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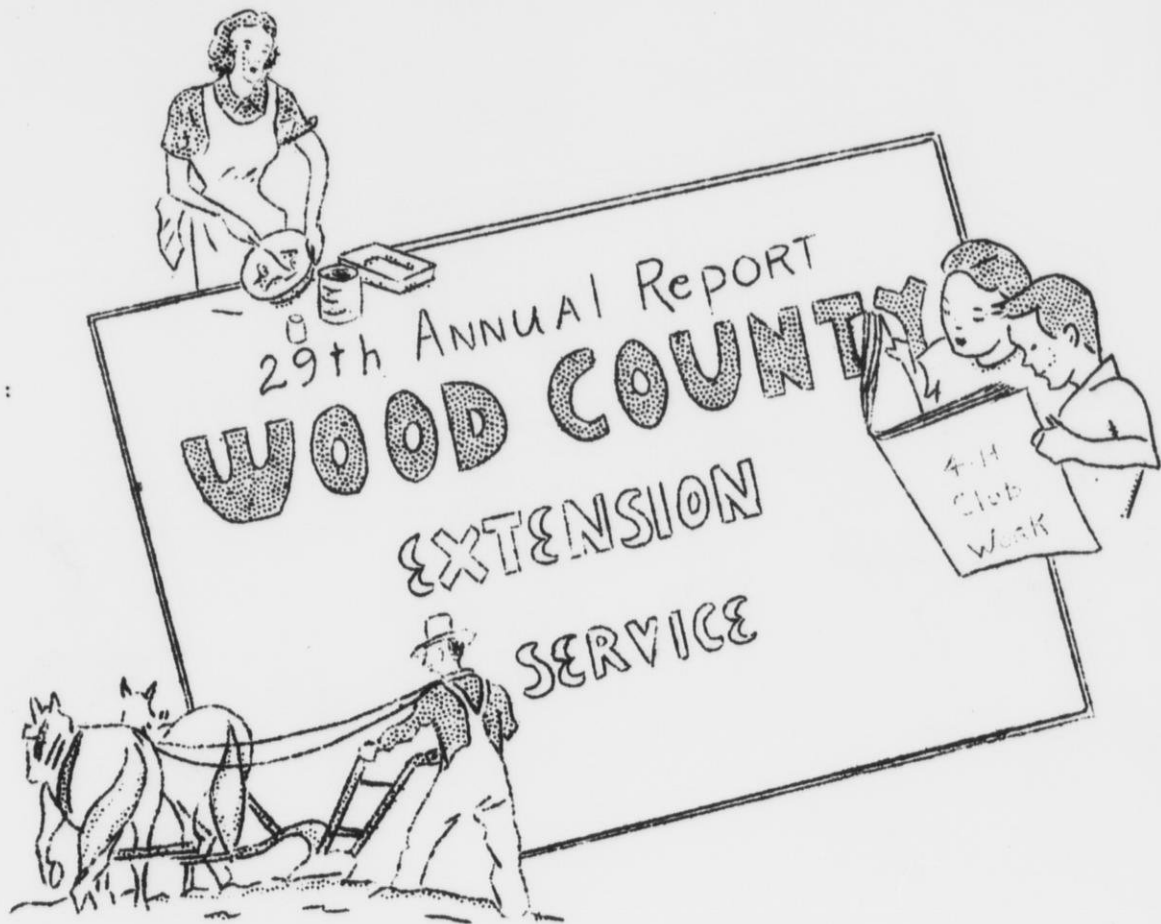
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EXTENSION ORGANIZATION

The job of the extension worker is to carry out the program of work as outlined by the committee on agriculture in cooperation with the College of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture. This program is carried on by the use of educational meetings using method and result demonstrations, personal visits, personal letters, circular letters, the press and radio. It is from these demonstrations and through the use of local leaders that information is made available to farm families in the county. It is impossible to visit or contact each farmer in the county so local leaders and demonstrators are used to further extend information after it has been tried and proven in the research laboratories of the University of Wisconsin. One of the duties of the county agent is to see that this research information reaches as many farmers as possible, so they can adopt these practices which will prove beneficial to them and their community.

A considerable amount of the county agent's time is spent consulting with individual farmers, answering questions which farmers ask about specific farm enterprises and farm management, supervising TVA test demonstration farms and giving assistance to organizations established for the improvement of agriculture such as the dairy herd testing and artificial breeding programs.

His work is also to assist in carrying on the general 4-H program in the county.

If the program is going to be a successful one, the co-operation of various agencies in the county must be had. When possible it is advisable to correlate the Extension program with these agencies. Agencies cooperating in Extension work are the press, radio, vocational agricultural departments, veteran trainers, service clubs, county supt. of schools, rural schools, Soil Conservation Service, district foresters, Farm and Home Administration and the PMA County and Community Committees.

