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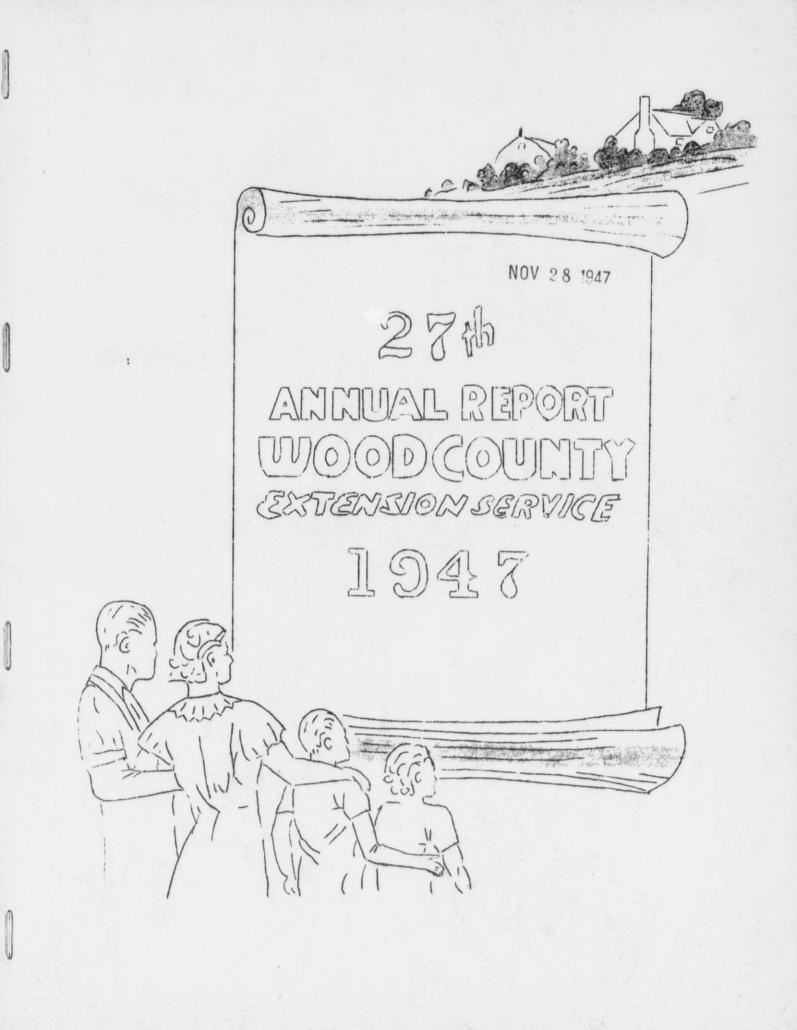
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#### APPRECIATION

Cooperative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics as demonstrated in Wood county is successful only to the extent that many people and many agencies work together.

Again we express our appreciation for the effective local community leadership being given to 4-H club work, home demonstration work, and all other rural organization work in Wood county. Rural and high school teachers are to be commended for their part in the education of farm families which in turn helps make rural folks good cooperators.

We acknowledge with appreciation the support received from the radio stations WFHR and WDLB, the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune, the Marshfield News Herald, Pittsville Record and Marshfield Journal.

We are grateful to the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, the Marshfield Equity Livestock Shipping Association, the Farm Bureau, and the Sears Roebuck Foundation for their contributions to the Extension program.

For personal services rendered by the vocational agricultural instructors, superintendent and supervisors of rural schools, county nurse and the county agricultural committee and all others who cooperated with the Extension Service, we say thank you.

> Cecelia M. Shestock, Home Demonstration Agent D. R. Rowe, County Agricultural Agent DeVerne Mathison, 4-H Club Agent



The questions you ask and replies you receive from the Wood County Extension Office are cheerfully relayed to and from the extension agents by Gertrude Schroedel (left) and Lorraine Hoogesteger, office secretaries.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY WOOD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE November 1, 1946 to October 31, 1947 Donald R. Rowe, County Agricultural Agent

## PROGRAM PLANNING

To get better acquainted with the people and problems present in Wood county, township meetings were held in nearly every township. Early in the year letters were sent out by the Extension Office to the various township chairmen with a proposed time and place for small group meetings. Invitations to attend these meetings were also sent to the chairmen by whom they were signed and sent to about 12 or 15 men and women in that particular area. All of the township chairmen codperated by calling this group of people together and arranging for the meeting place. The meetings varied in numbers from about five to 35 local people.

Statements were prepared beforehand to provoke discussion by those who attended the meetings, and there was good participation. It was interesting to note that there were some special points of interest and problems in every one of the group meetings. These small groups seemed to enjoy the privilege of expressing themselves and also in having a part in helping to determine what should be included in the educational program. A total of 175 people attended these meetings, and many requests came from the various groups for more meetings of this kind.

#### DAIRY HERD IMPROVEMENT

Since the average butterfat production per cow in Wood county is still only a little more than 190 pounds, there is a definite need for dairy herd improvement work in the county. This need is being partially met by artificial breeding service provided to all sections of the county, and dairy herd testing program which serves the same area.

There is a growing interest in the artificial breeding program

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Representing Central Wisconsin Breeders Cooperative, Edgar Lubeck, technician for artificial breeding service, shows off one of the first offspring born on the John Kruse farm.



Another service to help farmers improve herd profits is Dairy Herd Testing. Edmund Gust, fieldman and technician reads a butterfat column test in the laboratory at Wisconsin Rapids.

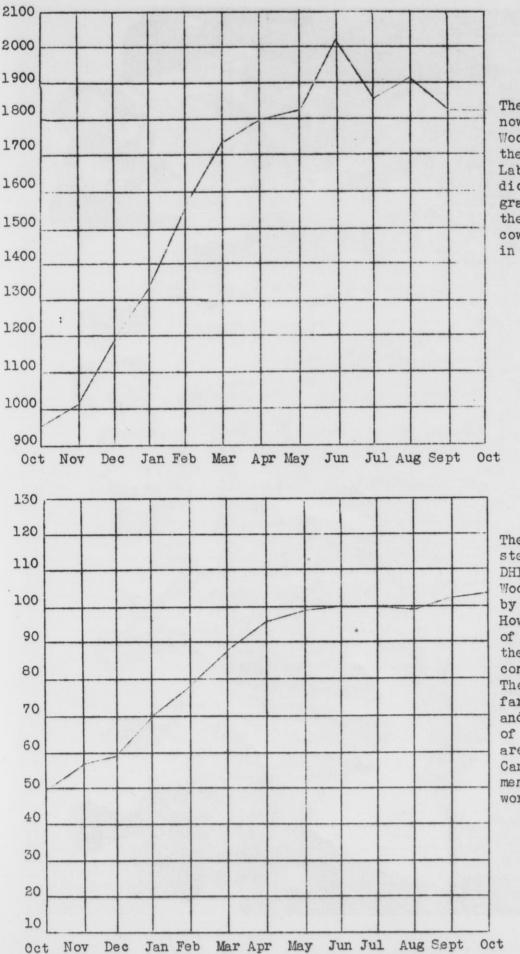
as expressed by a much larger sign up of farmers for the service this year than there was last year. The total membership for the county is now 379.

Another technician has been placed in service to help carry on the breeding program. He started his work at Wisconsin Rapids in January and at the present time there are approximately 1200 cows signed up to be bred artificially in this area. The technician at Marshfield also has a larger program in the artificial breeding work with cow numbers now about 3,000.

The service has been satisfactory to the majority of farmers in the county judging from the favorable comments that have been received by the Extension Office and the Board of Directors. Members have said that the artificial breeding program has helped them to start on the way to improving the herd. Others mention that they are entirely satisfied with the artificial breeding service and believe that the rate of conception is just as good as it is through natural breeding. A number of farm families have cited the safety factor and the advantage of not being worried by having a bull on the farm.

Although artificial breeding is an important part of the dairy herd building work in the county, it is by no means the only effort used to improve dairy breeds. The Holstein, Guernsey and Brown Swiss breeders for the most part are doing dairy herd testing in an effort to know which cows are the best producers and from which they might select calves to maintain the herd. Of interest is the fact that most of the purebred dairy herd breeders are receiving testing service provided by the Wood County Central Testing Laboratory. This service has been available since October 1946 and promises to reach more farmers in 1948. Dairy herd testing in Wood county through the Central

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The number of cows now being tested in Wood county through the Central Testing Laboratory is indicated by the line graph. Note that the peak number of cows on test comes in June.

There has been a steady increase in DHIA membership in Wood county as shown by the line graph. However, the percentag of farmers now testing their herds is still comparatively low. There are about 3,000 farms in the county and not more than 4% of the dairy herds are being tested. Can we increase the membership in DHIA work in 1948?



One of four neighborhood field days held on the Ralph Hause farm to demonstrate the importance of commercial fertilizer to hay production.

Testing Laboratory has helped farmers to cull out the low producing cows and thereby conserve scarce and expensive feed. It has helped them to realize more profit from a good calf or a good cow which they had for sale. It has helped them to improve their pride in the dairy herd and makes them more conscientious of the importance of keeping records. One man has been doing all the field work involved in the central testing program, including services rendered on 24 standard member farms as well as servicing the approximately 80 owner sampler member farms. One farmer said, "He didn't know his cows were so good until he started testing."

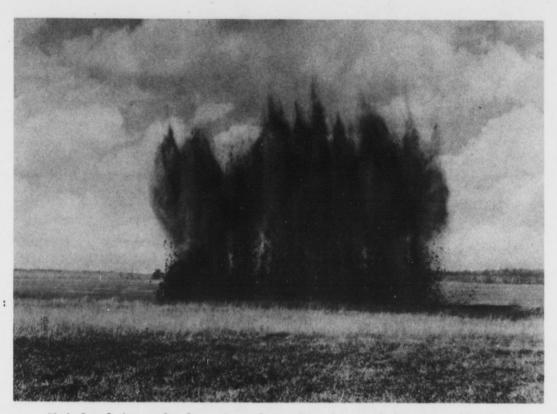
Both the artificial breeding program and the testing program is under the direction of the cooperative known as the Central Wisconsin Breeders Cooperative.

