. We went into the town of Pleasant Valley and interested 14 farmers in one area there, in cooperating in a cattle grub control demonstration. Three hundred and ninety one head of cattle were dusted twice with a 5 % rotonone dust. Later this summer and again next winter they will be closely watched for evidence of Warble Flies and the resulting grubs.

Sheep

The area meeting of the Wisconsin Cooperative Wool Growers Association was held at New Richmond High School this year. We cooperated in putting this meeting on. About 175 farmers attended the meeting.

VETERANS

We have cooperated closely with the various Agriculture Teachers and Veteran On the Farm Trainors in the County, in their program of Veteran training. We have assisted them in bringing in at least one specialist each month from the College of Agriculture to meet with the various groups.

At the present time there are working in the County, four full time trainors. In addition there are six who are working part time in St. Croix and part time in another County. Also, each of the Agriculture teachers have a few. In all, about 150 veterans are receiving "On the Farm Training."

COOPERATIVES

In the past several months we have donated a considerable amount of time to working with various cooperatives in the County. We believe however, the time has been well spent, as a lot of good work has been accomplished. A number of things have been done which should have a long lasting effect for good as far as the farmers of St. Croix County are concerned.

Creameries

There are three cooperative creameries which do a large share of the business in St. Croix County. These and two others from the surrounding territory have, for several months, been working on a plan for consolidation into one organization. We were asked by all three in this County to cooperate with them in the educational phases of the movement prior to the time each put it up to their membership for a vote. This we did on numerous occasions. All three have since voted. Two voted to go into the merger. The third had a favorable vote, but did not have a large enough number of the patrons voting. They plan to vote again in the near future.

Pure Milk Products Cooperative

Some months ago, we were approached by several patrons of our largest privately owned Creamery in the County for assistance in setting up a local of Pure Milk Products Cooperative. We held several meetings during the winter months, attended by various farmers and business men in that area, at which possibilities of organizing were discussed. Finally it was decided to go ahead, and in less than a month, over 200 patrons were signed up as members. On April 30th, an organizational meeting was held and a local board of Directors elected.

Cash Crops Cooperative

During the past several months we've also been holding several meetings attempting to organize Cash Crops Cooperative. This has met with varying success in different parts of the County. In some areas farmers have signed up almost 100%. In other areas the signing up has been slow. However, more than 100 members have signed up, and no doubt more will be signed up in the future.

St. Croix County Breeders Cooperative

Our Breeders Cooperative which was organized last year has continued to grow rapidly. On April 24th, at the completion of one years service, approximately 375 St. Croix County farmer members signed up to breed 5,000 cows. Since starting the Cooperative has been located in the County Agent's Office. Present plans, however, call for the organization to move to quarters of its own. Four inseminators have been employed since January 1st to handle the larger volume of business.

St. Croix County Cooperative D.H.I.A.

The Cooperative D.H.I.A. has continued to operate out of the County Agent's Office. However present plans call for it to also move out and to find quarters with the Breeder's Cooperative. The organization now has about 110 members and employs one field man.

County Council of Cooperatives

On May 6th, we called a meeting of managers and directors of all the cooperatives in St. Croix County, 13 in all. Twelve were represented at the meeting, with a total attendance of over 50. At this meeting we outlined a rather ambitious program of Cooperative Education for St. Croix County. Plans suggested called for the formation of a County Council of Cooperatives. Through this organization all the Cooperatives of the County could jointly sponsor and finance a strong educational program. This might include the hiring of a full time educational director.

Regardless of what the outcome might be, we feel a great deal was accomplished by the act of bringing all the various boards together. To our knowledge, this is the first time all of these boards have met on any joint program.

PROGRAM OF WORK
1947 - St. Croix Co. Extension Office

Major Problem - Dairy.

Phase of Work -

1. Dairy Herd Improvement Association
2. Artificial breeding
3. Quality improvement
4. Disease control
5. Efficient production

Goals -

1. Expand D.H.I.A. program to 250 members.
2. Expand Artificial Breeding Association membership.
3. Encourage more and better milk houses.
4. Encourage better milking practices.
5. Educate farmers on latest disease control recommendations.
6. Develop more and better 4-H projects.
7. Assist on new and remodeled dairy barns.
8. Encourage systematic culling to balance herds with home grown feed supplies.

Major Problem - Youth

Phase of Work -

1. Mainly 4-H, but also rural school, F.F.A. and older youth.

Goals -

1. 40 clubs.
2. 600 members.
3. 80% achievement.
4. 800 projects.
5. 4-H Club Leaders Council.
6. Demonstrations -- Speaking Contest -- Music.
7. Other activities such as camps, fairs, etc.
8. Carry out special program on poultry in River Falls area.

Major Problem - Soil Management.

Phase of Work -

1. Soil Conservation
 - a. Education of youth
 - b. Farmer participation
 - c. Community consciousness of problem
2. Fertilizers
 - a. Demonstrations
 - b. Education

Goals -

1. County-wide meeting emphasizing soil conservation.
2. Encourage and develop soil conservation as 4-H project.
3. Discuss soil management at various farmer meetings.
4. Cooperate with Soil Conservation District on:
 - a. Tours
 - b. Demonstrations (fertilizer and otherwise)
 - c. Educational meetings
5. Fertilizer demonstrations, especially plow-sole.
6. Work with rural schools on soil management.

Coming into the County, as the Agent did late June, most of his time was utilized in assisting with the 4-H work and activities. However, several projects and problems were worked on, which concerned the whole Agricultural economy of the County.

SOILS

The soil is basic in our agricultural program, and yet some land is farmed as though the supply of good top soil and plant nutrients were inexhaustable. It is the measured opinion of your county agent that far too large an acreage is devoted to growing of corn in this County. It takes nature 4 or 500 years to build an inch of topsoil, yet in a flash, torrential rain, such as we experienced last June 26th, washed away several inches of topsoil on many farms in just a few minutes. Land in corn, at that time, suffered most heavily. The rolling topography of much of our land, combined with corn growing, encourages too much soil erosion.

GRASS

An Answer to the Erosion Problem.

Some few farmers of the County have adopted a "Grassland Type of Agriculture". Many more farmers would benefit from more grass; both in greater net profits and more soil conserved. With this thought in mind, all the agricultural agencies of the County, the County Extension Department cooperating, planned a tour of the Soil Conservation Experiment Station at La Crosse. One hundred thirty-five people from our county made the trip. There we observed what renovated pastures, terraces and strip cropping can do on rolling farm land. Much favorable comment on the educational value of this trip has come to our attention. A score or more farmers came back from this tour and have done something about their pastures. It is the hope of your county agent that several pasture renovation field days can be promoted next spring. Educational work on an individual basis has also been carried on in getting out information on better legume grass seeding mixtures for our hayfields.

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

During the current year the Soil Conservation Service has had four full time and one part time men employed. The soil conservation practices have been adopted so well by county farmers that the Service has been "hard put" to keep up with the demands for assistance.

The county agent has cooperated fully with the Soils Service in spreading the gospel of saving soil. Two recent field days, one held on the Raymond McNamara farm, town of Stanton, and the other on the Arnold Wikkerink farm, town of Hammond, drew about 600 farmers.

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE (Cont.)

At these field days, the Soil Conservation Service, with the cooperation of County machinery dealers, built four terraces on one farm, and a drainage ditch several hundred feet long on the other. Ted Myren, Soils Conservation Farm Planner, stated that he had 20 new requests for assistance as a result of these demonstrations.

At these two field days, the county agent promoted clean plowing demonstrations, with the assistance of machinery dealers, for the purpose of demonstrating how clean plowing and covering the corn stalks, aids in the control of corn borer. We also made arrangements with an Illinois firm, which put on an airplane dusting demonstration, for corn borer control. In addition, the three Lime Companies of Roberts, River Falls, and Wilson demonstrated the spreading of ground limestone on freshly plowed fields at these field days.

CROPS

Small Grains.