AGRICULTURE PLANNING

The program of work for the county agent is planned by the Wood County Agricultural Committee of the Wood County Board of Supervisors and the District Extension Leader. A group of rural people were called together to make up an advisory committee and give suggestions with the planning of this program. After this consultation some of the phases of work stressed were:

Work with farmers and dairy plant operators in promoting better quality milk through educational meetings on Mastitis and Bang's control and continuing milkhouse and barnyard improvement.

Encourage herd improvement through herd testing and artificial breeding.

Work with dairy breed associations to help improve Wood County cattle.

Encourage and improve feeding and management practices of all farm animals.

Continue soil improvement work and acquaint as many farmers as possible with the results of a good fertilizer and liming program.

Conduct test plots to demonstrate the recent developments in improved small grains and grass seed mixtures.

Assist in weed and insect control problems.

Help with the general 4-H program.

All of these were stressed during the year.

CROP PRODUCTION

As a result of so many new varieties of seed oats developed in this and other states during the past few years, Wood County farmers have been more or less confused when thinking about what kind to plant in the spring. With this in mind the College of Agriculture cooperated with county agricultural agents throughout the state by supplying them varieties for test plots. The purpose of these test plots is to show the various characteristics of the most common oats grown by farmers.

Small grain test plots were put in with the cooperation of county veteran trainers on the following farms: David Koop, Town of Seneca; Bernard Lucht, Town of Arpin; Reuben Olm, Town of Marshfield. Fertilizer test plots were put in on the farms of Donald Accola, Town of Cary, and Victor Reigel, Town of Milladore, to show the results of applying fertilizer at varying rates per acre.

Throughout the summer these test plots were viewed by our office, county agricultural teachers, veteran trainers and trainees and interested farmers. The yields from these plots were determined but will not be publicized as they must be taken over a range of years to determine what variety is the best suited for any community as yields vary considerable due to weather and soil fertility. The plots this year definitely show that soils must be in a high state of fertility to get the maximum yields. The new test plots that were fertilized heavy also showed up much better this fall.



Victor Reigel, Town of Milladore, is shown comparing his yield of oats where 250 lbs. of 0-20-20 fertilizer plus 100 lbs. of Ammonium Nitrate were applied, to his check yield on which no fertilizer was used. Another fertilizer demonstration plot was put in on the Donald Accola farm in the Town of Cary. Small grain variety plots were put in on the Bernard Lucht, David Koop and Reuben Ohm farms.

The Branch Experiment Station at Marshfield was a further proving ground for oat varieties during the year, and many Wood County farmers viewed the results of these grain varieties which included oats, barley, wheat and rye. The annual Station Day drew around 1500 farm men, women and children to witness the outcome of these varieties and learn about other new developments in agriculture.

Corn- One corn variety demonstration plot was put in on the Max Felat farm in the Town of Sigel, to show the characteristics of different varieties of corn and various kinds of hybrids. Due to the favorable weather conditions, Wood County farmers harvested one of the largest crops of corn in history.

Emergency Hay Crops- Last spring and early summer many Wood County farmers realized they would not have an adequate hay supply as much of the new seeding from the previous year did not survive the dry summer of '48. Consequently, much time was given to emergency hay and pasture crops through the use of news articles, radio broadcasts and discussions at farm meetings. Personal calls were made to advise farmers what emergency hay crop should be planted to insure a good hay supply. Some of the emergency hay crops planted were soybeans, sudan and oats or a mixture of soybeans with either millet, sudan grass, or oats. It was an ideal season for these crops due to the hot weather and rain during the months of July and August. Some farmers increased their corn acreage when a hay shortage was foreseen. Only farmers having their hay fields in a high state of fertility found that their new seedings were good and hay crops about average. Due to the planting of emergency hay crops and the bumper corn crop most Wood County farmers will not have to purchase hay for winter feeding.



The Extension Service cooperated with the Soil Conservation Service in putting on a Pasture Improvement Demonstration on the Orville Ohm farm in the Town of Marshfield, to show farmers how their pasture land could be improved by using the proper equipment for seed as well as carrying on a proper liming program.

P-stures- As a result of work done this year and in previous years, much pasture renovation work was done in Wood County in '49. The importance and methods of pasture renovation was publicized through news articles, radio broadcasts and individual contact. Veteran trainers were urged to promote this work among their trainees. The local Soil Conservation Service used their bulldozer and steel A-drag to help many in renovating their pastures. Although it is impossible to know the exact acreage which has been renovated by all farmers, evidence of this work can be seen in all sections of the county.

About 400 people attended a Pasture Improvement Demonstration which was held on the Orville Olm farm in the Town of Marshfield. With the help of the local Soil Conservation District's equipment and personnel, four acres of land were bulldozed and A-dragged; two acres were disked, cultivated, limed, fertilized and reseeded to a grass seed mixture. This demonstration was conducted on Highway 10 where interested persons can easily view the results next summer.