#### QUALITY MILK PRODUCTION

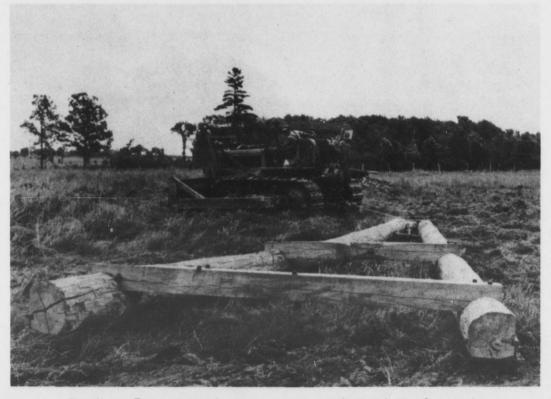
During the past two years Wood county dairy plant operators have been receiving service which would help them to improve the kind of milk received at their dairy plants. This service is rendered through their Quality Milk Improvement Association. Two fieldmen are employed to make periodic checks on milk coming to the plants. They work with a state dairy inspector, and advise with the farmer on methods which will improve milk quality. Supporting figures show that the number of pounds of milk rejected at the present time is considerably less than it was when the program was first inaugurated.

To acquaint all agencies that handle or are interested in the production of milk with the importance of quality, meetings were held monthly with fieldmen, state dairy inspectors, agricultural instructors, veteran training instructors and county agents. Dairy plant operators also attended these meetings. These meetings have proven interesting

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Wet land is made dry when dynamite is used to open ditches where mechanical equipment bogs down.



Pasture Improvement on a Large number of Wood county farms is made easier when the bulldozer and "A" drag are used.

and profitable and serve as a clearing house for new ideas in the dairy industry. Future meetings of this kind will be a part of the Extension program for Wood county in 1948.

#### CONSERVATION

Conservation of soil in this county has again been a part of Extension Service work. By cooperating with the Wood County Soil Conservation District information by way of radio and press has reached farmers and folks in the city.

Pasture renovation was a new practice in the soil conservation program this year, and has met with favor on a number of farms. To date 373 acres have been worked with a district operated bulldozer and "A" drag. Two demonstrations were conducted when farmers saw the results of working up rough hummocky land by this method. Drainage work also continued to receive attention in promoting soil conservation. Technical service has reached much of the county again in the form of surveys made, ditch construction, terrace construction, and terrace outlet construction.

Complete soil conservation farm plans are now being used by 26 farmers. Fifty four applications for farm plans were received during the year. Work accomplished by the Wood County Soil Conservation Service includes 73,044 feet of terrace outlets, 4,218 feet of terraces, 43 farm surveys completed, 373 acres of land renovated, and 45,935 feet of open ditch construction.

There is a growing interest in the use of dynamite for opening ditches on land that is too wet to work with farm equipment. Results of drainage by this method are evidenced on a number of farms in the county, and the satisfaction that the farmers have received is a strong endorsement for using dynamite for draining wet land.



Rural school youngsters like to plant trees as illustrated at a tree planting day held near Dexterville last spring. Trees in background were planted in 1937 and are now 12 to 15 feet tall. <u>Tree Planting</u> is another phase of conservation, but was limited somewhat this year by a scarce supply of transplants. There was a limited number of trees distributed to 4-H clubs and rural schools as well as to farmers for the purpose of shelterbelts and windbreaks. The total number of trees planted, excluding those planted by industrial organizations was 214,250. A few farmers in the southern part of the county have planted open areas with adapted varieties of trees. Farmers in the northern area were interested mostly in shelterbelt and windbreak planting. In keeping with the practice that was adopted by rural schools a number of years ago, a tree planting day was held near Dexterville at which time rural school children could observe results of past planting days.

The mechanical tree planter is gaining in popularity and since the percentage of survival of trees planted by this method is greater than those planted by hand, it promises to become more popular in years to come.

Soil testing and recommendations of suitable fertilizers have been a part of the conservation program. One hundred ninety one soil samples were brought to the Extension Office for testing. This, of course, is only "scratching the surface" in soil testing and more needs to be done on all farms. Tours with high school boys and tours of practices with other folks interested in soil conservation was part of the educational work.

#### COOPERATIVE SERVICE TO FARM ORGANIZATIONS

When ever called upon to assist on programs of the Farm Bureau, Equity Cooperative Livestock Assocation or any other groups in the county this opportunity was welcomed by the Extension members. Advice, talks and movies have been the services rendered to the farm organizations

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Four new oats varieties are demonstrated on a test plot near Arpin. Results are shown on opposite page.

# CROP IMPROVEMENT

Since the yields of grain, hay and corn in Wood county are still below the potential ability of land, there has been a constant interest in the development of new varieties of grain and the introduction of such crops as brome grass, ladino clover, winter wheat as well as spring wheat. Two hundred eight pounds of ladino clover seed alone was ordered for farmers in the county. Many farmers also bought ladino seed from local supply houses when it was available.

One variety test plot to compare the characteristics of four varieties of oats was demonstrated in the county. Results of the demonstration are given below:

	Yield Per Acre										
Kind of Grain	Bu. of Grain	: Lbs. of Straw									
Clinton Oats	59.6	2331									
Vicland Oats	56.1	2533									
Forvic Oats	73.3	3337									
Bonda Oats	63.6	3557									

With the introduction of forvic oats in the county a year ago, there was enough seed (about 300 bushels) to distribute this year to a limited number of farmers, 4-H club members and high school agricultural departments. This seed was planted and results were good inspite of an unfavorable growing season.

One farmer received seven bushels of clinton oats as foundation stock for his farm. The seed thus planted of this certified grain was supervised during the summer and the grain harvested will be sold as certified seed. Clinton and forvic oats are gaining in popularity in the county, however, vicland oats has given the same good results that it has in past years. Vicland oats is not being recommended for displacement by the newer varieties yet.

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Better than two ton of hay per acre are being cut on the Curtis Ross farm, Saratoga. This is one of 17 test demonstration farms, all of which have shown increased yields by using commercial fertilizer.

REPORT OF	GRAIN	YIELDS	ON	WOOD	COUNTY	T.V.A.	FARMS	- 1	947

Cooperator	Township	Kind of Grain	Fertilizer Treatment	Yield pe Grain : Bu.	Straw Lbs.	rain Increase Over Check Per Acre
Geo. Dibble	Wood	Vicland	Check 0-20-0 0-0-20 0-20-20	37.2 51.6 57.3 78.4	32 <b>67</b> 2844 3248 3557	14.4 20.1 41.2
Earl Eastling	Rudolph	Forvic	Check 0-20-0 0-0-20 0-20-20	60.8 63.6 62.6 52.7	4954 5242 4604 43 <b>10</b>	2.8 1.8 - 8.1 *
: Claude Ewer	Hiles	Forvic	Check 0-20-20	53.9 53.9	3782 2624 **	
Joe Gotz	Pt. Edwards	Vicland	Check 0-20-0 0-0-20 0-20-20	46.4 46.4 70.5 84.3	2588 3304 352 <b>1</b> 4668	24.1 37.9
Matt Grassl	Auburndale	Vicland	Check 0-20-0 0-0-20 0-20-20	37.9 65.4 44.0 68.8	1652 3128 2073 3103	27.5 6.1 30.9
		Forvic	Check 0-20-0 0-0-20 0-20-20	<b>39.5</b> 41.9 52.2 53.9	1762 1798 2056 2183	2.4 12.7 14.4
Ralph Hause	Arpin	Vicland	Che ck • 0-20-0 0-0-20 0-20-20	34.4 67.1 40.6 59.2	1340 2331 1632 2403	32.7 6.2 24.8
W. G. Heuer	Dexter	Vicland	Chack 0-20-20	50.5 65.4	192 <b>7</b> 2996	14.9
Fred Hoefner	Lincoln	Forvic	Check 0-20-0 0-0-20 0-20-20	26.4 37.2 3 <b>7.8</b> 29.8	2552 2386 2166 1946	10.8 11.4 3.4

Cooperator	Township	Kind of Grain	Fertilizer Treatment	Yield Pe Grain : Bu.	Straw Lbs.	Grain Increase Over Check Per Acre
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Jackson Bros.	Seneca	Marion	Check 0-20-0 0-20-20	26.8 33.2 52.2	124 <b>7</b> 972 1596	6.4 25.4
		Vicland	Check 0-20-0 0-20-20	41.3 45.8 74.6	2422 2386 3502	4.5 33.3
Meyer Bros.	Cary	Vicland	Check 0-20-0 0-20-20	58.5 59.2 65.4	3540 3760 3248	.7 6.9
Ole Snortheim	Marshfield	Vicland	Check 0-20-0 0-0-20 0-20-20	57.4 91.8 80.2 100.4	3119 3193 5192 4360	34.4 22.8 43.0
Don Trowbridge	Milladore	Vicland	Check 0-20-0 0-0-20 0-20-20	85.0 83.0 90.5 104.3	3760 3355 4860 4844	- 2.0 5.5 19.3

\* Grain badly damaged by storm.

\*\* Identification of field misplaced.

Other TVA Cooperators: Curtis Ross, Harold Peterich, Frank Tomczyk, and Edmund Zettler, and Rudolph Weinfurter.

Results of grain yields were not taken on these farms due to storm damage or other conditions beyond control.



Renewed interest in swine and the special showmanship contest at the Central Wisconsin State Fair is demonstrated by the contestants. Clarence Gotz, Marshfield, is the winner in this event.

Commercial fertilizer has again been received from the Tennessee Valley Authority and has been placed on farms of cooperating members, and the results thus received have been good. There were 17 farms cooperating in the TVA program again this year to bring out fertilizer benefits from grain with residual value being carried over into the succeeding hay crop. One of the new TVA cooperators using fertilizer on grain said, "This is the first year I have had an average of 50 bushels of oats per acre."

#### LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT

Aside from the improvement of dairy cattle in the county through better breeding, feeding and management, there has been an attempt to improve swine breeds. Ten purebred gilts were purchased for ten 4-H club boys who managed them as club projects. The boys received the gilts free this year, and have agreed to return one gilt from each litter to another boy for a pig project next year. This project already has gained favor on the farms where they are being managed, and it is hoped that the breeding stock in the county will improve with this 4-H club activity.

#### PUBLICITY

To keep Wood county residents informed about activities which were conducted by the Extension Service the radio and the press were used. Good cooperation was had for this service through the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune, the Marshfield News Herald, Pittsville Record and Marshfield Journal. A column was prepared each week by the county agent, home agent and 4-H club agent and sent to each of these newspapers. Radio programs were prepared and presented over radio stations WFHR and WDLB. WFHR was used during the early part of the year with broadcasts being presented on Tuesday afternoon at 3:15. In recent months a broadcast has been presented over Station WDLB at 11:30 A.M. on Fridays and another over Station WFHR at 7:45 A.M. on Saturdays.

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## FARM LABOR

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During the year Extension has attempted to place men on farms when ever they were available and has tried to keep in touch with the farm labor demands. The labor situation in the county is improving as farmers exchange help among themselves, and more labor saving machinery is purchased. One of the big problems facing farmers is one of how to get more essential farm machinery.