Oats is the chief small grain grown in St. Croix County. This year many farmers have become quite concerned in the high infestations of root rot in their Vicland oats fields. In line with state recommendations that Vicland oats should not be grown for two consecutive years on the same piece of ground, and that all oats seed should be treated with mercury dusts, or the formaldehyde treatment, the agent has so counselled with dozens of farmers individually and at a meeting of the Veteran Trainees at Baldwin.

Clinton Oats have been recommended as being resistant to the root rot and many farmers will try some of this variety in '48. A local elevator has a carload of Clinton oats, for seed, on hand for next season.

The new variety of spring wheat, Henry, has proven a wonderful yielder in the county. Many farmers have reported yields of 30 bushels per acre and over. We have talked about this wheat on every occasion possible. When one considers that a 30 bushel or over yield gives a ton or better of grain, it is worth serious thought. Wheat fills well in the dairy ration and is unexcelled for poultry feeding. It requires a good deal less labor than a corn crop, and does not encourage nearly as much soil erosion. Along with its high yielding ability, it is resistant to smut and rust. We shall continue to recommend it highly.

SPOONER STATION FIELD DAY

Your county agent released publicity concerning this event, which was attended by more than 40 farmers from the county. Coming just a week after the St. Croix County tour of the La Crosse experiment station, our representation was smaller than expected. At this Station Day we received valuable information on the relative merit of different varieties of small grains, soybeans and potatoes.

BARLEY CONTEST

In cooperation with the Wisconsin State Brewers Association, we held a county barley contest. There were 16 county farmers registered in the spring, but only 9 were able to bring in their exhibits when the show was held, August 8th. The lateness of the growing season made it impossible for all registrants to bring in a bushel sample. Judging was done by Walter Karnes, chairman of the Agricultural Committee, and Roy Wolf, Nolen Niccum, Merton Timmerman, Tom Madden, all Vocational Agricultural Teachers. Cash prizes were provided by the Brewers Association. Three \$20.00 first prizes were awarded to John Ruemmele, Frank Donahue, C.I. Thoreson; two \$10.00 second prizes to Ernest Wichelmann and John Donahue; and two \$5.00 third prizes to Urban Germain and Douglas Goodrich. The five first and second prize winning exhibits were sent to the Wisconsin State fair to compete with other entries from the state. No prizes won there.

FORAGE AND PASTURE CROPS

No meetings have been held on this important topic in the four and one half months that we have been in the county. Plans are to hold meetings during the winter months, stressing pasture and hay seeding mixtures. However, individual conferences were held with a good many office callers recommending the use of Ladino clover and Brome grass in seeding mixtures. Brome grass and alfalfa grow exceedingly well together; brome comes into the field as the alfalfa thins out, being much more productive than timothy.

WEEDS

Certain areas of the county have a decided problem in the heavy wild radish infestation. Mr. George Cutler who lives north of Hammond on "T", has a power sprayer with a 40 foot boom, and has done considerable spraying of the radish on his own farm. He has used the weed killer known as "Sincox" with fairly good success. Sincox can be sprayed on weeds growing in grain fields, taking out the weeds without harming the grain. However, all the weed killers destroy wide leaved plants, such as clover and alfalfa, so grain field spraying must be done when the fields are not seeded down. Another weed killer - 2-4-D has similiar action as the "Sincox", but is powerful enough to give fairly good control on Canadian thistle. Farmers are using these weed killers on a rather small scale at present. Much educational work is necessary to secure wider adaption of these practices. Meetings are planned for this winter. In as much as the roadsides of this, and every other county, are generally infested with troublesome weeds, it might be in order for townships, or the county, to consider ownership of power sprayers to control these roadside weeds. If the different governing units took the initiative in such a program, farmer cooperation could more easily be secured.

CASH CROPS

The former county agent, Mr. Omer Peck, worked with cash crop growers in assisting them to organize a county unit of statewide Cash Crops Cooperative. Your present agent has met with this group on two occasions to map plans to secure a more equitable part of the canning crops dollar. A three county meeting, with their new manager, W.E. Black, has been called for November 13th, at the Hammond Village Hall.

LIVESTOCK

Many farmers do an excellent job of raising hay and grain crops, and then fail in doing an efficient job of feeding these crops to livestock. St. Croix county derives almost two thirds of its agricultural income from dairying in the form of milk, cows sold for beef, and veal. The average butterfat production of all dairy cows in the county is about 220 pounds. When one considers that there are many entire herds averaging over 300 and some up to 400 pounds fat, it indicates that many cows are producing far below the 220 pound average. Under present economic conditions it takes 200 pounds of butterfat per cow to pay the cost of feed, depreciation on buildings, interest on the investment, and other incidentals. Thus, it would appear that many cows are not making much money for their owners.

COUNTY COOPERATIVE D.H.I.A.

For the last two years this organization has functioned in the County. At times its financial condition has been rather poor. The county agent has met with this board of directors on many occasions to lay plans to get it on a firmer footing. To this end, five meetings with J.E. Stallard of the Dairy Husbandry department assisting, and four meetings conducted by the county agent have been held to acquaint farmers with the plans of testing cows for butterfat production. New memberships are beginning to come in, and an increased volume of business should solve the associations financial difficulties. At the present time, the association has 95 members with 1,580 cows. Testing cows - culling the poor producers not only will increase the level of production, but save on feed as well, and make the dairyman more net profit. We shall continue to push this project at every opportunity.

ARTIFICIAL BREEDING ASSOCIATION

Just as cow testing is an important tool in dairying, improved breeding is even more vital. This cooperative offers breeding service from an outstanding string of proven sires, none below 400 pounds of butterfat, and some over the 600 pound mark. We have met with the directors of this organization a great many times assisting them in matters of policy, hiring a manager and bookkeeper, and two new inseminators. We have discussed this improved method of breeding at eight meetings, and several new members have signed for service. Today's membership totals 497 dairymen, with 6,134 cows in the program.

DAIRY CATTLE RATIONS

Many farmers calling at the office have been given assistance in planning a properly balanced dairy grain ration, based on the type of roughage which they have available on their home farms. In view of the probable shortage of whole grains in the Nation, it is most important to balance these feeds with high protein supplements to get full value from the starchy grain feeds.

SHEEP

Sheep numbers are down in the county again this year, but interest among the sheep men in securing high quality breeding rams was good. Arrangements and publicity were handled by the office to hold the Annual College of Agriculture Ram Truck Sale on the Ronald Casey farm near New Richmond. Fifteen fine breeding rams were purchased by county sheep breeders.

HOGS

Only a few requests have come in concerning rations for hogs, and what drugs are recommended for worming them.

T.V.A. FERTILIZER PROJECT

A new project is about to get under way in the county. This will be a whole farm fertilizer demonstration sponsored by the Federal government through the T.V.A., the College of Agriculture, the County Extension Service, and the Soil Conservation Service cooperating. We have been allotted a total of six farms. The project will be spread over five years, with the government supplying phosphat fertilizer free, except for the freight, plus a \$5.00 a ton handling charge which remains in the county to administer the program. These farmers must agree to buy lime and potash as soil test indicate, maintain check and separate fertilizer plots, keep farm accounts, follow a good dairy breeding program, belong to a cow testing association and generally follow good farming practices. These farms will be available for community meetings so that neighboring farmers can actually see the results of different fertilizer treatments. The phosphate is applied only to land that is seeded down to legume hay or pasture crops. During the five year period the whole farm will receive fertilizer treatments. The Veteran Trainors and the Agricultural Committee, with the county agent, met recently to pick these six farms.

To date, a farm has been selected in each of these townships; Somerset, Troy, Springfield, Eau Galle, and Emerald. One more farm remains to be chosen, somewhere in the center of the county. This program will get under way next spring.

VETERAN "ON THE FARM TRAINEES"

This office has worked closely with the Agriculture teachers and the Veteran Trainors in the county. We now have six full time Veteran Trainors in the county, each having 20 or more veterans in his group, plus the regular Vocational Agricultural Instructors, who have three or four Trainees. We have met monthly, sometimes oftener, with other members of the County U.S.D.A. Council to plan educational tours, line up specialists from the University for meetings, and discuss county agricultural problems. At these meetings we discuss our common problems and get the group's approval on the course we are to follow.