Grass Silage- A Grass Silage School was conducted at the Marshfield Experiment Station to acquaint farmers with the methods of putting up grass silage. Of the 100 attending, very few of them had ever put up grass silage but soon after many did so. Others plan to increase their silo storing capacity and put some up next year. A trend to more grass silage is the coming thing as farmers have the chance of preserving the vitamins and proteins as well as other food elements in a good hay crop by putting up grass silage. This eliminates much of the loss in leaves and food value when there is a poor hay making season.



A class of Holstein heifer calves are being lined up for judging at the Black and White Show, sponsored by the Wood County Holstein Breeders' Association at the Rudy Weinfurter Farm in the Town of Sherry. Other breed shown were sponsored by the Brown Swiss and Guernsey breeders in the county.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

The Wood County Holstein Breeders' Association was reorganized in 1949 and now has a present membership of approximately 35 members. About 65 animals were exhibited at the Black and White Show sponsored by the group at the Rudy Weinfurter farm in the Town of Sherry. A Holstein Classification Demonstration and Judging School was also held by this organization in cooperation with the 4-H clubs at the August Heeg farm in the Town of Richfield. The Sales Committee of this association is made up of three men who accompany and assist those interested in purchasing Holstein cattle in the county. One of the biggest sales in '49 was the 29 head of Holstein springers, averaging \$275 a head, to a Texas cattle buyer.

Publicity assistance was given to the county Brown Swiss breeders for their Brown Swiss Canton Show which was held at the Frank Lang farm in the Town of Milladore, and also the Guernsey breeders for their Parrish Show which was held at Lake Wazeecha.

A considerable amount of time was spent during the days of Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield assisting in conducting the Cattle Judging, Best Fitted and Showmanship Contests in the 4-H and open classes. Also assisted in the Fat Stock Show and in conducting the Horse Pulling Contest.

Cooperation and assistance was given the Central Wisconsin Breeders' Association (Cooperative) throughout the year. This organization is doing an excellent job in artificial breeding and herd testing. Their directors are: Fred Hoefner, John Lang, Lyle Matson and Ed Zettler of Marshfield, Rudy Weinfurter and Elmer Whitney of Sherry, and Matt Grassl of Auburndale.

About 5550 dairy cows were bred artificially in 1948 by the three full-time technicians of this cooperative and 100 farmers belonged



Farmers and 4-H members are being given instructions on judging and classifying Holstein animals at the August Heeg farm in the Town of Richfield. This was an activity sponsored by the Wood County Holstein Breeders' Association in cooperation with the 4-H Extension Department.

to the Herd Improvement Division. This method of breeding artificially should have a marked improvement on dairy cattle in this county, as most of the bulls used in these studs are outstanding individuals and show increased butterfat production of the offspring over the dams from 10 to 25 per cent. In a statement made by one specialist from the College of Agriculture, cows in dairy herd improvement work averaged about 348 pounds of butterfat while dairy cattle from artificial breeding in these same herds averaged about 381 pounds of butterfat proving artificial breeding is accomplishing the job it set out to do, which is to produce better dairy cattle.

During the year much information was given out by our office on artificial breeding and many members were signed up. All telephone calls from patrons in this area requesting service were taken through our office. In addition, a number of farm calls were made to give further information on dairy herd improvement work.

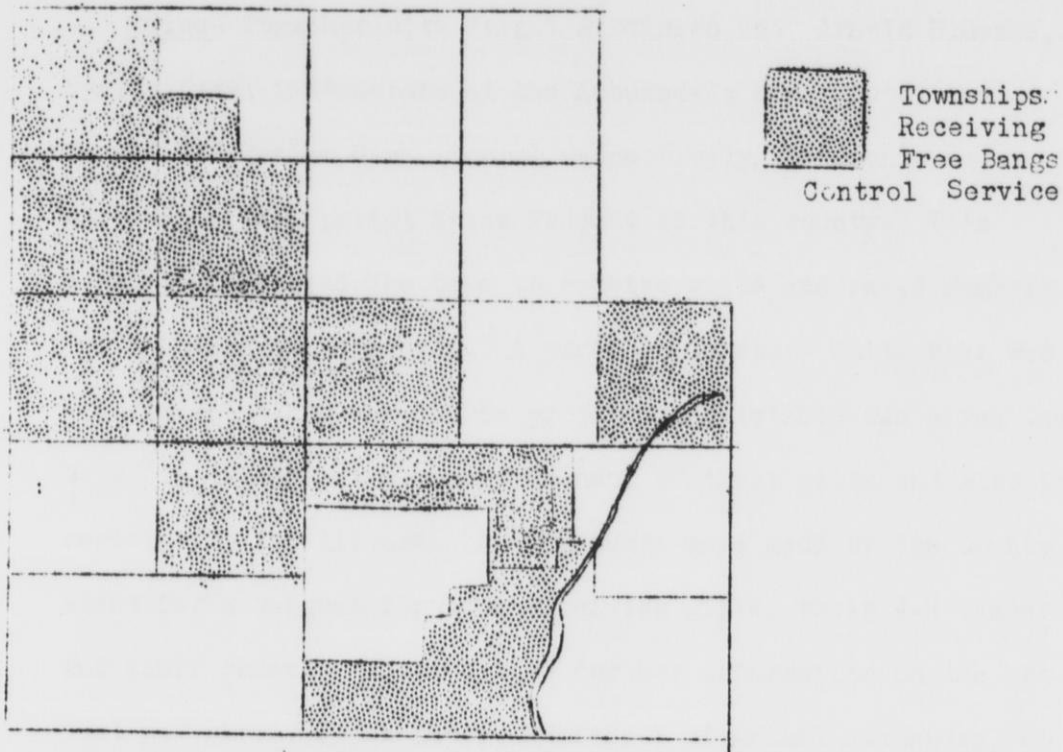
The feeding of dairy cattle was discussed at many community meetings and much literature was sent out in answer to requests sent to our office on feeding practices.