For the grean bean harvest this year, boys and girls were registered through the Extension Office to work on farms where beans were produced. About 200 young people signed up for the harvest and were available for placement when they were wanted by the bean growers. About 40 Mexicans were brought into the county for the pea harvest at Marshfield and worked out satisfactorily according to the manager of the plant.

## WEED AND INSECT CONTROL

At the four neighborhood field days which were held in the county this year a demonstration was conducted to show how 2,4-D can be used and how it affects broad-leaved weeds. From these demonstrations came a number of requests for equipment that might be secured to do the job on local farms. There are about five custom weed sprayers in the county at the present time, which are being either rented out to the farmer or sprayed by an experienced man at the farmers request. Not much interest in chemical weed material was shown until this year. Next year it is expected that a large number of townships will be thinking about weed spraying on a township basis.

The new insecticide, DDt, was used with excellent results in a number of demonstrations, particularly in the barn. Farmers who have used DDT with the proper directions have gotten exceptionally good results.

#### WHAT ARE THE PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR

On October 6th about 30 people with various agricultural interests met to discuss some problems that they would like to have become subjects of study by the Extension Service. Among the major subjects presented were more complete development of the dairy herd improvement plan in which more Wood county dairymen would participate, marketing of farm products, older rural youth activities, conservation of soil and forests, rural education, weed and insect control, just to mention a few of them.

The ideas coming from this meeting were used in formulating an Extension program for 1948. Subjects to be included in the next years work will be:

Further education for quality milk production.

Dairy herd improvement through the Central Testing Laboratory having a goal for membership of 200.

Organization of older rural young men and women to be governed by an advisory committee.

Improvement of dairy cattle through the 4-H club project work and artificial breeding and testing.

Control of weeds and insects by demonstrations and assistance to groups who would like to plan for their own spray rings.

Further development of the 4-H club program with special attention given to demonstrations and project meetings through which club members become better informed.

Leadership training and program planning aid given to farm organizations.

Continue with soil conservation through cooperation with the Soil Conservation District as this agency works on individual farms in development of drainage ditches, terraces, pasture renovation and other soil conserving practices.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Days in Office				129 175 16815
Days Vacation				7
Days Sick Leave				0
Days Devoted to Work with Adults				255
Days Devoted to Work with 4-H Clubs and O	lder Y	outh-		49
Number of Farms or Homes Visited This Yea	r			394
Number of Different Farms or Homes Visite	d			347
Number of Office Calls				1094
Number of Telephone Calls				1025
Number of News Articles Published				63
Number of Bulletins Distributed				1245
Number of Radio Talks				39
Method Demonstration Meetings Held				6
Number in Attendance			22	113
Result Demonstrations Conducted				5
Number in Attendance				185
4-H Method Demonstration Meetings Held -				7
				485
Number of Tours Conducted - Adult				3
Number in Attendance				145
4-H Club Tours Conducted				4
Number in Attendance				91
4-H Encampments Held				
				1
				44
				108
				5825
Days of Specialists Help in County				34
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Respectfully submitted this 31st day of October, 1947 by: County Agricultural Agent

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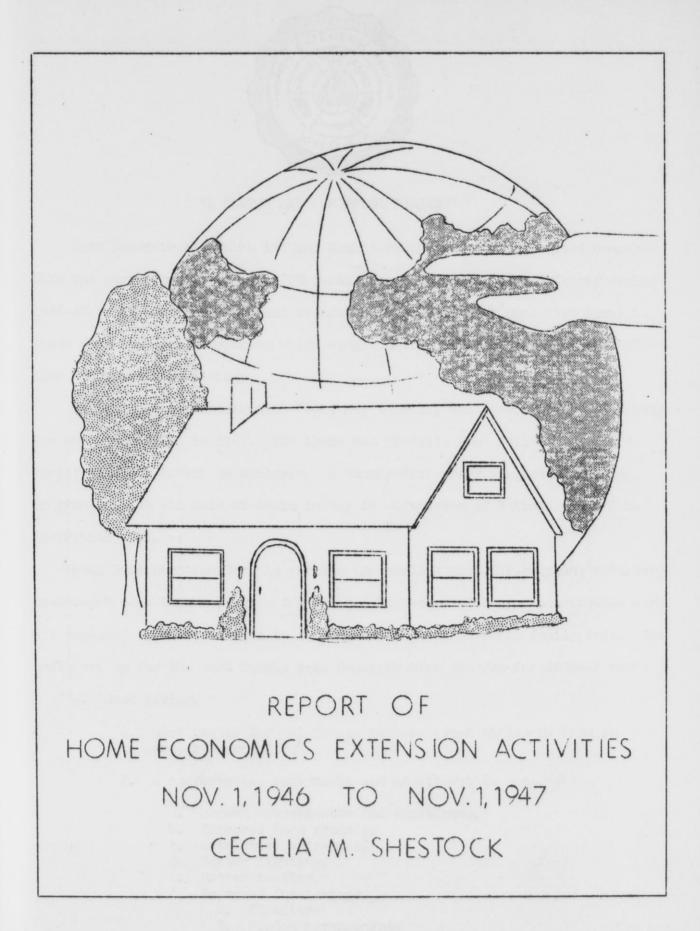
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"A BETTER AND A HAPPIER TOMORROW"

Home Demonstration Work in Wood County received the wholehearted cooperation and participation of over 700 rural and urban women in Wood County during 1946-47. There were thirty-nine organized clubs which met once each month to study some phase of homemaking which would contribute to better and more attractive homes and home living.

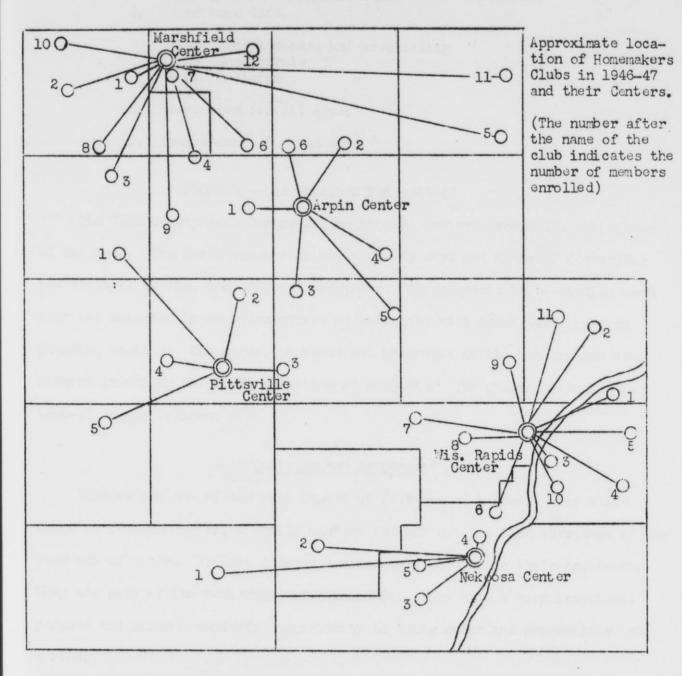
National Home Demonstration Week, May 4 to 11, was observed in Wood County for the second time in 1947. The theme was "Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World" with the accent on tomorrow. A county-wide program planning meeting, program and tea was held at Arpin in May in observance of National Home Demonstration Week.

Home Demonstration Work is perhaps the world's most far-reaching voluntary on-the-job educational program for women. The scope of home demonstration work has expanded since its origin to include every phase of rural family life. The goals set up for the Wood County Home Demonstration program for 1946-47 were:

A. Good Living.

- 1. Good health for all family members (good wholesome food in proper amounts)
- 2. A comfortable, convenient and an attractive home.
  - a. Modern conveniences and appliances.
  - b. Improved home grounds.
  - c. Attractive entrances.
  - d. Better lighting.
  - e. Better heating.
  - f. Improved furnishings.
    - 1. Furniture
    - 2. Window arrangements
    - 3. Color
    - 4. Floor coverings
    - 5. Walls
  - g. Water systems and sewage disposal.

WOOD COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS - 1946-47



MARSHFIELD CENTER PITTSVILLE CENTER WIS. RAPIDS CENTER NEKOOSA CENTER 1 Cloverleaf (12) 1 Oak Leaf (26) 1 Babcock (18) 1 Biron (12) 2 Ebbe (13) 2 Pleas. Corners (21) 2 Cranmoor (26) 2 Hillview (17) 3 Happy (9) 3 Pleas. Valley (18) 3 Lynn Creek (15) 3 Neighborhood (8) 4 Klondike (11) 4 Pittsville (19) 4 Nekoosa (13) 5 Vest Veedum (9) 5 Wood Avenue ( 4 North Kellner (24) 5 Milladore (20) 5 West Veedum (9) 5 Wood Avenue (8) 5 Plover Road (30) 6 Mill Creek (11) 6 Port Edwards (24) 7 Modern (17) ARPIN CENTER 7 Seneca Corners (17) 8 Nasonville (18) 1 Bethel (13) 4 East Arpin (18) 8 Seneca Social (14) 9 Richfield (15) 2 Clovernook (9) 5 Vesper (18) 9 Sunnyside (18) 10 Shady Lane (26) 3 Crescent (15) 6 White Oak (14) 10 Two Mile (14) 11 Stepping Stone(13) 11 Rudolph (10) 12 Weigelsdorf (15)

4. Happy home life.

a. Courteousness and hospitality

- b. Good morals
- c. Religion

5. Recreation for all ages.

6. Independence for old age.

# PROGRAM -- AS OUTLINED FOR 1946-47

The Wood County Home Demonstration Program centers around the activities of the home. The rural women continue to study ways and means of forwarding the family's health, comfort, and happiness. The projects to be studied each year are selected by representatives of the clubs at a county-wide program planning meeting. The needs, problems and interests of the members are considered in making the final selection of projects. The program selected for 1946-47 was as follows:

# "Curtains and Draperies"

Windows are one of the most important features of a home. They allow light to come in and allow family members to look out and take advantage of the view out of doors. Windows deserve considerable thought in their treatment. They are part of the background of a room-yet, they have a very functional purpose and offer a wonderful opportunity to bring color and personality into a room.

One series of five leader training meetings was held on this subject. Leaders in turn presented material to local club groups. Both leaders and members responded very enthusiastically to this project.

## "Health and Medical Care and Pasteurization of Milk"

The second project was on Health and Medical Care. Health is one of man's most valuable possessions. Health measures can be divided into three parts: (1) Preventive health such as immunization, good nutrition, safety



Accessories - Hats, Purses and Gloves, received an "A" rating. Arranged by the Marshfield Center.



Keeping Clothes Wearable received a "B" rating. Arranged by the Wisconsin Rapids Center.

measures and annual checkup. (2) Medical care—fee for service type or prepayment plan. (3) Public Health Programs. Home Pasteurization of Milk was discussed and demonstrated.

Five leader training meetings were held on this project. Leaders in turn presented subject matter to club members.