The county agent has also been designated the manager of the Purebred Holstein Bull Sale. This project is sponsored by the Holstein Breeders Association, they furnish bull calves to the Future Farmer boys of the Glenwood, Baldwin, and New Richmond Agriculture departments. These F.F.A. members grow out these calves and offer them at auctions in November. The sale was held on November 5th, at Hammond this year. Fourteen purebred yearling sires averaged about \$220.00 a piece at the sale. We handled the publicity, and the responsibility of getting auction bills and sales catalogues compiled and printed.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

A fine working relationship exists between the County Superintendent's office and the Agricultural Extension office. On two occasions we have been privileged to address the county teachers body during their conventions. Topics discussed were "What the Agricultural Extension office has to offer Farmers", and "D.H.I.A. Work and what it can Mean to Dairymen".

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Special Fair Committee.

We have met three times with the special committee of county board members appointed to look into the question of a permanent location for the St. Croix County Youth fair. On request of the chairman of that committee, Mr. John Ruemmele, we have called a meeting of the 4-H leaders to meet with the committee, and sent letters to all 4-H leaders, asking them to indicate where they felt the fair should be located to best serve the people of the county.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF COOPERATIVES

Attended three meetings of this group and handled publicity, calling a meeting to work out a plan whereby all county cooperatives would join together to finance an educational director to represent all the associations.

A.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING

Met with the community A.C.A. committee men at their annual meeting and talked on the need for more D.H.I.A. work in the county, and explained the county cooperative plan on cow testing.

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of October, 1947.

E. E. Anderson

COUNTY AGENT'S STATISTICAL SUMMARY NOV. 1, 1946 - OCT. 31, 1947
 Omer Peck (resigned), E.E. Anderson

Days in office	110.25
Days in field	139.75
Miles traveled	10,892
Days Annual Leave, E.E. Anderson	4.5
Days sick leave, E.E. Anderson	0
Days devoted to Work with Adults	169.50
Days Devoted to 4-H Clubs and older youth	90.50
Number Farm and Home Visits made	279
Number of different farms visited	189
Number of office callers	3031
Number of telephone calls	2861
Number of news articles published	68
Bulletins distributed	2727
Radio talks	1
Leader training meetings	28
Number in attendance	501
Method demonstration meetings	11
Number in attendance	2325
Tours conducted	3
Number in attendance	350
Achievement days held	1
Number in attendance	350
4-H Camping tours	3
Number in attendance	328
Other meetings of an Extension nature	137
Number in attendance	9711
Days specialists assisted in county	41

Specialists from University of Wisconsin, College of Agriculture,
 and others assisting in St. Croix County Agricultural Extension Program.

George Werner
 Martin Anderson
 Gerald Annin
 Ike Hall
 Mr. Habercorn
 Rex Ebert
 Charles Peterson
 Charles Brace
 A. O. Collentine
 J. E. Stallard
 W. E. Black
 James Lacey
 R. E. Fisher
 W. Purdue
 P. I. Higley
 W. McNeel
 L. S. Sorden
 Lyle Lampheer

Ben Rusy
 George Briggs
 George Baunester
 Dr. Spencer
 Verne Varney
 E. H. Fisher
 J. G. Milword
 H. Shands
 Art Strokman
 C. O. Rydberg
 H. Ahlgren
 A. R. Alberts
 George Wright
 W. A. Rowlands
 O. Hays
 Art Pope
 Jackson, Dept. of Agric.
 Ray Harris

Al Cramer
 Davidson, Central Co-op
 Shipping Association.

BOYS & GIRLS 4-H CLUB WORK

4-H Club work stands for-

I pledge my Head for clearer thinking,
my Heart for greater loyalty
my Hands for larger service
my Health for better living
for my home, my club, my community and my country.

In accordance with the ideas of the Agricultural Committee on the importance of 4-H Club work in the Extension Program, expressed at the time your present County Agent was hired, more than 55 per cent of the Agent's time and effort was devoted to this phase of the work.

At the time your County Agent took over the position, June 16th, 1947, 4-H activities were at their peak.

4-H MOBILIZATION

A mimeographed pamphlet on 4-H work was sent to all schools in the County. It was followed up a month later with a letter and a card to return with the following information:

Is there interest to organize a 4-H club in the community?
Number of boys over 10 years old.
Number of girls over 10 years old.
Suggested folks to contact as leaders.

Eight new clubs were the results. Seven clubs participated in a window display contest during mobilization week. Most of the weekly papers in the County put in full or part page advertisements on 4-H club work. There are a total of 492 club members in 32 clubs.

4-H COUNCIL

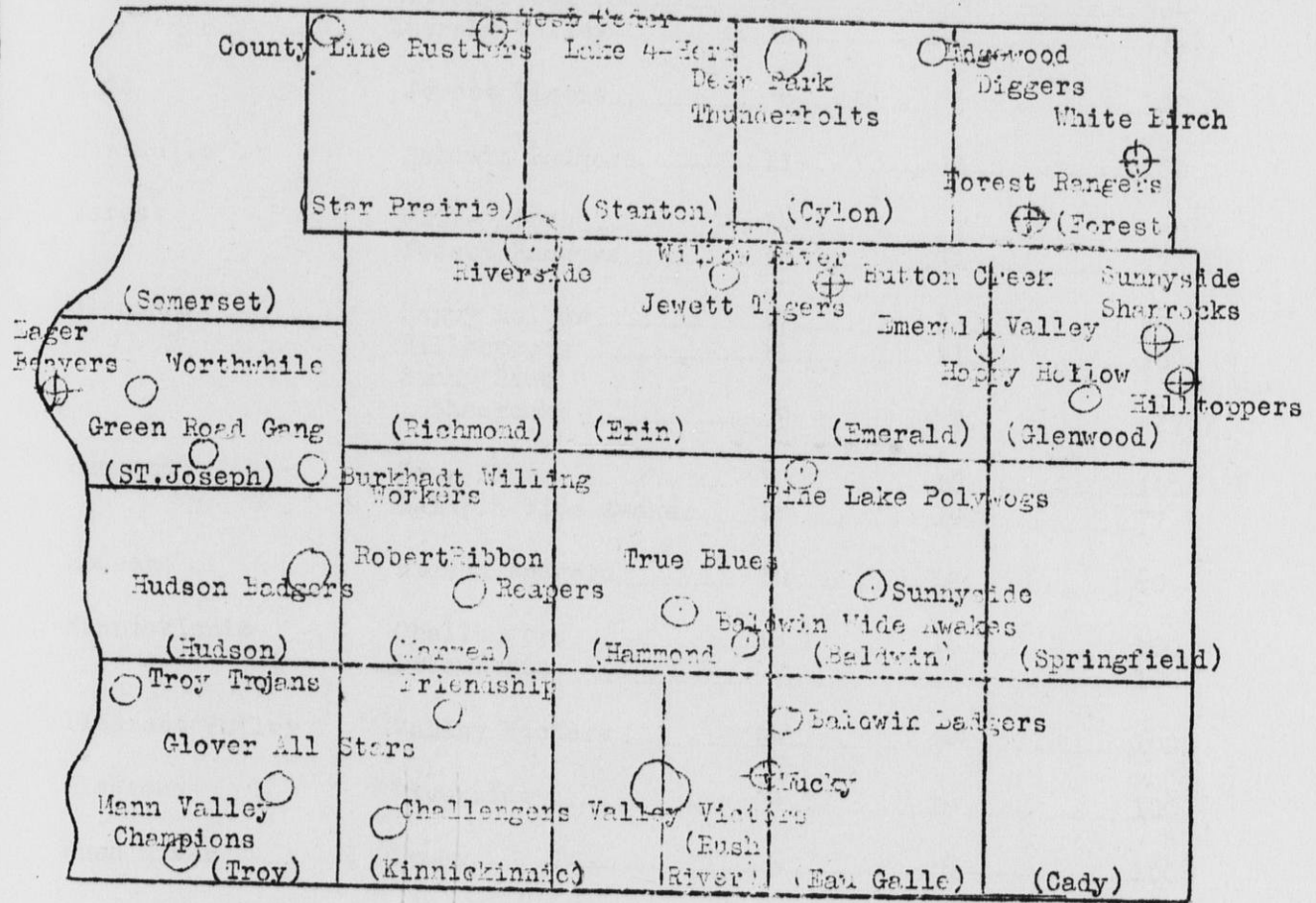
The County 4-H Council is made up of 13 members. Three individuals, an adult leader, a junior leader and a club officer from each of the four districts, and the president from the previous year. The Council sets the dates and makes plans for all major club activities and leader meetings for the year.