About 1250 persons attended the Farmers' Institutes held at Marshfield, Nekoosa, Arpin and Pittsville. Information on artificial breeding, dairy herd improvement work, hog management, etc. was presented by the specialists from the College of Agriculture. Discussions on small grain varieties and grass seed mixtures were also given. Cooperation in holding these institutes was given by the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, officials from Pittsville, Arpin and Nekoosa and county veteran trainers and agricultural instructors.

Disease Control- At present the following townships of Hanson, Port Edwards, Cameron, Richfield, Rock, Lincoln, Cary, Rudolph, Dexter, Seneca and Wood have been admitted under the new Bang's program.



James Lacey, Professor of Animal Husbandry at the College of Agriculture, is shown discussing meat production at the Farmers Institute held in Marshfield. A combined number of 1250 attended the institutes held at Marshfield, Pittsville, Nekoosa and Arpin to get the latest information on improved farm practices.



Being under the Bang's program entitles these townships to free calfhood vaccination and herd testing for Bang's disease. To date, however, no veterinarian has been assigned to the Towns of Wood and Dexter.

Bulletins and individual aid was given to farmers requesting control of other animal diseases.

Beef-- Again this year, beef raising seems to be on the increase. About 15 calves were shown by 4-H members at the Central Wisconsin State Fair in Marshfield and 20 beef animals were exhibited by 4-H members at the Adams Livestock Show. In one class at the Adams Show, seven out of eight places were taken by Wood County exhibitors. The Extension Office assisted in planning and carrying out this show.

Sheep-- The county agent cooperated with the College of Agriculture in conducting their sale of purebred rams and breeding ewes at Abbotsford in October, 1949. A number of these animals were purchased by

A flock of sheep on many farms would increase the farm income besides making it more diversified.

Swine- Together with Virgil Martinson and Arnold Bluemke, agricultural instructors at the Auburndale High School and Marshfield Senior High School, respectively, the county agent carried on the Special Swine Project in this county. This committee selected the boys to receive gilts and rated members for the management awards. A purebred Chester White boar was also selected for use in the project. Assistance was given the boys in the breeding and management of their gilts and also in registering the litters. Arrangements were made by the County agent for a banquet for boys receiving gilts, their 4-H leaders, and their parents at which time further information on the project was given. James Lacey, Professor of Animal Husbandry, at the College of Agriculture, was present to discuss hog management practices.

Poultry- Two poultry meetings were held in the county at which time J. B. Hayes, Farm Poultry Specialist from the College of Agriculture, discussed the latest poultry management practices. These meetings were held in Auburndale and Wisconsin Rapids with the cooperation of high school agricultural instructors and veteran trainers.

A number of farm calls were made throughout the year in assisting poultry raisers with their feeding practices, management of flocks, and disease control problems.

CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Soil Testing - The Extension Office cooperated with the Production Marketing Administration in carrying on a soil testing program for interested Wood County farmers. Assistance was given in the



Extension Service cooperated with the Wood County Agricultural Conservation Association in giving instructions to personnel hired by that association to take soil samples for Wood County farmers requesting this service. About 2000 samples were taken by the instructed men and tested in the Soil Testing Lab. at the Extension Office.

training of the men hired by the PMA to take the samples which tested in the laboratory at the Extension Office.

Soil testing service is available to anyone who will take the soil samples, dry them out and bring them to the Extension Office. A small fee is charged, part of which goes to pay for the materials used in the test and the remainder is in payment for services rendered by the technicians in making the analysis. The following is a form on which is reported the results of the soil test for each field from which soil samples have been taken.