## "Keeping Clothes Wearable"

Prices for clothing nearly doubled between June 15, 1939 and June 15, 1946. With this in mind homemakers had to apply themselves to the job of making clothing last as long as possible--yet be attractive and comfortable.

Price trends were studied in regard to clothing and other commodities. Suggestions were given on methods of cleaning, repairing and remodeling clothing. Five leader training meetings were held, followed by meetings of each of the 39 clubs.

#### "Improving The Home Grounds"

Wood County has a definite need to improve the appearance of the grounds surrounding the farm buildings. Five leader training meetings were held with Mr. Joseph Elfner, Specialist of the University of Wisconsin, assisting. Neatness, orderliness, convenience and attractiveness were stressed regarding yards and lawns.

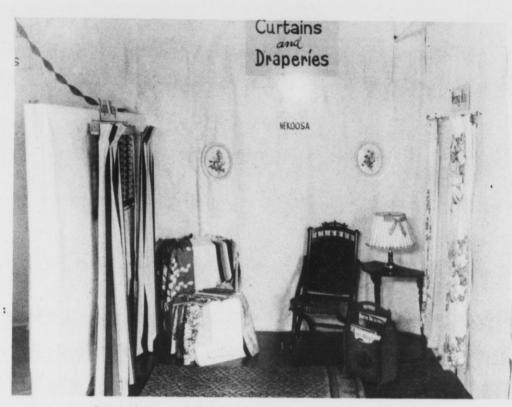
Suggestions for lawn maintenance and selection and planting of trees and shrubbery were given.

#### "Accessories-Hats, Purses & Gloves"

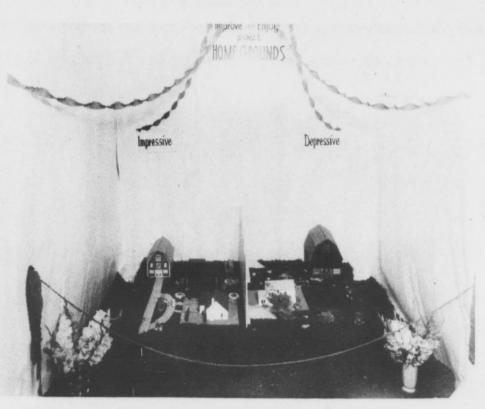
Adding and changing accessories to garments is one way of prolonging the life and usefulness of articles of clothing. Five project training meetings were held at which leaders were taught the principles of making and restyling hats and tailoring purses. Local meetings were held following the training meetings.

## "Housing--Water Systems and Sewage Disposal"

Three open meetings were held on this subject in areas of the County where some interest was shown. People were contacted to find out if they would be



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interested in having some personal help in locating their sewage disposal systems. Several calls were made. Mr. Carl Neitzke and Mr. Paul McVey of the University of Wisconsin, assisted with these meetings.

## FOOD PRODUCTION

All Wood County families were encouraged to have gardens to help provide for an adequate diet every month of the year. Other forms of food production such as poultry and egg production and Quality milk were also encouraged. Four-H club members were encouraged to take the garden project which would contribute toward the family food cellar. Forty-six boys and girls participated in a special garden project promoted by a commercial concern. Twelve girls (4-H and Home Economics students) participated in a cherry pie baking contest. The winner, Anna Mae Elsen, of the Lynn Creek 4-H Club, was selected as the State winner. At the National contest held in Chicago she rated a third place.

#### FOOD PRESERVATION

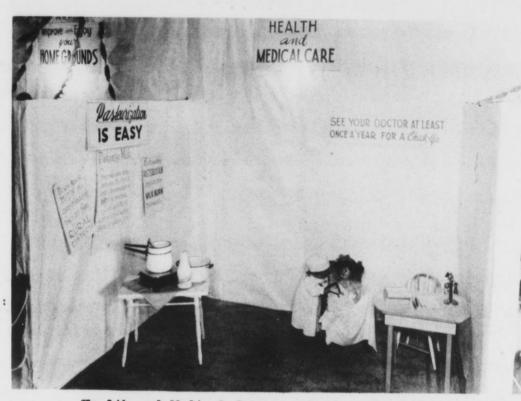
With sugar rationing lifted there was plenty of sugar for food preservation purposes. Both homemakers and 4-H club girls were encouraged to can, freeze and preserve all the food possible for an adequate year around diet.

#### RECREATION AND COLLUNITY LIFE

The County libraries cooperated with the Home Demonstration clubs in furnishing a list of books for each club member. These lists contained all types of books which might be of interest to homemakers, their husbands and children. The facilities provided by the county libraries were explained by the librarians at the officers meeting held in the fall.

Other types of recreation such as sports, drama, music and art were encouraged through 4-H clubs and Home Demonstration clubs.

The Extension Office cooperated with the Wood County Normal school in the third annual Rural Art Exhibit held in Central Wisconsin. About twenty Wood County people indicated they were interested in art by entering one or more exhibits.



Health and Medical Care received a "B" rating. Arranged by Pittsville Center.



Observance of National Home Demonstration Week. Mrs. E. R. Van Wormer, chairman of Nekoosa Center and Edith Bangham, Assistant State Leader, hostesses.

#### 4-H CLUB WORK

The Home Agent spends approximately half of her time working with boys and girls in the 4-H club program. Assistance is given with program planning, organization, leader training, project instruction, judging contests, safety contests, exhibits, dress revues, recreation, picnics, demonstrations, club tours, fairs and Achievement programs. The projects studied by 4-H club girls the past year included clothing, food and nutrition, food preservation, home improvement and gardening. (For complete details of the 4-H club program see 4-H club report.)

## HOW THE TORK VIAS CARRIED ON

The following methods of doing Extension work were used: A. Meetings.

1. Project leader training meetings.

Each of the thirty-nine Home Demonstration clubs was required to send two leaders to the training meetings held once each month. The meetings include method demonstrations, and discussion and are conducted by the home agent who is occasionally assisted by a Specialist of the University of Wisconsin.

2. Local Club meetings.

In each community in which there is sufficient interest a Home Demonstration Club is organized. The clubs are organized on a democratic plan with their own officers, leaders, constitution and program.

3. Interest Group meetings.

Three interest group meetings on "Water Systems and Sewage Disposal" were held for those people who were interested in this project. 4. Open meetings.

A county-wide Achievement Program was held in June for all Homemakers, their families and friends. The year's work was summarized by the five center chairmen and a display of articles made during the year was put up for inspection. Speakers on the program included

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WOOD COUNTY HOMEMAKERS EXECUTIVE CONTAITTEE - 1946-47

Chairman	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	Mrs.	E.	R.	Van Wormer, Nekoosa Center
Vice Chairman.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		Mrs.	s.	D.	Warner, Wis. Rapids Center
Secretary	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	Mrs.	Rei	uel	Gerlach, Marshfield Center
Treasurer		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	10	rs.	Α.	L. Hartsough, Arpin Center
Historian				•								Mrs.	Lou	uis	Woodman, Pittsville Center

## OFFICERS OF WOOD COUNTY HOLDEMAKERS CENTERS

# Wisconsin Rapids Center

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# Arpin Center

Chairman							Mrs. A. L. Hartsough, Vesper
Vice Chairman.						.Mrs.	Henry Teske, Route #1, Auburndale
Sec. & Treas.	0		•				.Mrs. A. E. Ward, Route #1, Arpin

## Pittsville Center

Chairman	•	•				Mrs. Louis Woodman, Route	#1, Vesper
Vice Chairman.				e		rs. George Kiesling, Route #1,	Pittsville
Sec. & Treas.						Mrs. Emil Rieck, Route ##	, Pittsville

## Marshfield Center

Chairman						.Mrs.	Reuel	Gerlach,	Route #1,	Marshfield
Vice Chairman.	•					. Mrs.	Oscar	Wachter,	Route #1,	Marshfield
Sec. & Treas.										

## Nekoosa Center

Chairman										Mrs.	E. R.	Van Wo	mer,	Babcock
Vice Chairman.		e	0	0	•					. Mrs.	Carl	Vehrs,	Sr.,	Nekoosa
Sec. & Treas.	•	•									Mrs.	Herman	Curt,	Nekoosa

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C. D. Hammond on "Know Your County Better" and Gladys Meloche on "Know Your State Better."

B. Individual Service.

Personal requests received by mail, telephone or personal contact are taken care of by bulletins, circulars, correspondence, home visits, office calls and by telephone.

C. Public talks.

Various educational and service clubs contacted the Home Agent for educational talks on some phase of Home Economics. These opportunities were excellent for telling the purpose of the extension service and what facilities are available to the public.

D. Radio.

Two county radio stations, WFHR and WDLB offered the County Extension Service time on their radio programs. The Home Agent cooperated with the County Agent and 4-H Club Leader in putting on weekly programs from each of the stations. Four-H Club members, leaders and homemakers were used to help make the programs more interesting. Various phases of Home Economics and 4-H club work were discussed over these programs. The radio offers an excellent opportunity of reaching people not otherwise reached by other methods.

E. News Releases.

The excellent cooperation of the County newspapers--Wisconsin Rapids Tribune, Marshfield News Herald, Marshfield Journal and the Pittsville Record made it possible to get information to the majority of Wood County people. Announcements and news releases of meetings and timely topics were sont to the newspapers throughout the year. The County Extension Agents cooperated in putting out a weekly column entitled "Scribblings From the Extension Office."

F. Exhibits.

The Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield provides an opportunity

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for the Home Demonstration clubs and 4-H clubs to exhibit their year's work. Five excellent Home Demonstration booths were arranged by the club members using topics which were studied the past year. (See pictures of booths.)

An exhibit of some articles made during the year was made at the Achievement Day Program in June.

### COOPERATION OBTAINED FROM CO-WORKERS, RURAL PEOPLE AND PUBLIC AGENCIES

The enthisiastic reception and cooperation of the rural women in Wood County has made the Home Economics program in the County successful in 1946-47. The leaders and officers of the home Demonstration Clubs deserve much credit for the excellent work which they did to keep their clubs functioning through... out the year.

The excellent cooperation of the County Agent, the 4-H Club Agent and the office secretaries, the County Agricultural Committee, the staff of the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture, The County Norse, the County Laborarians, the County Normal School and others was much appreciated. Without their assistance the program could not have been successful. Communities which provided halls for meetings and families that opened their homes for meetings are also extended a sincere "thank you".

The County radio stations and the County newspapers contributed a great deal to a successful program. Their interest in supporting the County Extension program is greatly appreciated.