Officers of the Council are:

Bernice Bosman, President
Jeanette McPheters, Secretary

Four series of leader meetings were held to acquaint leaders with coming club programs - correct record books, and give leaders help with local club programs. Attendance of meetings were increased by having recreation and refreshments at these meetings. The meetings are held at New Richmond, Baldwin, Hudson, and Glenwood. The Annual leaders banquet and party was held at Roberts with 25 leaders present.

4-H CLUBS OF ST. CROIX COUNTY 1947



⊕ New Clubs -- 1947

Total 4-H Clubs	32	Total Membership	492
Total Boys Enrolled	255	Total Jr. Leaders	39
Total Girls Enrolled	237	Total Adult Leaders	48

1947 ST. CROIX COUNTY 4-H CLUB STATISTICS

Township	Name of Club	Total Enr.	Total Ach.	Percentage Ach.
Baldwin	Sunnyside	15	10	66.6
	Pine Lake Polywogs	11	11	100
Cylon	Deer Park Thunder- bolts	16	12	75
	Edgewood Diggers	7	7	100
Emerald	Hutton Creek	14	9	64
	Emerald Valley	18	14	77.7
Erin	Jewett Tigers	6	6	100
Eau Galle	Baldwin Badgers	11	11	100
Forest	White Birch	14	7	50
	Forest Rangers	15	11	73
Glenwood	Happy Hollow	17	13	76.8
	Hilltoppers	11	11	100
	Sunny Side Shamrocks	9	7	77.7
Hammond	True Blues	10	10	100
	Baldwin Wide Awake	18	14	77.7
Hudson	Hudson Badgers	30	18	60
Kinnickinnic	Challengers	16	16	100
	Friendship	7	7	100
Pleasant Valley	Valley Victors	24	24	100
Richmond	Riverside	24	24	100
Rush River	Lucky	6	6	100
St. Joseph	Worthwhile	13	13	100
	Burkhardt Willing Workers	11	11	100
	Eager Beavers	18	8	43
	Greens Road Gang	15	15	100
Star Prairie	County Line Rustlers	10	9	90
	West Cedar Lake	10	0	0
Stanton	Willow River	35	35	100
Troy	Troy Trojans	12	12	100
	Glover All Stars	17	17	100
	Mann Valley Champions	15	15	100
	Individuals	2	2	100
Warren	Roberts Ribbon Reapers	30	23	76.6
	Total	487	408	84

ST. CROIX COUNTY 4-H ADULT & JUNIOR LEADERS
1947

* Jr. Leaders

- BALDWIN BADGERS:**
Art Hanson
Mrs. Julius Nelson
- BALDWIN WIDE AWAKE:**
Bill Schafer
* Mary Chryst
* Ethel Bohne
- CHALLENGERS:**
Mrs. A. B. Fuller
* Beola & Kelma Fuller
- COUNTY LINE RUSTLERS:**
Mrs. C. Dollery
* Blaire Dollery
- EDGEWOOD DIGGERS:**
Mrs. Ben Felland
Mrs. Carl Thompson
* Donna Thompson
- EMERALD 4-H:**
Mrs. W. A. Schnitzler
Mr. & Mrs. Noel Moe
- FRIENDSHIP:**
Bonita Louise Fuller
- GLOVER ALL-STARS:**
Mrs. Wm. Jenson
* Donald Jenson
* Wm. Schultz
* Peggy Smith
* Phyllis Anding
- GREEN'S ROAD GANG:**
Mrs. Ted Froehner
* Leona Dahlke
* Maxine Lindstrom
- HAPPY VALLEY:**
Mr. & Mrs. Harrie Sarinske
* Kenneth Schouten
* Pauline Sachsenmair
- HUDSON BADGERS:**
David Kelly
* Mike Kinny
* Francis Katner
- JEWETT TIGERS:**
Mrs. Evelyn Wilbur
- MANN VALLEY CHAMPIONS:**
Mrs. Emmett Jenson
Mrs. Severt Carlson
- PINE LAKE POLYWOGS:**
Mrs. Bernard Bosman
* Bernice Bosman
- RIVERSIDE:**
Mrs. Thomas Olson
Mr. Wesley Sandmann
Mr. Ed Eckstrom
* Hazel & Edith Olson
* Vivian Sandmann
* Rozella Strege
* Maxine Orf
- ROBERTS:**
Paul Rundell
Mrs. Otto Holden
- SUNNYSIDE:**
Earl Simmelink
- THUNDERBOLTS:**
Mrs. Harold Espe
Mrs. Wm. Thompson
* Charlene Isaacson
- TROY TROJANS:**
Ed Day
Mrs. Jake Ruummele
* Shirley Ryan
* James Ruummele
* Tom Marson
- TRUE BLUE:**
Mrs. Ruth Hop
Mrs. Harold I. Olson
* Mary Olson
* Audrey Edwards
- VALLEY VICTORS:**
Mrs. Herman Afdahl
* Herbert & Ardyce Afdahl
- WILLOW RIVER:**
Mr & Mrs. Lud Krampert
* Marilyn Kringle

4-H CLUB LEADERS (Cont.)

<p>LUCKY: Donald Walden</p> <p>FOREST RANGERS: Mrs. Raymond Keller Mrs. Oliver Winberg Mrs. Morris Hanson</p> <p>HILLTOPPERS: Mr. & Mrs. Bob Luepke, Jr. * Delores Zielsdorf</p> <p>EAGER BEAVERS: Mrs. Victor Prescott</p>	<p>SUNNYSIDE SHAMROCKS: Mrs. John Knops</p> <p>WEST CEDAR LAKE: Charles Demulling * Floradell Demulling</p> <p>HUTTON CREEK: Mrs. Phil Bauer</p> <p>WHITE BIRCH: David Blomberg Mrs. Burton Smith</p>
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4-H PROJECTS

4-H members are to choose at least one project for the year, complete the requirements of that project, make an exhibit, and fill out a record book. Members were urged to take fewer projects and complete them, rather than enrolling in more than they could handle.

The following table shows the enrollment by projects:

Beef Project	19
Bees	3
Canning Crops	12
Colt Project	3
Controlling Weeds	8
Corn Project	15
Dairy Project	118
Farm and Home Service	7
Farm Records	2
Forestry	2
Fruit Project	4
Garden	76
Grain Project	43
Insect Study	2
Handicraft Project	35
Home Grounds Improvement	33
Pig Project	38
Potatoe Project	24
Poultry Project	25
Sheep Project	24
Using Electricity	13
Clothing Project	130
Food Preservation	38
Foods and Nutrition	80
Home Furnishings	11
School Lunch	7
Wild Life Management	3
Soil Conservation	1

RECREATION TRAINING MEETING HELD

A 4-H recreation training meeting was held at Woodville in May. Wilbur Leatherman, specialist in the field of recreation, took charge of the program. Folk dances, games and songs were taught, to be used in local club programs. More of these meetings are being planned.

ANNUAL 4-H CLUB CAMP

The Annual 4-H club camp was held at Camp St. Croix - South of Hudson. It is a joint camping project of Pierce, Pepin, Dunn and St. Croix Counties. About 150 club members attended, with 40 members coming from St. Croix County. Four College of Agriculture Extension specialists were on the list of staff members. This type of gathering is a wonderful experience for club members, as they not only gain information in project work, but have excellent recreational facilities, plus the enriching experiences gained in associating with people from other areas. This business of learning to get along with other people and having to abide by community rules, is probably one of the greatest benefits that come out of 4-H club work.