Soil samples from your farm have been analyzed for acidity, available phosphorus, and available potassium. These analyses and fertilizer recommendations are given below. To assure good production of general farm crops, a soil should contain about 75 lbs. of available phosphorus and 200 lbs. of available potassium per acre. Recent experimental results show that high levels of potassium in particular, at least 200 lbs. are required to assure high production of alfalfa and clover. For potatoes, and other truck crops about twice as high levels of phosphorus and potassium are needed as for general farm crops.

Sample	:Available phosphorus :lbs. per acre:	:Available potassium :lbs. per acre:	: Acidity:	:Tons lime :needed: :per A.:	:Fertilizer Recommendations :Kind:Rate:Crop
T-1	: 75	: 80	: 7.0	: 0	: 0-10-20 600 : Hay
J	: 50	: 20	: 5.0	: 3	: 0-20-0 150 : Oats
F	: Trace	: 80	: 6.5	: 0	: 50% : : : Potash: 250 : Pasture
R	: 60	: 80	: 8.0	: 0	: 0-10-20 600 : Corn

About 200 samples were tested in the Soil Testing Laboratory in the Court House Annex in the past year. The only way to determine the kind and amount of fertilizer the land needs is to have the soil tested. Most farmers in this area are fertilizing their grain land but many of them are not putting on enough fertilizer to help get a good stand of legume hay and obtain the maximum grain yields.

Soil Conservation- During the past year soil conservation work was discussed by personnel from the Soil Conservation Service and Extension Office at many community gatherings. Arrangements were made to have the Wood County Soil Conservation Staff discuss their program with the TVA cooperators and neighborhood groups during the year. Periodically, the county agent meets with the members of the Soil Conservation Service and the Wood County Soil Conservation Committee, who are responsible for carrying out the soil conservation program in the county. The Wood County Soil Conservation Committee --- composed of Dick Greenaway, Arpin; Elmer Lautenbach, Marshfield; George Kunderling, Auburndale; George Yetter, Pittsville; Matt Knedle, Wisconsin Rapids, placed fourth in the Annual Goodyear Soil Conservation Contest. Placings in this contest are determined by the amount of work done by these various committees to promote soil conservation work in their respective counties. A recognition dinner was held at Oshkosh honoring Soil Conservation Committees throughout the state. Carl Wallner, Arpin; Henry Dreschler, Pittsville; and Roger Stofflet, Auburndale were named to represent Wood County as farmers having done outstanding soil conservation work.

The Soil Conservation Service in Wood County operates with the following equipment: TD-18 International caterpillar, all steel A-drag, bulldozer, and RD-4 caterpillar tractor which is used in wet areas where motor patrols are unable to operate.

In addition equipment from the Wood County Highway Department and local townships was used to promote such soil conservation practices as establishing drainage systems, terraces and waterways on Wood County farms. To date about 40 miles of drainage systems and 10 miles of terraces have been put in by the Soil Conservation



One phase of soil conservation is good land use. The two-ton steel A-Drag owned and operated by the Soil Conservation District leveled or cleared about 500 acres of stumpy land in 1949 to be used for pasture, thereby helping to lighten the crop load on present crop land.

Service. More of this work will be completed before 1950.

In September, 1949, a Soil Conservation Camp was sponsored by the Lloyd L. Folker Company of Marshfield and held at the Marshfield Fair Grounds. The enrollment of this camp was made up of ten boys from Marathon, Clark and Wood Counties. The four-day camp was conducted by personnel from the College of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service and the Extension Office. Cooperation was also given by the county high school agricultural departments and veteran trainers. The instructions which included both classroom and actual field training proved very educational and worthwhile. Two boys from each county were selected to go to Akron, Ohio on the basis of what they had accomplished in the way of soil conservation practices from the time the camp ended until October 15.

A Grassland Field Day was held at the Marshfield Experiment Station in October of 1949. About 1200 farmers attended this demonstration which showed various ways of establishing soil conservation practices.

Forestry- During the year 34,300 trees were distributed to farmers and others with the aid of Extension Service. Individuals in the county purchased 188,575 trees privately through State Nurseries.

FARM MANAGEMENT

Farm Accounts- I. F. Hall, Extension Economist from the College of Agriculture, spent time in this county checking Farm Account Books for TVA cooperators and others who desired this service. Farm Account Books can be purchased through our office for a small charge.

Farm Credit- Personal advice was given individuals concerning sources of agricultural credit. Attended meetings of the National Farm Loan Association and Production Marketing Administration.

Outlook Information- The outlook in agriculture was discussed at all of the Farm Institutes held in the county by specialists from the College of Agriculture and at other meetings by the county agent. Much interest was shown by rural people.

GENERAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS RELATED TO AGRICULTURE

The county agent acted as chairman in organizing the Christian Rural Overseas Program again this year in the county. This is a program through which commodities are solicited from farm people on a community-wide basis and then turned over to established relief agencies and distributed to orphanages, institutions for the aged and ill and refugees in Asia and Europe. A county group headed by Reverend L. J. Larson, Wisconsin Rapids, helped in making a canvas of the county. The county agent and club agent are serving as secretary and treasurer, respectively, of this committee.