Assistance from all other individuals, and agencies who assisted in any way to help make the Extension Program more effective is greatly appreciated.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The following summary was prepared in May 1947 as a result of the project work accomplished during the year. Many of the results of the program are not tangible and cannot be recorded by numbers. SUMMARY OF PROJECTS - 1946-7

## CURTAINS AND DRAPERIES

1.	How many club members used any of the suggestions given in the project material on window treatment?
2.	How many club members used any of the suggestions on purchasing glass curtains and draperies?
3.	How many club members made curtains or draperies using the suggestions given?
4.	To how many people outside the club were any of the suggestions given? 117
HEA	LTH AND MEDICAL CARE & PASTEURIZATION OF MILK
1,	How many family members had a health check-up this year?
2.	Did your group help promote an immunization program this year? 2
3.	How many investigated a prepayment program for health care or hospital- ization?
4.	How many joined a prepayment program for hospitalization? 8
5.	How many have improved sanitation procedures in the home by pasteurizing milk, avoiding common drinking cup or dipper?
6.	To how many others have you given any of this information?
KEE	PING CLOTHES WEARABLE
1.	How many club members put forth a special effort to keep clothing on hand wearable as long as possible due to the high cost of clothing?331
2.	How many club members feel that 10% of the family income is adequate for clothing the family?
3.	How many garments were repaired by using the three cornered patch, darned in patch, minute-and-a-half patch and retreading?
4.	To how many outside of the club have you given any part of this project? 175
$\frac{IMP}{1.}$	ROVING THE HOME GROUNDS How many club members drew a plan of their home grounds?
2.	How many made any improvements as a result of this project?
3.	How many plan to make improvements in the future as a result of this project?
4.	How many listened to the Home Grounds Improvement broadcasts over Station WLBL?
5.	To how many outside of the club have you given any part of this project? 156
ACC	ESSORIESHATS, PURSES AND GLOVES
1.	How many of the following accessories have you made or restyled as a
	result of this project:       a. Scarves
2.	To how many outside of the club have you given any part of this project? 113

The aims and Achievements of the Home Demonstration Program is the development of rural family life in attaining a higher plane of profit, comfort, culture and influence through a continued program of education. Some of the results of the program might be summarized as follows:

- 1. Higher standards for home and community life were developed.
- 2. Leadership among rural women and girls was discovered, developed and utilized.
- 3. Results of scientific research in relation to rural home and family life were taught.
- 4. A feeling of community spirit and friendliness was developed and promoted in many communities where it did not exist before.
- 5. An awareness of the need for improved facilities for medical and health care and for improved nutrition practices and other preventive measures in promoting improved health among all rural families was developed.
- 6. The scope of awareness of rural women was enlarged—the job of homemaking is no longer confined to the four walls of a home. It is a profession which must be given its due recognition.

The outlook for Home Demonstration work in the county is very promising. Communities in which no clubs have existed before are realizing they would like to have a Home Demonstration Club. Three new clubs will be organized in these communities.

Wood County is an excellent County in which to work-it is a pleasure to to work with people who appreciate and enjoy the work and who respond to suggestions made in the Extension Programs.

### NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAM

The 1947-48 Home Demonstration Program was planned with the goals for good living in mind. It is a varied program which should meet the interests of many of the Home Demonstration Club Members.

<u>Project I</u> - Dressing For Your Job, including Apron Construction. The Homemakers job will be analyzed and types of garments suitable for work to be done will be recommended.

<u>Project II</u> - Safety In The Home and On The Highway. Calling attention to some of the safety hazards in the homes and on highways may save lives. This is a project which can't be over-emphasized.

Projects III & IV - Color In The Home and Family Living in Mexico. Color in our surroundings is very important and can have many different psychological effects upon people. A study of color and how it can be applied in our homes will be made.

The world is getting smaller all the time-people should get acquainted with their neighbors. With this in mind the topic "Family Living In Mexico" was selected.

<u>Project V</u> - Personal Grooming. Attractiveness and cleanliness are essential for personal happiness and well being.

Special interest group meetings will be held on Sewing Machine Attachments and Upholstering. Only the women who are interested in these projects will participate. The project on upholstery is a repeat project.

Membership in Home Demonstration clubs will be encouraged throughout the year. Whenever a community requests information regarding the program, home calls and personal assistance will be given.

Exhibits and an Achievement Day will be planned to publicly show what has been accomplished.

Future Home Economics programs in Wood County should be in keeping with the goal-A Better and a Happier Tomorrow.

## WOOD COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM FOR 1947-48

October 1	Wed.	County meeting of Club Officers	Pittsville
October 8	Wed.	Dressing For Your Job, Apron Construction	Wis. Rapids
October 9	Thurs.		Pittsville
October 14	Tues.		Arpin
October 15	Wed.		Nekoosa
October 16	Thurs.		Marshfield
			Mar. Sur ferd
October	Interest	group meetings on Sewing Machine Attachment	ts
November 12	Wed.	Safety In The Home and On The Highway	Wis. Rapids
November 13	Thurs.		Pittsville
November 18	Tues.		Arpin
November 19	Wed.	11 11 11 11 11 11 11	Nekoosa
November :20	Thurs.		Marshfield
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November	Interest	t Group meetings on Sewing Machine Attachmen	nts
December	Christma	as meetings.	
January 13	Tues.	Color In The Home	The Douide
January 14	Wed.		Wis. Rapids
January 15	Thurs.		Pittsville
January 20	Tues.		Marshfield
January 21	Wed.		Arpin
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January	Interest	t Group meetings on Upholstery	
February 17	Tues.	Color In The Home	Wis. Rapids
February 18	Wed.		Pittsville
February 19	Thur s.		Marshfield
February 24	Tues.		Arpin
February 25	Wed.	11 11 11 11	Nekoosa
			Neroosa
February	Interest	: Group meetings on Upholstery	
March 16	Tues.	Personal Grooming	Wis. Rapids
March 17	Wed.	11 11	Pittsville
March 18	Thur s.	n n	Marshfield
March 23	Tues.	н н	Arpin
March 24	Wed.	H H	Nekoosa
April		on of next year's Home Demonstration progra	am.
May	Tratalla	tion of officers	
may	Program	tion of officers. Planning meeting	
	Achievem	ment reports due at Home Agent's office.	
June		ent Day Program Lub picnics	
September		of project work at Central Wisconsin State	Fair at

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR HOLE DEMONSTRATION AGENT

Days in office						162
Days in field	•	•	•	•	•	124
Miles traveled	•	•	•	•		764
Days vacation.	•	•	•	. *	P	,000
Days devoted to work with adults	•	•	•	•	•	255
Days devoted to work with 4-H clubs and older youth.	•	•	•	•	•	155
Number of farms or homes visited	•	•	•	•	•	130
Number of different farms or homes visited	•	•	•	•	•	60
Number of office calls	•	•	•	•	•	59
Number of office calls	•	•	•	•	•	197
Number of telephone calls.	•	•	•	•	•	434
Number of news articles published.		•				33
Number of bulletins distributed.			•		6	,538
number of radio talks broadcast.						21
Number of training meetings held						30
Numper attending						643
Number of 4-H tours conducted.						2
Number attending						22
Number of Achievement Days held.						7
Number atteming						250
Number of 4-H encampments held						2
Number attending						FO
Number of other meetings held	•	•	•	•	•	05
Total attendance	•	•	•	•	•	95
Number of other meetings held not attended by agent.	•	•	•	•	4,	034
Total attendance	•	•	•	•	•	615
Davs specialists assisted in county	•	•	•	•	7,	981
Days specialists assisted in county.		•		•		37
Number of clubs doing 4-H club work.						38
Number of clubs doing Home Demonstration work.						39

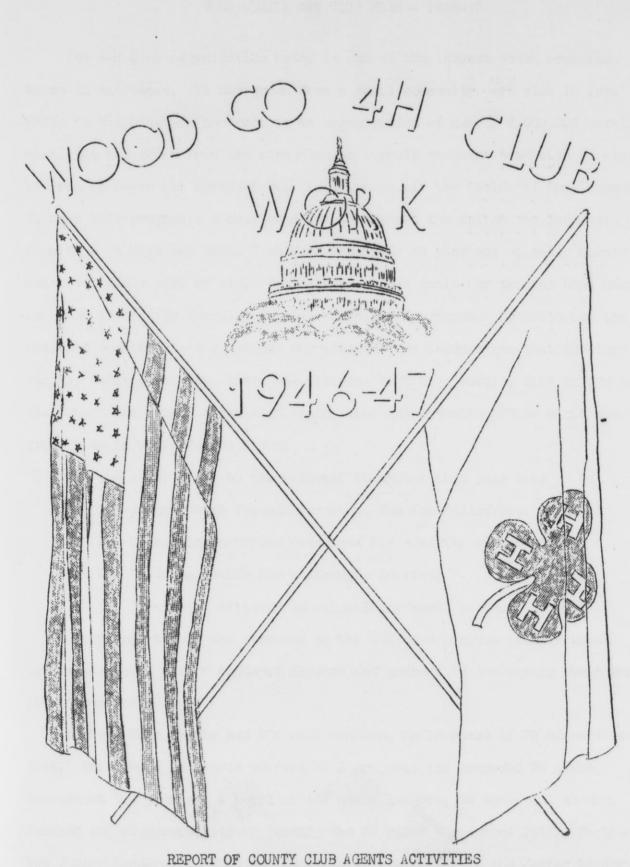
## SPECIALISTS AND OTHERS ASSISTING

Mr. E. A. Jorgensen Miss Louise Young Miss Mildred Olsen Miss Gladys Meloche Miss Edith Bangham Mrs. Linnea Dennett Miss Agnes Hansen Mr. Bruce Cartter Mr. Joseph Elfner Mr. T. L. Bewick Mr. Martin Anderson Miss Jesse Sanford Mr. C. D. Hammond Mrs. LaVila Kilroe Miss Nora LeRoux Mr. I. F. Hall Mr. Max LaRock Mr. Carl Neitzke Miss Jean Daniels Miss Thelma Baierl Miss Ellen Krueger Miss Gertrude Hoffman Miss Dorothy Cisar

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of October, 1947.