17 CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND DISTRICT 4-H CAMP

15 St. Croix County 4-H boys and girls and two adult leaders, Mrs. Noel Moe and Miss Catherine Hennessy, attended the District 4-H camp at Chetek in June.

Mary Jean Schafer was sent to take part in the Safety Speaking contest. James Ruemmele, Phyllis Anding, and Audrey Edwards represented the County in the music contest. Half of the expenses were paid for adult leaders to promote their interest in attending the camp. The camp is a leadership training camp for leaders and older members.

4-H JUDGING & DEMONSTRATION CONTEST

The contest, held again this year at the New Richmond High School, is for the purpose of selecting by competition and elimination, the outstanding club members to represent the County in District and State fair competition. Individual judges, demonstration individuals and teams from a large majority of the 32 County clubs participated.

A total of 30 Agricultural demonstrations were presented. The team demonstration portraying the methods used in milk testing by Jack Drazler and Bernard Jeske of the Hulltoppers Club was selected to compete in the District contest held at the Northern Wisconsin District fair at Chippewa Falls. They received a second placing at Chippewa and were thus eliminated from State fair competition.

Mike Kinney of Hudson Badgers won in Agriculture individual and represented the County in the District contest with his demonstration on "Correct Use of Electricity", of the 13 Home Economic demonstrations. A team demonstration on washing a sweater given by Shirley

4-H Judging & Demonstration Contest (Continued)

Jeske and Marjorie Draxler, Hilltoppers Club, and the individual demonstration on Fruit and Vegetable Salads given by Pauline Sachsenmaier, Happy Hollow Club, represented the girls in the district contest. The team received third place and the two individuals second. Pauline received first place in the District Safety demonstration contest, and was entered in the State contest.

Eighteen boys entered the Dairy Cattle Judging Contest, held at the County Asylum farm. Tom Marson, of the Troy Trojans and Duane Hansen of the Baldwin Badgers won the honor of representing the County at the State fair. Marson won a blue ribbon in dairy cattle judging at the State fair, placing 7th in the state wide contest in which nearly 200 club members competed.

SPECIAL ACTIVITY CONTEST

In addition to carrying a project, 4-H members can take part in various contests and events to win special trips.

Participants and winners of contests were as follows:

Safety Speaking Contest - 12 entrants.

Winner - - - Mary Jean Schafer, Worthwhile Club

Music Contest - 25 entrants.

3 winners - Phyllis Anding, Glover All Stars
Audrey Edwards, True Blues.
James Ruenmele, Troy Trojans (Selected from
Troy Trojan Chorus which was rated first)

Demonstration Contest - 23 demonstrations.

Winners - - Pauline Sachsenmaier, Happy Hollow. Home
Economics Individual and Safety winner.
Mike Kinney, Hudson Badgers - Agriculture
individual
Bernard Jeske & Jack Draxler, Hilltoppers
Agriculture team.
Shirley Jeske & Marjorie Draxler, Hilltop-
pers- Home Economics team.

Judging Contest

Food Preservation - 21 entrants

Winner - - Winnifred Olson, True Blue

Foods and Nutrition - 23 entrants.

Winner - - Vivian Sandmann, Riverside

Clothing - 23 entrants

Winner - - Eileen Voskuil, True Blue

Dairy - 18 entrants.

Winners - - Duane Hanson, Baldwin Badgers
Tom Marson, Troy Trojans

SPECIAL ACTIVITY CONTEST (Cont.)

Window Display Contest (4-H Mobilization week) - 7 clubs participating.
Winner - Emerald Valley 4-H Club.

Two district elimination contests were held for the music and speaking contests on each side of the County. A final contest was held for each. 50 people attended the final speaking contest at Baldwin which was held as a radio broadcast. 140 folks attended the final music contest at Hudson. Novelty numbers were contributed to both events.

4-H PICNIC

The 4-H picnic was held at River Falls during July, in the midst of haying season, and was still attended by more than 200 club members, leaders and parents. Verne Varney, State 4-H Leader, assisted the St. Croix County Agents with the program. Awards were given to the clubs with the most present and highest percentage present.

ST. CROIX COUNTY YOUTH FAIR

The St. Croix County Youth Fair was held at Hammond, August 11, 12, and 13. Approximately 400 of a total of 492 club members exhibited at this show. The agricultural exhibits included more than 130 dairy and beef animals, 30 pens of sheep and hogs, 28 cages of poultry, numbering about 80 birds, 4 colts, and scores of grain, potato and garden exhibits. The Home Economics exhibits were unusually large.

The 4-H members presented a program of singing, instrumental, and other numbers to a crowd of more than 3000 people, the second night of the show. The dress revue of 27 4-H girls' modeling garments made in the clothing project was held at this time. Two girls were picked to represent St. Croix County in the State Dress Revue Contest.

The parade of twelve 4-H club floats and the livestock, climaxed the 1947 fair.

Many favorable comments were heard about the high quality of the exhibits, and the general atmosphere of the fair. The exceedingly fine cooperation of the members of the Agricultural Committee and Nolen Niccum, Merton Timmerman, Roy Wolf, and Walter Klanderma, Agricultural teachers, and Naomi Holzer, Home Economics teacher, made the fair the success that it was. The men worked seven days each, setting up the fair properties, acting as superintendents and cleaning up the debris after the fair was over.

With interest in 4-H work mounting in the County, and with the general high quality of the exhibits, it is the hope of the Extension staff that more and better housing facilities will be made available for future youth fairs.

WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

Each of the County Extension Agents transported a load of 4-H contestants to the State fair. Nine club members made the trip. St. Croix County was most creditably represented in the different judging events, winning 3 blue, 2 red, and 1 white ribbon awards.

The prizes and ratings of St. Croix County's participants were as follows:

Tom Marson - Dairy Cattle judging - first award.
Eileen Voskuil - Clothing judging - third award.
Vivian Sandmann - Foods judging - second award.
Winnifred Olson - Food Preservation judging - first award.
Shirley Ryan - Cotton Dress Revue - first award.
Doris Schnitzler - Wool Dress Revue - second award.
Duane Hanson - Dairy cattle judging
James Ruemmele was selected from District camp to take part
in State Chorus.
Pauline Sachsenmaier - selected from District contest at
Chippewa Falls to give Safety demonstration (titled "Ster-
ilization and Home Nursing") in the State contest.

NORTHWEST JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

This show was held at Eau Claire, September 29, 30, and October 1st. Twelve steers, nine barrows and seven wethers were exhibited by our County Juniors. Allan Owens, Valley Victor 4-H Club won a special award of \$25.00, offered by the Wisconsin Hereford Association for showing the best Wisconsin bred Hereford steer, also 6th place in the Senior calf class, and received 41 cents a pound for his animal, the third highest selling price on steers in the show.

We met with the New Richmond Kiwanis Club and the County Feed dealers, asking them to attend the sale and support the bidding on the County project animals. These organizations and many individual business firms of New Richmond, were in a large measure responsible for the good prices received by our County exhibitors.

HUDSON ELK CLUBS FALL FESTIVAL

The Saturday night program was partly given over to entertainment numbers provided by members of County 4-H clubs. The County Agent acted as master of ceremonies on this occasion.

4-H PROJECT TRAINING MEETINGS HELD

156 4-H women leaders and girls attended four project training meetings held at Hudson, Baldwin, Glenwood and New Richmond. Demonstrations were given on the Foods and Nutritions, Food Preservation, and Clothing projects. Record books were explained and help given leaders in filling them out. These meetings are of great help to leaders and members in that they show them what quality and type of product to strive to make.