Rural Welfare- During the winter the county agent and club agent inaugurated a 4-H Hot Lunch Program in this county in which ten clubs with a total enrollment of 100 participated. The purpose of organizing these clubs in rural and graded schools during the winter months was to provide rural children with a noon meal which included something warm besides fruit, vegetables and milk. Monthly meetings were held to discuss proper eating habits and the importance of well balanced meals. One very noticeable result of this program was that less children were absent from school due to illness during these cold months.

Farm boys were encouraged to take vocational agricultural courses in high school and if they were interested in agriculture as a career encouragement was given to increase their knowledge in the subject by attending a school of higher learning. Four Farm Short Course

Scholarships were awarded by the Citizens' National Bank of Marshfield to deserving Wood County farm boys who were interested in attending this course offered at the University of Wisconsin. Those receiving scholarships were selected by an Extension Office Committee.

MARKETING AND DISTRIBUTION

Dairy Products- Much of the credit for the improvement in the quality of milk in Wood County must be given to the Wood County Milk Quality Improvement Association which was organized in this county about four years ago. Since that time this association has been been very active in promoting better milk coming into the plants who are members of the organization.

This organization is run by the members who elect their own Board of Directors. This board is responsible for most of the work carried on, and they in turn elect their own officers. At present the officers are: William Bymers, Arpin; Jacob Hertel, Milladore; Leo Neitzel, Wisconsin Rapids.

To date 24 plants in Wood County are paying into this association five cents for every 1000 pounds of milk they take in at their plants. The Board of Directors hire two fieldmen to work in all plants belonging to the association. About every three weeks one of the fieldmen spend a day in the plant taking sediments, methylene blue and other tests to determine the quality of milk delivered to the plant by the farmers.

Farmers who fail to deliver a high grade of milk are called upon by the fieldmen who help them with any problems they might have in preventing them from producing quality milk. Reports on the quality of milk found each day by each fieldman are sent to the State inspector in charge of the area. They are also given at the



The ways and means of producing better quality milk were demonstrated by specialists from the College of Agriculture to dairy plant operators and fieldmen, milk truckers, and other interested farmers at a Quality Milk Clinic held in Marshfield.

at the monthly meetings of the Board of Directors. Through help of this kind the county agent's program of work is made much more effective.

A Dairy Clinic was held in April for dairy plant operators and fieldmen, milk truckers, and others connected and interested in the dairy industry. All phases of quality milk were covered during the day and evening program which was conducted by Extension Office and Milk Quality Improvement Association with the cooperation of specialists from the College of Agriculture.

Six quality milk meetings were conducted by the county agent for farmers in different sections of the county, at which time quality milk problems, milkhouse planning and the new minimum milk standards and regulations were reviewed. Movies on herd improvement were also shown.

In selling milk under these new dairy regulations most farmers find they won't be doing much different than they are at present, with the exception of those not having a milkhouse, as according to the regulations every farmer must have one by November 15, 1952.

Cooperated with the Equity Co-operative Livestock Association of Marshfield and other cooperatives in the county by participating in annual meetings and giving assistance when called upon to do so.

HOUSING, FARMSTEAD IMPROVEMENT & EQUIPMENT

Farm Buildings- A number of requests pertaining to the remodeling of farm homes, the building of dairy barns, machine sheds, and poultry houses were answered through our office by sending out literature or personal contact. Many farmers are building milkhouses and a number of farm calls were made to give individual help in planning these structures. Arrangements were made to have Carl Neitzke, Farm Building Specialist from the College of Agriculture

to speak at meetings in Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield on farm sewage systems.

Assistance was given the College of Agriculture in conducting a silo survey in this county to determine the kinds, sizes, construction materials, ages and number of silos on Wood County farms. A trend to more grass and corn silage for dairy cattle resulted in the building of more silos in the county. Many farmers would benefit greatly by having twice the silage storing capacity they now have to take care of a bumper corn crop like we had this year or a large hay crop like we have in some years. Food preserved in a good, well-built silo can be kept almost indefinitely.

MISCELLANEOUS

Weed Control- A weed control meeting was held at the Marshfield Experiment Station for weed commissioners, township chairmen and others interested. At this meeting weed control practices were recommended for future months and new recommended chemicals discussed.

Insect Control- Although grasshoppers did not infest Wood County as much as was earlier predicted, grasshopper bait stations were set up at Auburndale with the cooperation of Virgil Martinson, Agricultural Instructor at the Auburndale High School and at Rudolph on the Ronald Zabawa farm.

Much information was given out by the Extension Office through timely radio broadcasts, newspaper articles and individual contacts concerning the control of insects, household pests and rodents.