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Home Demonstration Agent



Ralph Dennee - November 1, 1946 to July 15, 1947 DeVerne Mathison - July 15, 1947 to November 1, 1947

### WOOD COUNTY 4-H CLUB WORK - 1946-47

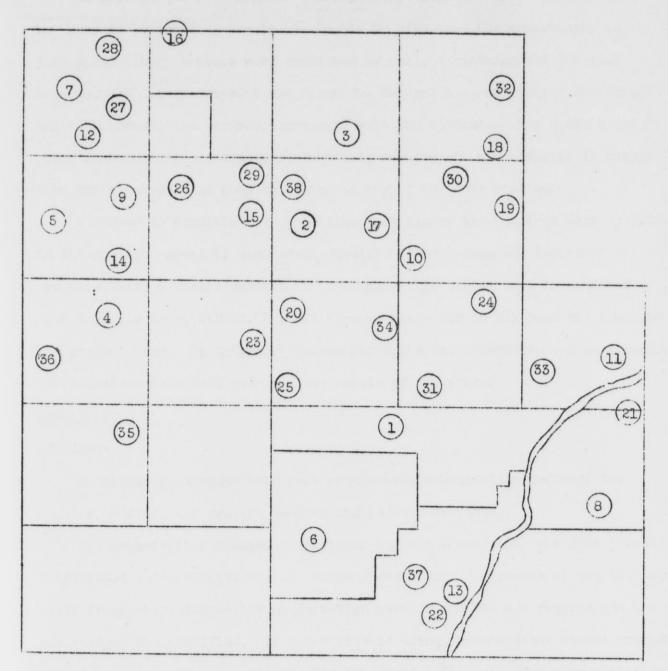
The 4-H Club organization today is one of the largest youth organizations in existence. It has grown from a small community corn club in Iowa early in the nineteen hundreds to an organization of nearly 2,000,000 enrollment. It has grown from the corn club to a youth movement with such an elastic program to cover all agricultural fields, plus all the fields of home economics. To make this program a coordinated one throughout the Nation the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work from year to year set up goals toward which 4-H clubs work or aim. By following these goals our program thus becomes one that is closely correlated with the national program. By following the national committee's suggestions our program thus becomes one that develops strong, healthy and good citizens--citizens with high morals, with an eye to the future and a mind capable of coping with any situation which might confront them in their future lives.

The goals set forth by the National Committee this year are:

- 1. Joining with friends for work, fun and fellowship.
- 2. Conserving nature's resources for security and happiness.
- 3. Building health for a stronger America.
- 4. Serving as citizens in maintaining world peace.

Every opportunity was stressed in the 4-H club program to make these points paramount in the minds of leaders and members in developing their own local programs.

In 1947 Wood County had 673 club members, an increase of 79 members over 1946. These boys and girls carried 1013 projects and composed 38 clubs throughout the county. A total of 147 adult leaders, 99 women and 48 men, assumed the responsibility of leading the 38 clubs throughout 1947. Fortytwo Junior Leaders, 14 boys and 28 girls were enrolled in the Junior Leadership project and their jobs being to assist the general leaders in conducting meetings, acting as chairmen of committees and helping the members with their individual projects.



- 1. Altdorf
- 2. Arpin
- 3. Auburndale
- 4. Cary Bluff
- 5. Clark Wood
- 6. Crannoor
- 7. Ebbe
- 8. Franklin
- 9. Golden Glow
- 10. Green Elm
- ll. Hillview
- 12. Lincoln
- 13. Lynn Creek

- 14. MacArthur
- 15. Maple Grove
- 16. Mara-Wood
- 17. Meadow Brook
- 18. Milladore
- 19. Mill Creek Busy Bees
- 20. North Hansen
- 21. Pearl
- 22. Plank Hill
- 23. Pleasant Corners
- 24. Pleasant Maple
- 25. Pleasant Valley

- 26. Richfield
- 27. Riverview
- 28. Shady Lane
- 29. Shady Nook
- 30. Sherry
- 31. Snyder
- 32. Stepping Stone
- 33. Sunnyside
- 34. Vesper
- 35. Wallace
- 36. West Cary
- 37. Wittenberg
- 38. Woodland

An attempt has been made to contact every eligible boy or girl between the ages of 10 and 21 years in the County to give them the opportunity to join a 4-H club. Schools were contacted by mail, explaining the 4-H club program. If enough interest was shown the Extension agent visited the school and went through the program thoroughly with the students. New members and young members were encouraged to take only one project and complete it rather than start several and then not complete any of the ones started.

A member to complete his project must do all of the required work specified in the project material, send to the county office a complete record of all projects, make a public exhibit at the Central Wisconsin State Fair, local club fair, or tour, attend at least five meetings during the year and complete his project book. An intensive membership drive was undertaken and an increase of 79 members over last year was the result of the drive.

### ORGANIZATION.

### MEETINGS:

Meetings are divided into four groups---the organization meeting, the regular meeting, the project meeting and leaders meetings.

The organization meeting is designed to help a new club or a club already established to reorganize for the coming year's work. A member of the Extension staff frequently attends the organization meeting and the new program and any new changes are clarified. If a new club is being organized the clubs' program, the clubs' aims and goals are clearly explained. The extension representative also helps with the election of officers and if necessary finding leaders for the club. Projects are explained and the requirements for each made clear to each club member. The members then fill out enrollment cards and indicate the project in which they wish to enroll. Wood County 4-H members are enrolled in the following projects for 1947: Garden, field crops, canning crops, dairy, pig, sheep, poultry, forestry, handicraft, conservation, soil conservation, clothing, food preservation, foods and nutrition, junior leadership and fruit.

### ALTDORF

\*Mrs. George Huser Mr. George Huser Mrs. Alfred Ellie Mrs. Hollis Holbrook Mr. Hollis Holbrook

Wirs. L. H. Zubke

Mrs. Ray Teska

Mrs. Hillis Blanchard MACARTHUR

### CRANMOOR

### EBBE

### FRANKLIN

MIRS. Walter Schoenick MILL CREEK BUSY BEES Mrs. Carl Hansen Mr. Walter Schoenick

# GOLDEN GLOW \*Mr. Harold Hanson Ramona Kiddoo

### GREEN ELLA

\*Mr. Glenn Wills Mrs. Dick Greeneway Mr. Ira Vruwink

### LINCOLN

## MAPLE GROVE

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 \*Mr. Allan Breheim
 MILLADCRE

 Russell Rayhorn
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 \*Mrs. Ignatz Minch

\*Mrs. Billie Hetze

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ARPIN\*\*Mrs. Max FischerPLANK HILL\*\*Mrs. L. H. ZubkeMrs. Ervin Reis\*\*Mrs. George SchmidtMr. Herman AlbrechtMr. Darrel PetersonMrs. Marvin Oleson

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\*Miss Martha Wendt

Mrs. John Heckel Mrs. O. Meyer Mrs. B. Schlagenhaft Mr. LaVern Machtan

SHADY NOOK \*Mrs. H. Pleckham Mrs. John Welniak Mrs. Jim Curtin Mrs. Louis Brey

Mr. Ollie Bushman Mrs. Carl Spielman Mrs. Marvin Fenske <u>PLEASANT VALLEY</u> \*Mrs. Walter Treutel <u>Mrs. Elmer Whitney</u>

4-H CLUB LEADERS (Continued)

SNYDER

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\*Mrs. Frank Klimowski Mrs. Henry Schroedel Mr. Henry Gasch

### STEPPING STONE

\*Mrs. Ray Shirek Mrs. U. Linzmeier Mr. Bernard Bruening

### SUNNYSIDE

\*Mrs. Wm. Malcolm Mr. David Boyles Mrs. Tony Schmick Mr. William Pascavis

WEST CARY \*Mrs. Raymond Kane Mr. Frank Neve Mrs. Charles Schwanebeck Mrs. G. H. Horn Mr. Raymond Kane

WALLACE Mirs. Harold Stillman Mrs. Homer Ewer Mrs. Elmer Tyk

WOODLAND \*Mrs. Carl Nelson Mr. Carl Nelson Mr. O. Erickson

VESPER \*Mrs. A. L. Hartsough Mrs. Gordon Deck Mr. Albert Ruediger Mr. Martin Hoeneveld

### WITTENBERG \*lfrs. Jasper Egland Mrs. William Herms Mrs. Peter Arendt Mr. Jasper Egland, Jr. Mrs. Will Wittenberg

## SUMMARY OF ENROLLMENT IN WOOD COUNTY AS OF JUNE 1, 1947

### BY CLUBS

There were 38 clubs with 49 men and 99 women adult leaders and 14 boys and 28 girls in the Junior Leadership project.

### BY MEMBERS

There were 330 boys and 343 girls making a total of 673 enrolled.

AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS					
BEES: 8 FRUIT: 4 GARDEN: 139 GRAIN: 19 POTA	ATO 17				
CANNING CROPS: Beans 33 Cucumbers 7 (Total 40)					
DAIRY: Project I 92 II 15 III 6 IV 4 V 5	(Total 122)				
FORESTRY: Project I 34 II 7 III 1 IV 2	(Total_44)				
HANDICRAFT: Project I 60 II 24 III 1	(Total 85)				
PIG: Project I 13 II 4 III 2	(Total 19)				
POULTRY: Project I 26 II 3 III 7 IV 2	(Total 38)				
SHEEP: Project I 11 II 2 III 1	(Total 14)				
SOIL CONSERVATION:6					

### HOME ECONOMICS PROJECTS

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CLOTHING: Project	I <u>114</u> II <u>78</u>	III 29 IV 10 V 10	VI 8 (Total 249)
FOOD PRESERVATION:	Beginner 28	01der25	(Total 53)
FOODS AND NUTRITION:	Beginner <u>68</u>	01der_ 30	(Total 98)
HOME FURNISHING:	Beginner <u>14</u>	Older 2	(Total <u>16</u> )

The regular meetings are held after the club is organized. A minimum of six of these meetings is required by each club that is organized. These regular meetings are usually held once a month, although, some clubs have meetings twice monthly. At this meeting the regular business meeting is held in which business of the club is taken care of. Questions of the club members are clarified and also some work on the record book is done during the regular meetings. Usually entertainment is undertaken at each meeting--some clubs have refreshments. Usually clubs have a parents night to help acquaint the parents with the club program. Parliamentary procedure is practiced at these meetings to acquaint club members with the proper technique for holding a meeting. Committees are usually responsible for different phases of the program, such as entertainment and refreshments.

Project meetings are called by the project leaders in each of the individual projects the members carry. These meetings are generally referred to as special meetings, and are called when members have questions concerning their projects or can be called for instructional purposes. These meetings are probably the more important meetings as far as club work is concerned. It is here that techniques that go with project work are learned.

Leaders Meetings. This year five leaders meetings were held in the four centers at Marshfield, Arpin, Pittsville and Wisconsin Rapids. Three of these meetings were of a planning nature to formulate the 4-H club program for 1947. One meeting was in connection with the Central Wisconsin State Fair that was held at Marshfield. Here plans for exhibits and a thorough explanation of the premium book was given. The fifth meeting was held in connection with project work. The meeting was designed to acquaint project leaders with their duties and give them additional material with which to work.