4-H MEMBERS REACH HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT EVER
REACHED IN ST. CROIX COUNTY

4-H Achievement Day was held at the New Richmond High School on Saturday, October 25th. At this time all club members that successfully completed their projects received achievement pins. 84 % of the club members completed their projects and made a public exhibit. It is the highest percentage of achievement ever to be reached in St. Croix County. Outstanding members in each project received honorary awards. Clubs received Achievement certificates on which they were rated for Achievement, organization, activities and club program. Twenty five new club leaders and assistant club leaders received first year leadership pins and certificates. Clubs brought their lunch at noon. Ice cream was furnished by the New Richmond Kiwanis club. Mr. W. McPeel was present for the exercises. Movies taken at the Hammond Youth Fair were shown. Various club members contributed musical selections and stunts for the program.

The Valley Victors Club lead by Mrs. Herman Afdahl was selected as the outstanding club of 1947. Their participation in all County activities plus a well organized club program, rated them this honor.

The outstanding members in each project were selected as follows:

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| Boy Junior Leader | Bill Schafer, Worthwhile Club |
| Girl Junior Leader | Leona Dahlke, Greens Road Gang |
| Agriculture Member | Tom Marson, Troy Trojans |
| Home Economics Member | Vivian Sandmann, Riverside |
| Dairy Production Member | Dennis Kinney, Hudson Badgers |
| Dairy Members | (Caroline Wynveen, Baldwin Wide Awake
(Richard Hanson, Valley Victors
(Donald Jensen, Glover All Stars |
| Meat Animal Member | Mary Olson, True Blue |
| Garden Members | (Pauline Sachsermaier, Happy Hollow
(Edith Olsen, Riverside
(Wm. Schoenwetter, Emerald Valley
(David Afdahl, Valley Victors |
| Home Grounds Improvement | Beverly Peterson, Hilltoppers |
| Handicraft Member | Carl Thompson, Edgewood |
| Farm & Home Service Member | Eugene Nelson, Valley Victors |
| Using Electricity Member | Robert Orf, Worthwhile |
| Poultry Members | (Fern Saakstra, Pine Lake Polywogs
(Donald Lindstrom, Greens Road Gang
(Leona Dahlke, Greens Road Gang
(Duane R. Moe, Emerald Valley
(Caroline Wynveen, Baldwin Wide Awake |
| Field Crops Member | William Schafer, Worthwhile |
| Clothing Member | Kelma Fuller, Challengers |
| Food & Nutrition Member | Vivian Sandmann, Riverside |
| Food Preservation Member | Beverly Hop, True Blue |
| Frozen Foods Member | Ardyce Afdahl, Valley Victors |
| Dress Revue Members | (Beverly Rudd, Hutton Creek
(Shirley Ryan, Troy Trojans
(Doris Schnitzler, Emerald Valley |

The outstanding members (Cont.)

Dress Revue Members (cont.)Beverly Hop, True Blue
Eileen Voskuil, True Blue
Audrey Edwards, True Blue
Rita Ruemmele, Troy Trojans
Joan Slater, Glover All Stars
Margaret O'Connell, Valley
Victors
Marjorie Krumm, Willow River
Marilyn Kringle, Willow River
Winifred Hop, True Blue

Each year there are club members who have reached their 21st birthday and can no longer participate in club work as members. Three members who received their completion certificate from the State Club Office are:

Eugene McPheters - Worthwhile Club
Orvin Peterson - Valley Victors
Eugene Nelson - Valley Victors

MISCELLANEOUS 4-H ACTIVITIES

Your county agent:

Conducted three calf fitting demonstrations at different club gatherings.

Gave a demonstration of how to prepare grain bundle exhibits at the Green Roads Gang Club.

Met with a group at County Line school to give ideas and suggestions on organizing a new club.

Met with special county board committee on fair locations on several occasions to discuss possible fair sites.

Attended meetings of five 4-H clubs and gave a talk on different phases of the work.

Called a meeting of all 4-H leaders to assist in evaluating the record books.

Visited farms of Roberts Ribbon Reapers members with their leader, Mr. Paul Rundell.

Spent several days securing ads for the premium book, from businessmen of Roberts, Hammond, New Richmond and Hudson.

Assisted Home Agent at four districts meetings with 4-H leaders in formulating policies concerning fair exhibits.

The Agricultural committee are solidly back of the 4-H movement in this County, and rightly so, for the Youth of today will be tomorrow's farmers and leaders. However, the Club leaders are responsible for the success of the program in their clubs, and are to be warmly thanked and congratulated on the sacrifices that they make in time and money to make the program successful. The Home Agent too has played an exceedingly important part in County 4-H work, carrying a far greater share of responsibility than the County Agent. She has given much of her time to meeting with 4-H clubs and keeping office records on all of the work, as well as getting out the monthly 4-H newsletter.

PROGRAM OF WORK 1947 (Home Agent)

EXTENSION ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

PHASE

GOAL

Organize more Homemaker and 4-H Clubs.
Send out newsletters to 4-H members.

HOUSING * FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPMENT AND HOUSE FURNISHINGS

Furniture Arrangement

Leader training meetings on Making
Homes Liveable at the four centers
in October.
Acquaint 4-H members with new
Home Furnishing project.

NUTRITION AND HEALTH

Food preservation

Test pressure cookers.
Train 4-H leaders in food preservation
project

Health and Safety

Hold 4-H Safety Speaking contest
Health as a part of local club program.

FOOD SELECTION AND PREPARATION

Fruits in Our Meals

Leader training meetings for homemakers
and 4-H ers on the Use of Fruits

CLOTHING * FAMILY ECONOMICS AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Clothing and Textiles

Two leader Training meetings on
Clothing Construction for Homemakers.
Project instruction for 4-H members

Recreation and Community
Life

Participate in 4-H Camps and Homemaker
camp.
Observe Rural Youth Sunday.

YOUTH EDUCATION

County Goal

Increase enrollment.
Strive for 80% Achievement.
Program of work for each club.
Completion of all projects undertaken.
Make use of demonstrations in local
club program.
Hold a demonstration contest.
Hold judging contest in three Home
Economics projects.
Clubs make use of club songs.
Hold project training meetings.
Each member make an exhibit.
Hold Music and Safety Speaking contests.

ST. CROIX COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM 1946-1947

Good health, attractive and suitable clothing, good education, wholesome food, comfortable and attractive homes, and a happy home life are the goals for every St. Croix County Homemaker. The success of this program is due largely to the fine cooperation received from the local clubs, the club leaders and center chairmen.

ORGANIZATION

About 600 St. Croix County women are members of 36 organized Home Demonstration Clubs. Six new clubs have been organized since last winter. A number of other areas have been contacted for the purpose of organizing clubs. In six communities there has been a request for the home agent to come out and organize groups.

Each club is organized on a sound standard basis. Officers consist of President, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and whatever officers and committees the club wishes to select. Two project leaders are selected by the club members to attend the project leader training meeting. The leaders can either be selected for each month or they may act as leaders for a year. The purpose of the leaders is to take project material back and present it at local club meetings.