4-H Work- In 1949 there were 917 members in Wood County 4-H Clubs, an increase of 297 members over 1948. Due to the increased aid for extension work, the directors of extension asked each county to increase enrollment in 4-H work in Wisconsin counties. In this



Although the grasshopper outbreak was not as serious as earlier predicted for this county, a considerable amount of grasshopper bait was mixed by Wood County farmers for use on their fields. The above picture shows two young farmers mixing bait in the farm shop of the Auburndale High School. Another station was set up at the Ronald Zabawa farm in the Town of Rudolph.

county De Verne Mathison has the responsibility of the 4-H clubs and assistance is given him by the county agent and home agent.

During the year the county agent assisted in increasing enrollment in the Auburndale area and also in establishing a new club at Blenker. Assistance was also given in organizing a 4-H Hot Lunch Program and a 4-H Softball League in which twelve clubs participated.

Club tours of the Lone Elm, Sherry, Shady Lane, Auburndale, Synder, South Hanson, Cary and Stepping Stone were attended by the county agent.

Assistance was also given at the 4-H Leaders Council Meetings and Leaders Banquet.

COOPERATE WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES

Veterans Administration- Whenever possible aid was given to the Marshfield and Wisconsin Rapids Vocational Schools in carrying on the Farm Training Program for veterans. Assistance was given in selecting veteran trainees and also with the educational and demonstrational programs held for them. Information was given to veterans concerning the program and help wherever possible to get them set up in farming.

T.V.A. - The use of recommended amounts of commercial fertilizer was again used on a number of Wood County test demonstration farms. According to a new policy adopted by the State TVA Committee only three cooperators receive phosphate fertilizer under this program and must pay for one-half of the cost. These three must also apply the recommended amounts of lime and potash fertilizer before the phosphate can be used. Besides these three there are 11 other co-operators who follow the regular TVA practices. Last year a program was started to get more farmers interested in fertilizer test



Tours to show the results of using lime and fertilizer as recommended by soil tests were conducted in all sections of the county for TVA cooperators and their neighborhood groups. The above picture shows a group of farmers viewing a good stand of legume hay at the Rudy Weinfurter farm in the Town of Sherry.

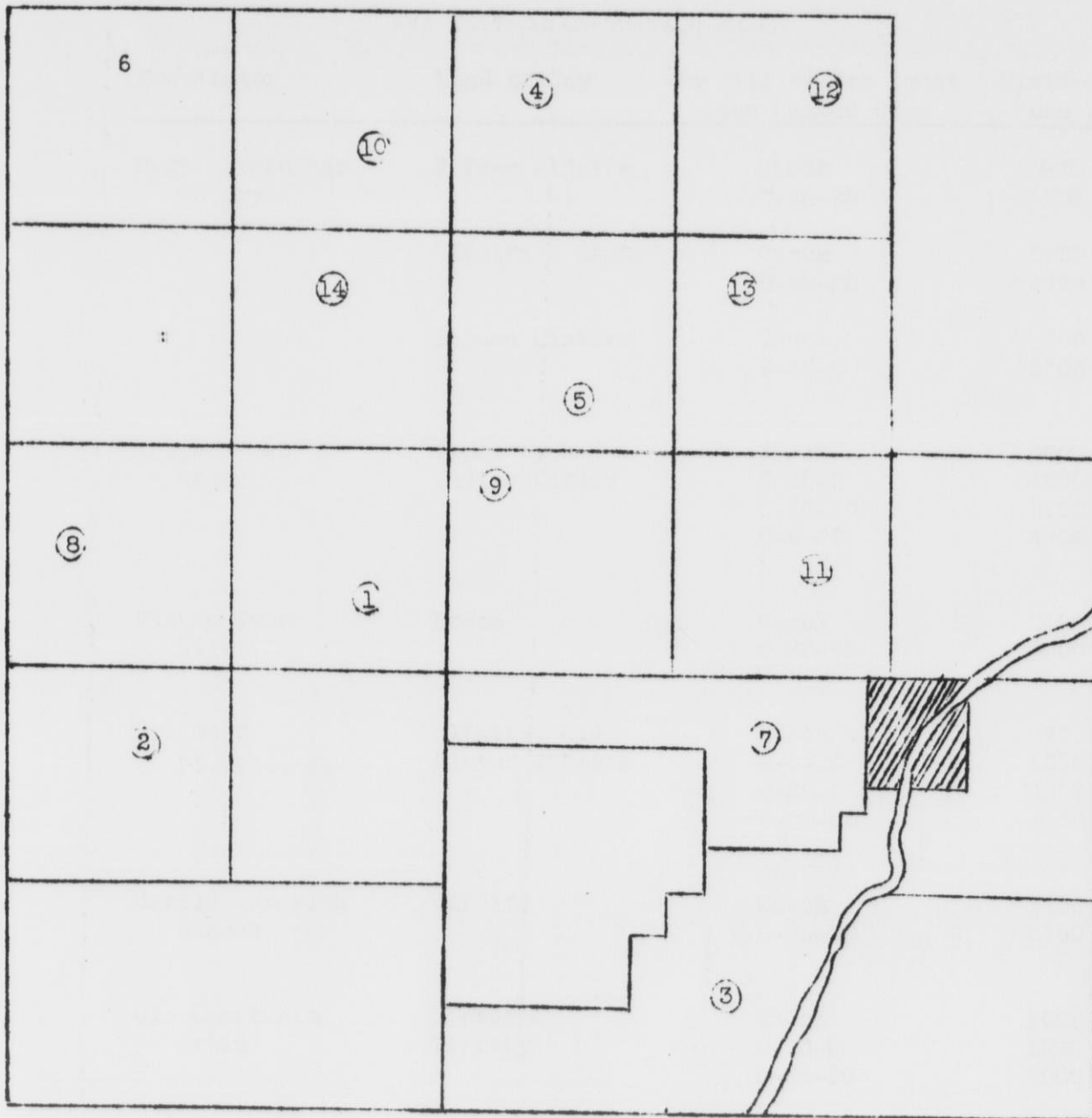
demonstrations by having the TVA cooperators form neighborhood groups.