### ACTIVITIES:

Again as in the past a varied program of activities was undertaken by the Wood County 4-H clubs. From June 23rd to June 27th, Wood County youth attended a district leadership training camp at Wausau which was conducted by a staff

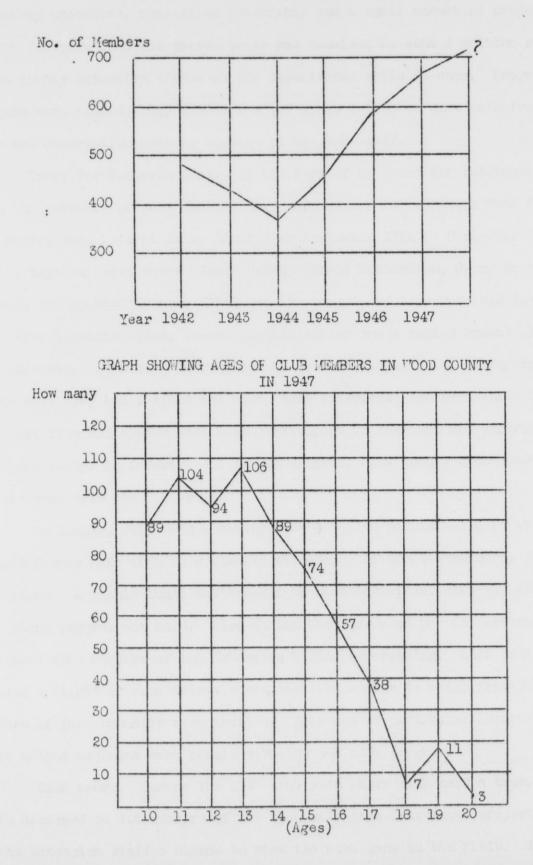


Wood County Dress Revue delegates to the Wisconsin State Fair - Milwaukee.



Anna Marie Elsen, Lynn Creek, Wisconsin's Champion Cherry Pie Baker. Received third place in National Contest.

4-H MEMBERS BY YEARS 1942-47 INCLUSIVE



from the state 4-H club office to benefit older 4-H members, junior leaders and adult leaders. One delegate from each club from the county was sent as a representative. During the course of the camp training was given in parliamentary procedure, recreation leadership and a small amount of project work. Each delegate that was chosen to go was required to send a written report to the county extension office on his experiences while at camp. Programs of local clubs were considerably improved after these delegates came back from the camp is one observation made by members of the 4-H staff.

Trees For Tomorrow Camp. In the form of an award for outstanding work done in the forestry project five members were chosen to represent Wood County at a forestry camp held at Eagle River from September 17th to September 20th. The five boys selected were: James Urban, Ronald Richardson, Jerry Boehning, Roy Ewer, and Richard Luther. While at the camp these boys received instruction in tree identification, insect identification and a varied amount of recreation leadership. Each boy was required to write a letter to M. N. Taylor to tell him what they had learned and what their experience had been while in camp. A report from him showed that each participant in the camp had experienced a lot of new things in forestry and insect control. The county club agent attended this camp with the five boys.

On Sunday, July 20th a county-wide 4-H club picnic was held at the North Wood County Park with an estimated attendance of 600 4-H members, leaders and parents. A picnic lunch was brought by each individual club and after lunch a short program was held. Also during the course of the day several games were played with members of the Extension Office supervising. Each individual club held a picnic or some doings throughout the summer to which friends and neighbors of the community were invited. This was of particular importance because it helped acquaint more people with the 4-H club program.

Club tours. During the 1947 club year every club held a tour. The tour is designed to let members of the club view each individual project, plus giving the extension staff a chance to view the work done in the field. Those who had



The problem that was faced in organizing and carrying out a mail box painting campaign is clearly illustrated in the picture. These boxes were found in Wood county.

done good work were proud to have the other members see what they had done during the summer and the ones that had not done such a good job had a chance to see when and how improvements could be made. Most tours ended with some social function such as a picnic.

### PUBLICITY

Newspapers and radio were the two chief sources of publicity during the 1947 club year. The weekly column "Scriblings" was used to inform people of Wood County what the 4-H club program was doing and things to happen in the 4-H club program. Clubs also used the newspaper to announce meetings, and had written accounts of meetings held. Several feature articles were written in the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune and the Marshfield News Herald on 4-H club events held during the year. The more important ones were judging, demonstration contest, junior fair, trip winners to the state fair and the achievement program at Marshfield. The county weekly papers also were used in feature stories, notices of meetings, etc.

The radio was used by the club agent during the club year. Many programs were of a 4-H club nature, used to acquaint people with the 4-H club program, giving announcements and a small amount of project instruction. On several occasions club members were included in the radio programs.

### JUDGING AND DEMONSTRATIONS

A county-wide dairy cattle judging contest was held on July 28th. During the course of the contest five farms were visited and ten classes of cows and heifers judged. Twenty-eight boys participated in this dairy judging contest. Mr. Al. Cramer, from the University of Wisconsin, was the chief judge and made all final placings on the contest. The winners were Bill Drollinger and Eugene Leibl. The purpose of this contest was to develop in the boys a sense of determining the better dairy types, toteach them what to look for when picking a cow for both type and production.

August 7th the county demonstration contest and judging contest was staged at Vesper. A total of 129 4-H club boys and girls participated either in



The result of the mail box painting campaign in Wood county is shown by this repainted and repaired mail box in the North Hansen 4-H Club area,

demonstrations, as a judging entrant, or in the style revue. Six boys entered the demonstration contest with two teams and two individual demonstrations. A total of 17 girls entered the demonstration contest, with 11 individual demonstrations and three teams. Sixty three girls entered the judging contest. Classes judged were Foods, Food Preservation and Clothing. This contest too, was staged to determine county representatives to go to the District contest at Wausau, and to determine judges to represent Wood County at the State Fair at Milwaukee.

Wood County was represented at the District Demonstration contest by two demonstration teams, the boys team, DuWayne Kundinger and Carl Cepress, with the demonstration "Better Milking Makes Dairy Profits", and the girls team, Luretta Malcolm and Alice Schmick with the demonstration "Hems Are Easy". Both Wood County entries won first place and were selected to represent the District at the State Fair. The girls team won a blue ribbon at the State Fair and the boys team brought back a red ribbon. Demonstrations are probably the most important activity carried on in 4-H club work. Here boys and girls learn how to show people to do a thing correctly.

Forty-three girls also participated in the Style Revue at Vesper on August 7th. The style revue is a public exhibit of the work done in clothing during the club year. Winners in the style revue were selected to represent Wood County at the State Fair. Beulah Thomas and Glenna Clark were the two girls selected for the trip to the State Fair.

Junior Fair. The 1947 Junior Fair was the largest in the history of the Wood County 4-H club program. Approximately 3500 individual exhibits were entered through the Extension Office. Every project taken by Wood County 4-H youth, FFA members and FHA members was represented by these exhibit. This chance to exhibit is an inspirational opportunity for 4-H members to compare their work and projects with that of other members. Again as in the past years the quality of exhibits was very high and competition was very keen. To create more of an incentive for exhibiting, the Equity Cooperative Shipping Association

gave a special prize for the best fitted class of dairy animals, and Assemblyman, Walter Cook, offered prizes in special showmanship. Another commercial concern offered premiums in a special garden exhibit and in a speicl pig project.

### FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY

Fire inspection sheets were sent to all club members in the early part of the club year. Fire inspection sheets were to be used by the club members in inspecting their own farms or a neighboring farm, and suggested checking and correction of such items as chimneys, roofs, heating units, electric wiring, lightning protection, storage of gasolene, proper use of power machinery and the arrangement of farm tools, that affords good fire prevention and safety.

On June 9th a safety speaking contest was held at Richfield. The winner, Beulah Thomas, went to Wausau to represent the County in the District speaking contest. Clubs were asked to set aside one or more meetings devoted entirely to safety. The winner for the second consecutive year was the MacArthur club in safety activities. Their work consisted of a good educational booth at the Central Wisconsin State Fair and instructions in first aid and proper methods of hygiene.

Special Activities - Two special activities were undertaken in the 4-H club program in 1947. One was the mail box painting program and the home ground improvement program.

The Extension Staff saw a need for mail box improvement in Wood County. Every postmaster in Wood County was contacted as to the desirability of a program of this nature. They were met with wholehearted acceptance. All the 4-H clubs in Wood County were contacted. Also there a good response was found. The club agent then made arrangements for stencils and paint which was sold to the 4-H clubs at cost. A mail box painting demonstration was held in each center to acquaint leaders and members with the proper technique of stenciling and painting. Also the cost of painting mail boxes was determined and a rate was set for the clubs to charge when painting mail boxes. One of the requirements set up by the club office on the mail box painting program was every



Much interest in showmanship at the Central Wisconsin State Fair is exhibited by spectators as well as the youthful showmen.

box belonging to a 4-H club family should be painted and as many as possible of non-4-H club families. This program was established to show 4-H club members the importance of mail box maintenance in Wood county. More than 500 mail boxes were painted and several clubs have expressed the desire to have the program continued another year, thereby, facilitating the opportunity to paint all the mail boxes in their communities.

A need was also seen in Wood County for work to be done on home grounds improvement. Consequently an activity was offered for boys and girls who wished to participate in the home grounds improvement. Eighteen boys and girls accepted this activity. The work consisted mostly of cleaning up farmstead buildings, walks, and minor repairs. No landscaping was attempted because all members enrolled were new at this activity and consequently experience was needed in planning and maintaining the farmstead. Results were very encouraging and work was inspected on the individual farms of the members enrolled.

### RECORD BOOKS AND HEALTH REPORTS

September 20th was set as the deadline for completed record books and health reports. Record books had to be in at the County Extension Office by the 20th before individual members could be considered for county and state awards. The record book is a record of the member's project, expenses, income, time spent on the project, and the story of the accomplishments of the past year.

The health report is in the form of a score card which is checked twice during the club year by the club member--once for good health habits already in practice and at the end of the club year for health habits improved. Each club member is encouraged to visit a doctor at least once a year and a dentist at least twice a year. One or more meetings during the year should also be devoted to health.