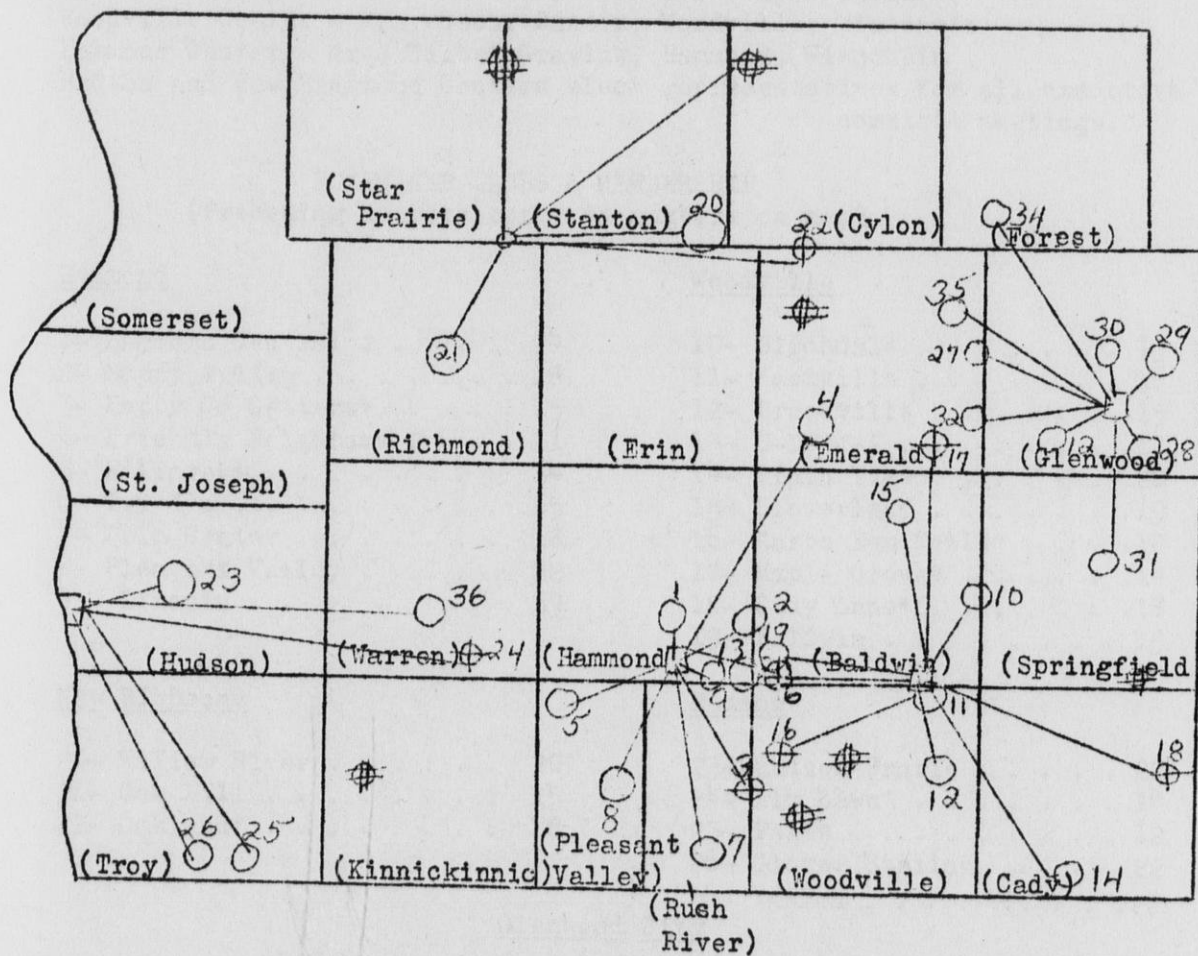
St. Croix County Homemakers Association Organized

An association of Homemaker clubs was organized at the spring planning meeting in April. A constitution was voted upon and officers elected. The officers and center chairmen make up the Homemaker executive committee; meets to decide important matters and makes plans for council meetings. The County council is made up of two representatives from each club. They hold one meeting a year to vote on the coming year's program and to elect officers. There are dues of 10¢ per member a year to meet expenses of county meetings and to send delegates to Farm and Home Week.

The projects selected by the Council for 1947 & 1948 are as follows:

- October - Planning the Decent of Property
- November - Interest meeting on Dress Forms
- November - Baking of the Nations
- January - Color in the Home
- February - Color in the Home
- March - Making & Hanging Curtains and Draperies.

HOMEMAKER'S CLUBS



⊕ Total new clubs	7
⊗ Clubs to organize in Nov.....	7
Total Homemaker clubs.....	36
Total members	597

ST. CROIX COUNTY HOMEMAKERS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President - Mrs. Jack Lightfoot, Glenwood City, Wisconsin
Vice-Pres. - Mrs. Art Dorwin, Emerald, Wisconsin
Secretary - Mrs. Charles Hanson, Baldwin, Wisconsin
Treasurer - Mrs. Melvin Donkersgoed, Woodville, Wisconsin
Ex-Office Member - Mary Ellen Tubbs Giezendanner
County Home Demonstration Agent

CENTER CHAIRMEN

Glenwood Center - Mrs. Noel Moe, Glenwood City, Wisconsin
Woodville Center - Mrs. Oscar Hanson, Woodville, Wisconsin
Hammond Center - Mrs. Wilbur Gravink, Hammond, Wisconsin
Hudson and New Richmond Centers elect representatives for all executive committee meetings.

HOMEMAKER CLUBS & MEMBERSHIP
(Preceding numbers refer to numbers on map)

Hammond

1- Hammond Central 24
2- Happy Valley 18
3- Happy Go Getters* 15
4- Friendly Neighbors 11
5- Hillcrest 14
6- Tri K's* 15
7- Palm Center 18
8- Pleasant Valley 22
9 - Lincoln 19

Woodville

10- Birchdale 13
11- Woodville 16
12- Brookville 15
13- U-Need-A 17
14- Plain View 20
15- Cloverleaf 19
16- North Eau Galle* 12
17- Maple Grove* 14
18- Cady Lane* 18
19- Baldwin 15

New Richmond

20- Willow River 20
21- Oak Hill 15
22- Oakland* 18

Hudson

23- Hudson Prairie 22
24- Elm Lawn* 14
25- Falls 12
26- Glover Station 22
36- Warren 22

Glenwood City

27- Know Your Neighbor 15
28- Loyal Homemakers 17
29- Home Improvement 18
30- Glenwood City 14
31- Beaver Valley 15
32- Clarks Crossing 11
33- Happy Homemakers 12
34- Forest 20
35- West Emerald Thrifty 13

ST. CROIX COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM 1946-1947

DATE	PLACE	TYPE OF MEETING	SUBJECT OF MEETING
Thurs. Oct. 10	Glenwood City	Leader Training	Making Homes Liveable
Tues. Oct. 15	Woodville	Leader Training	Making Homes Liveable
Wed. Oct. 16	Hammond	Leader Training	Making Homes Liveable
Thurs. Oct. 17	Hudson	Leader Training	Making Homes Liveable
October 18-31	New Richmond	Local clubs	Making Homes Liveable
Fri. Nov. 15	Woodville	Leader Training	Use of Electricity
Tues. Nov. 19	Hammond	Leader Training	Use of Electricity
Wed. Nov. 20	Glenwood City	Leader Training	Use of Electricity
Thurs. Nov. 21	New Richmond	Leader Training	Use of Electricity
November 22-30	Hudson	Local Clubs	Use of Electricity
Thurs. Jan. 9	Hammond	Leader Training	Clothing Construction
Tues. Jan. 14	New Richmond	Leader Training	Clothing Construction
Wed. Jan. 15	Glenwood City	Leader Training	Clothing Construction
Thurs. Jan. 16	Hudson	Leader Training	Clothing Construction
January 17-31	Woodville	Local Clubs	Clothing Construction
Fri. Feb. 7	Hudson	Leader Training	Clothing Construction
Tues. Feb. 11	New Richmond	Leader Training	Clothing Construction
Wed. Feb. 12	Woodville	Leader Training	Clothing Construction
Thurs. Feb. 13	Glenwood City	Leader Training	Clothing Construction
February 14-28	Hammond	Local Clubs	Clothing Construction
Fri. March 7	New Richmond	Leader Training	Use of Fruits
Tues. March 11	Hammond	Leader Training	Use of Fruits
Wed. March 12	Hudson	Leader Training	Use of Fruits
Thurs. March 13	Woodville	Leader Training	Use of Fruits
March 14 - 31	Glenwood	Local Clubs	Use of Fruits
Tues. April 8	Woodville	Leader Training	Gardens
Wed. April 9	Glenwood City	Leader Training	Gardens
Thurs. April 10	Hammond	Leader Training	Gardens
Fri. April 11	Hudson	Leader Training	Gardens
Thurs. April 17	New Richmond	Leader Training	Gardens
April		Spring Planning	
May		Pressure Cooker Clinics	
June 12	Hammond	Achievement Day	
June 17-19	St. Croix Falls	Homemakers Camp	

HOUSING AND FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT

Making Homes Liveable.

The results of the Homemaker project on "Making Homes Liveable" are as follows:

- Number who have discussed ways of making homes more liveable 583.
- Number who have rearranged furniture to meet needs of family 523.
- Number who have provided storage for books and recreation material 478.
- Number who are making good use of pictures 554.