### ACHIEVEMENT

One County-wide Achievement program was planned for the county at which special recognition is to be given to members for outstanding work. The

Achievement program is to be held at the New Armory at Marshfield, November 1st at 10:45 A. M. The Wood County 4-H clubs are to be guests of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce. The award winners are:

Field Crops Award - Wendelin Frenzel, Golden Glow Handicraft Award - Peter Arendt, Jr., Wittenberg Soil Conservation Award - John Krzykowski, Green Elm Conservation Award - Harold Grunewald, Plank Hill

Poultry Member awards -Alvina Welniak, Shady Nook Mary Plutowski, Sunnyside Athleen Curtin, Shady Nook

Marvin Huser, Altdorf James Roehrborn, Riverview

Dairy Awards:

Best production - Bill Drollinger, Auburndale Brown Swiss project award - Eugene Leibl, Auburndale Guernsey project award - Arthur Guden, Richfield Holstein project award - Betty Cepress Jersey project award - William Fruin, Sherry

Garden Awards -Ruth Schoechert, North Hansen Max Hoppe, Clark-Wood

Leonard Lobner, Sherry John Reed, Maple Grove

Forvic Oats Project: George Thomas, Sherry Mahlon Freedlund, West Cary James Boyles, Sunnyside

Forestry Camp Trip Winners: Richard Luther, Cary Bluff James Urban, Wallace Ronald Richardson, Mill Creek LaVerne Brooks, Pleasant Corners Richard Luther, Cary Bluff

Jerry Boehning, Richfield Roy Ewer, Wallace

Special Pig Project Members -<br/>Ray Dieringer, Riverview<br/>Carroll Frenzel, Golden Glow<br/>James Roehrborn, Riverview<br/>Paul Garbisch, Richfield<br/>Bill Drollinger, AuburndaleMilton Strobel, Meadow Brook<br/>Herman Pichler, Ebbe<br/>Robert Koplien, Meadow Brook<br/>Fritz Berger, Jr., Mill Creek<br/>Steve Frankwick, Auburndale

Outstanding Agricultural Member - Jerry Boehning, Richfield

Agricultural Demonstration Team - DuWayne Kundinger and Carl Cepress, Auburndale

Food Preservation Award - Chloe Brody, Richfield

Foods and Nutrition Award - Joan Heckel, Shady Lane

Home Furnishings Award - Jeanne Kiesling, MacArthur

Clothing Award - Beulah Thomas, Sherry

Dress Revue Award - Jeanne Kiesling, MacArthur Joyce Sauer, Richfield Dorothy Westfall, Snyder Violet Fox, Vesper Laurelda Tremmel, MacArthur Glenna Clark, Vesper	Darlene Bolster, Cary Bluff Florence Korger, Cary Bluff Ruth Olsen, Richfield Pauline Sperbeck, Cary Bluff Beulah Thomas, Sherry
Outstanding Home Economics Member - Ellen	Urban, Wallace
Home Economics Demonstration Team - Luret Sunny	ta Malcolm and Alice Schmick, side
Junior Leadership Awards - Richard Elsen, Lynn Creek Ruth Olsen, Richfield	E. Joyce Stillman, Wallace Roger Bushman, North Hansen
Safety Speaking Awards - Beulah Thomas, Sherry (Trip to di Catherine Mae Konop, Milladore Patsy Rickel, Lynn Creek Chloe Brody, Richfield	strict contest at Wausau) Peter Arendt, Wittenberg Madalyn Tremmel, MacArthur Anna Marie Elsen, Lynn Creek
Farm Safety Activity - Shirley DeBevec, MacArthur Elroy Fink, MacArthur Dale Tremmel, MacArthur	Irene Kiesling, MacArthur Ronald Fischer, Lincoln
Honor Boys - Jerry Boehning, Richfield Leonard Lobner, Sherry Bill Drollinger, Auburndale	DuWayne Kundinger, Auburndale Vearl Christensen, North Hansen
Honor Girls - Jane Getlinger, Hillview Luretta Malcolm, Sunnyside Alice Schmick, Sunnyside	Anna Marie Elsen, Lynn Creek Glenna Clark, Vesper
State Fair Trip Winners: Clothing Judge - Ramona Hause, A Food Preservation Judge - Ruth Foods and Nutrition Judge - Char Dairy Judge - Eugene Leibl, Aubu Dairy Judge - Bill Drollinger, A Mail Box Booth - Dale Tomfohrde, Mail Box Booth - David Hagemann,	Olsen, Richfield lotte Winch, Vesper rndale uburndale Meadow Brook
Mail Box Painting Activity - Richfield - 89 boxes Meadow Brook - 44 boxes Sunnyside - 41 boxes	North Hansen-31 boxes Wallace - 28 boxes
Other clubs reporting mail boxes Sherry, MacArthur, Milladore, Cr Mill Creek.	anmoor, Plank Hill, Clark-Wood,
Club with best music program - Richfield	1 - Mrs. Lyle Matson, Music Leader
Club With best health program - MacArthu	ur - Mrs. George Kiesling, Leader.

Members graduating from club work - Delores Schroedel, Snyder Laurelda Tremmel, MacArthur Vearl Christensen, North Hansen

Home Grounds Improvement Activity awards -2nd place - Catherine Mae Konop, Milladore Dale Tomfohrde, Meadow Brook Joan Heckel, Shady Lane David Hagemann, Meadow Brook 3rd place - Shirley Debevec, MacArthur Jean Ebacher, Hillview Lorraine Hanson, Meadow Brook Harry Tremmel, MacArthur

Best Secretaries Record books -Richfield - Chloe Brody Clark - Wood - George Hoppe, Jr. Shady Nook - Maxine Curtin Arpin - Jeanne Leopold

North Hansen - Carol Jean Hansen

100% Achievement Clubs -Ebbe Golden Glow MacArthur

North Hansen Riverview Shady Nook

Sherry Snyder Sunnyside

### 4-H CLUB CREED

"I believe in Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work for the opportunity it gives me to become a useful citizen.

I believe in the training of my HEAD for the power it will give me to THINK, PLAN and REASON.

I believe in the training of my HEART for the nobleness it will give me to be kind, sympathetic and true.

I believe in the training of my HANDS for the ability it will give me to be HELPFUL, SKILLFUL and USEFUL.

I believe in the training of my HEALTH for the strength it will give me to ENJOY LIFE, RESIST DISEASE and MAKE FOR EFFICIENCY.

I believe in the United States of America, and in my responsibility for their development.

I am, therefore, willing to devote my efforts for the fulfillment of these things which I believe."



Launching a mail box improvement campaign, Ralph Dennee, former Wood County Club Agent, shows leaders and 4-H club members how to use a letter stencil.



Winners in Style Revue at Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield. Luretta Malcolm and Alice Schmick, Sunnyside, Pauline Sperbeck, Cary Bluff, Violet Fox, Vesper, and Laurelda Tremmel, MacArthur.

# 4-H CLUB WORK IN WOOD COUNTY - 1947

National guide posts around which 1947 program is to be centered nationally. 1. Joining with friends for work, fun and fellowship. 2. Conserving natures resources for security and happiness. 3. Building health for a strong America. 4. Serving as citizens in maintaining world peace.
WOOD COUNTY 4-H CLUB CALENDAR
<pre>January District Leaders Meetings. January 21 - 1:30 P. M Marshfield January 21 - 7:30 P. M Arpin January 22 - 7:30 P. M Wisconsin Rapids Reorganization of local clubselection of officers and leaders. Member enrollment to be continued until May 1st. New membership drive. 4-H Education month.</pre>
February → -Continued reorganization (if not organized in January). Installation of Officers. District Leader Training Meetings: February 20 - 7:30 p. m Marshfield February 21 - 1:30 p. m Arpin February 21 - 7:30 p. m Wisconsin Rapids New membership drive.
March National 4-H club Week (March 1 - 9) Reorganize if not previously done. District Leader Training meetings: March 20 - 7:30 p. m Marshfield March 21 - 7:30 p. m Arpin March 24 - 7:30 p. m Wisconsin Rapids Installation of officers if not previously done. New member drive. Order trees and shrubbery. Orders due in County Office by March 1st. Start record books. Fill in health reports for beginning of year. Senior and yearling calf projects should be well under way. Junior calf projects should be started.
<ul> <li>April All clubs to be organized and projects selected. Literature and record books in hands of club members. Study &amp; apply material. Forestry project trees received and planted according to project requirements.</li> <li>Make plans for safety speaking program for May meeting. Have each member prepare a 2 or 3 minute talk on safety.</li> <li>Initiation of new club members. Plan Athletic Program in club (soft ball)</li> </ul>
May 4-H Club Sunday - May 11th. May 1st - final date for enrollment. Projects should be started or well under way. Record books should be started at time project is started. Make plans for the safety speaking contest in June. Each member give a 2 to 3 minute talk on "Safety In the Home and On The Farm" at the May meeting and as many as possible participate in the County Contest in June.

Select delegates to the 4-H Leaders Training Camp at Wausau (Leaders, Junior Leaders, Club Officers) One delegate from each club.

May 30 - Permanent membership date after which time no additions, corrections, or changes in projects will be allowed. Withdrawals, except those having a permanent change of address, after May 30 will subtract from the 100% Achievement Clubs. Encourage singing and games at each club meeting. Practice judging schools--at the district centers or farms in sur-

rounding communities.

- June - County Safety Speaking Contest. District Leadership Camp - Wausau, June 23 to 26. National 4-H Camp at Washington D. C. Hold project meetings. Make plans for County demonstration and judging contest. Encourage singing and games at club meetings.
- July- - Reports from delegates who attended camp at Wausau. Make plans for a club tour. County-wide 4-H Club picnic.

August- - - Hold a 4-H Club tour - visit each member's project. County Contests - judging, demonstrations and dress revue, August 7. Make plans to exhibit at Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield. District Leader training meetings.

August 12 - 7:30 p.m. - - - Marshfield August 13 - 7:30 p.m. - - - Arpin August 14 - 7:30 p.m. - - - Wisconsin Rapids State Fair - August 16 to 24. District Demonstration Contests - August 14. State-wide safety demonstration contest at State Fair. State-wide 4-H chorus of 100 voices at State Fair. Wisconsin Valley 4-H Conservation Camp August 27 - 30.

- September Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield--August 31 to Sept. 4. State Conservation Camp at Green Lake - September 17 to 20. Complete record books and health reports. Record books to be at County office by September 21.
- October - Hold a club fair or exhibit. Make plans for a local Achievement program -- include a play, singing and a story of the club accomplishments for the year.
- November Leaders Recognition Banquet November 10. County Achievement Exercises - November 1st. Hold a local Achievement meeting. Make plans for reorganization - elect new officers--start new membership campaign.
- December Have a Christmas party and meeting. Reorganize for 1948. National Club Congress - Chicago. Include the 100th birthday celebration for Wisconsin in your 1948 program. (Centennial Celebration)

### STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 4-H CLUB AGENT

	Days in Office	
	Days in Field	
	Miles Traveled	
	Days vacation	
	Days devoted to work with adults	
	Days devoted to work with 4-H clubs and older youth 223	
	Number of farms or homes visited	
:	Number of office calls	
	Number of telephone calls	
	Number of news articles published	
	Number of bulletins distributed	
	Number of radio talks broadcast	
	Number of training meetings held for local leaders 16	
	Attendance at training meetings	
	Number of method demonstration meetings	
	Number attending	
	Number of 4-H encampments held 2	
	Number attending 16	
	Number of other meetings held 60	
	Total attendance	

### SPECIALISTS

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Respectfully submitted this 31st day of October, 1947. ale Verne Matticon County 4-H Club Agent