Homemakers Learn How to Use Electricity.

The Homemakers had a project on the correct use of electricity. The demonstration consisted of repairing electric cords, how to replace fuses, and why they burn out, and a study of the kinds of fuses and sizes of wire. They also learned how to figure the cost of electricity, and cost of various electrical appliances. 28 clubs sent representatives to four centers. Five clubs in the Hudson center were visited by Home Agent, who gave the project demonstration to them.

- Number who have made circuit charts 215.
- Number who are using correct size of fuse 573.
- Number who have figured cost of some appliances 482.
- Number who have repaired an electric cord 336

NUTRITION AND HEALTH

Home Produced Family Food Supply.

With the help of the County Agent, short project leader meetings were held on Home Gardens. The planning of the garden, preparation of the soil, how to plant it, as well as weed and pest control were discussed.

Homemakers and 4-H'ers Learn to Use Fruits.

Good food habits contribute a great deal to good health. The project on "The Use of Fruits" selected by the Homemakers, included ways of preparing various fruit dishes, and study of ways fruits are good for us. "Use of Fruits" was the food project for the 4-H girls this year. The need for Vitamin "C" was stressed. The results of this project are as follows:

- How many check your days' meals occasionally to see if they contain enough Vitamin "C". 417.
- How many are now using more fruit or fruit dishes in their menus 589.

FOOD PRESERVATION

A demonstration on canning and freezing vegetables was given to 4-H leaders.

FOUR PRESSURE COOKER CLINICS HELD

Pressure cooker canners are recommended to be used for all non-acid vegetable canning and canning meats. In order for the canners to be in good condition so as to be usable, four testing clinics were held by the Home Agent. The entire cooker was inspected, the gauge and safety valves checked against a master gauge. The following table gives results of the clinics:

Number of pressure cookers checked	81
Number in good condition	80
Number badly pitted	1
Number with weight gauge	3
Number with geared gauge	25
Number with gearless gauge	53
Number that gauges were off 1-3 Pds. pressure	53
Number that had perfect gauges	16
Number that needed new gauges	56
Number that needed new safety valves	3
Number that needed new gasgets	6
Number that gasgets were turned over	14

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

Homemakers Have Two Projects on Clothing Construction.

The Homemaker club program for January and February was devoted to "Clothing Construction." The project consisted of: how to buy the correct size of pattern, how to make test patterns, fitting, and dress finishes and trimmings. If a dress is made correctly and fits correctly, there is no reason why it shouldn't look as nice, if not better, than a ready-made dress. Twenty four clubs attended the leader training meetings each month. In January, eight local clubs in the Woodville center were visited and the project given. The project was presented to eight clubs in the Hammond center in February.

The following results of the "Clothing Construction" meetings are as follows:

Number of test patterns made 146.
Number of dresses made 424.
Number altering pattern correctly 424.
Number using suggestions for dress finishes 418.
Number purchasing correct size of pattern 424.

FAMILY RELATIONS

The first project for fall 1947 was a discussion on the Decent of Property in Wisconsin. It consisted of a study of the three types of ownership and five ways of decending property. The making of a Will and Wisconsin Laws of Inheritance were given a great deal of time. Thirty three clubs attended five center meetings, and the discussion was lead at three local club meetings. There is a need for more knowledge on property ownership and the decent of property by the common citizen. This project was responded to about the best of any project given. Women are interested in holding open meetings for the husbands to take part in.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY LIFE

Homemaker Camp Held.

The first Homemaker camp in this area was held with Burnett, Polk, Barron and St. Croix Counties participating. The camp was held at St. Croix Falls in June, with 21 women attending all the time, and as many as 40 coming in for the program each day. Craft work and discussion constituted the program.

Craft Work.

Your Home Agent had charge of handicraft at the County 4-H camp and helped with it at the district camp and Homemaker camp. A few 4-H clubs and Homemaker clubs are doing craft work at their meetings. A supply of craft goods is kept at the office. A National Recreation Leaders laboratory was attended for a week in April in Minnesota.

Homemaker Achievement Day Held.

Two hundred and fifty women took part in the Homemaker's Achievement Day, June 12, in the Hammond City Hall. Each club furnish their own food and participated in a center piece contest. Many clubs put on displays of work done during the past year. Carl Nietzsche gave an illustrated talk on the Use of Electricity.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY 1947 (County Home Agent)

Days devoted to work with adults	128
Days devoted to work with 4-H clubs	156
Days in office	129.33
Days in field	154.66
Number of farm and home visits	229
Number of office calls	447
Number of telephone calls	593
Number of news articles published	23
Number of bulletins distributed	7950
Number of adult training meetings	23
Attendance of adult training meetings	346
Number of 4-H leader training meetings	17
Attendance of 4-H leader training meetings	434
Number of method demonstration meetings	45
Attendance of method demonstration meetings	876
Number of 4-H encampments	2
St. Croix attendance at 4-H camps	68
Tours conducted	6
Attendance of tours	87
Achievement days held	2
Attendance of achievement days	600
Number of other extension meetings attended	70
Attendance of other meetings	7712
Total number of miles driven by Home Agent	8792

SPECIALIST AND OTHERS ASSISTING

Miss Gertrude Hoffman	Mr. Carl Nietzsche
Miss Gladys Stillman	Mr. Vern V. Varney
Miss Helen Pearson	Mr. Wakelin McNeel
Miss Louise Young	Mrs. Grace Duffee
Miss Agnes Hanson	Mr. T.A. Bewick
Wilbur Leatherman	Mr. James Lacey

LOOKING AHEAD TO 1948

The northern part of the County is gradually becoming acquainted with Homemaker club work. There is still room for more clubs in this area.

St. Croix County Homemaker Council plans to send delegates to State Farm and Home Week.

Hold open Farm and Home meetings in the County.

The Homemakers hope to do something in connection with the Wisconsin Centennial

Goals for 4-H Club Program:

1. Increase membership to 600
2. Organize more clubs by working through schools.
3. Encourage clubs to set up a twelve month program.
4. Encourage local club tours.
5. In 1947, 84% achievement was reached. We hope we can make it higher in 1948.
6. Arrange for more publicity for 4-H club work.
7. Take part in State Fair events.
8. Hold a County music contest.
9. Hold a County Safety Speaking Contest.
10. Observe Rural Life Sunday.
11. Take part in District and County 4-H Camp.
12. Hold County Youth Fair.
13. Hold project training meetings in various districts on major projects.
14. Stress Health as a part of the club program.
15. Take part in centennial activities.
16. Strive to make club work more interesting.

SUMMARY OF THE HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT'S WORK

There are a total of 32 clubs and 492 members - 84% of the members completed their work as compared with 73% in 1946.

Four project training meetings were held on Home Economics Projects.

A total of 36 4-H meetings were attended and 79 4-H homes visited on tours or home visits.

St. Croix County Youth took part in District Camp and Inter-County camp.

A judging contest on Canning, Foods and Nutrition and Clothing, were held to pick winners to take part in State contest. St. Croix County won a 1st, 2nd, and a 3rd in the state contest.

A County dress revue was held to pick two girls to enter in State revue. St. Croix County girls placed 1st and second.

A County Safety Speaking contest and Music contest were held in May. Winners went to Camp at Chetek. James Ruennele was picked at district contest to take part in State Fair Chorus.

13 Home Economics demonstrations were given. Two were picked to take part in district contest at Chippewa Falls.

A three day Youth Fair was held at Hammond with about 400 4-H members exhibiting.

During the fall and winter most of the Home Agent's time is spent with the Homemaker Program.

Six new Homemaker Clubs have been organized, making a total of 36 clubs and 600 members.

Four leader training meetings were held for five months on four different projects.

42 local Homemaker club meetings were attended.

Homemaker program books were made for all members.

The Annual Spring Planning meeting was held and the St. Croix County Homemakers Association organized.

The Homemaker Achievement Day was held at Hammond with 250 women present.

The Homemakers Camp at St. Croix Falls was attended.