These groups had their soil tested, used the recommended amounts of lime and fertilizer on grain land seeded down to legumes. Many of the TVA men and neighborhood group members pooled their order for fertilizer to obtain a type of a higher analysis than could be purchased locally.

Tours for all TVA men and others interested were conducted to view the results of these test demonstration plots. By using the recommended amounts of lime and fertilizer a large carry over was noticed which resulted in a better stand and yield of hay on land that was properly fertilized when seeded down. Many new seedings planted in this county failed due to the lack of fertility in the soil.

During the year meetings were held with each neighborhood group at which time fertilizer application methods, soil conservation practices, small grain varieties and grass seed mixtures were discussed. A meeting for all TVA cooperators and neighborhood groups was held at which time Dr. O. J. Attoe, Associate Professor of Soils at the College of Agriculture, was present to discuss the results obtained in research at the college using varying rates and kinds of fertilizer.

TVA hay and grain data can be found on the following pages.



T. V. A. Cooperators

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| 1. George Dibble | 6. Fred Hoefner | 10. Ole Snortheim |
| 2. Claude Ewer* | 7. Jackson Bros.* | 11. Frank Tomczyk* |
| 3. Joe Getz* | 8. Meyer Bros.* | 12. D. Trowbridge |
| 4. Matt Grassl | 9. Harold Peterich | 13. R. Weinfurter* |
| 5. Ralph Hause | | 14. Ed Zettler |

* Have T.V.A. Neighborhood Groups

1949 HAY YIELD DATA

TVA TEST DEMONSTRATION FARMS

Cooperator	Kind of Hay	Fertilizer Treatment When Seeded Down	Yield Per Acre Lbs.
Rudy Weinfurter Sherry	2 Year Alfalfa	Check	3925
		0-20-20	3150
	Alfalfa & Brome	Check	2250
		0-20-20	2775
	Legume Mixture	Check	3750
		0-20-20	5700
Ralph Hause Arpin	Timothy Red & Ladino Clover	Check	3000
		0-20-0	4050
		0-20-20	5100
		0-0-20	4200
Claude Ewer Hiles	Brome	Check	3490
		0-23-25	3000
Joe Gotz Pt. Edwards	Alfalfa, Red Clover & Brome	Check	2775
		0-0-20	4350
		0-20-0	4275
		0-20-20	4950
Harold Peterich Hansen	Alfalfa	Check	5256
		0-20-20	6750
Ole Snorthem Arpin	Clover & Timothy	Check	1000
		0-20-0	1500
		0-20-20	3000

COOPERATIVE GRAIN YIELDS
WHOLE FARM DEMONSTRATIONS
Wood County 1949

Demonstrator	Kind of Grain	Fertilizer Treatment	Yield Per Acre	
			Grain Bu.	Straw Lbs.
Claude Ewer	Oats	Check	44.0	1858
		0-23-25	64.9	2214
Joe Gotz	Oats	Check	25.4	1305
		0-0-20	57.5	2295
		0-20-20	49.4	1876
Ralph Hause	Clinton	Check	24.7	1412
		0-20-0	29.2	2001
		0-0-20	27.5	2386
		0-20-20	36.8	2772
Ole Snortheim	Clinton	Check	30.5	3125
		0-20-20	35.9	2974
Rudy Weinfurter	Oats	Check	42.6	2258
		0-23-25	81.2	4400
Matt Grassl	Oats	Check	26.4	3411
		0-23-25	44.3	4360
Fred Hoefner	Forvic	Check	36.9	2177
		0-23-25	53.6	3318
Harold Peterich	Clinton	Check	54.3	
		0-20-20	56.7	
Frank Tomczyk	Clinton	Check	80.2	5830
		0-20-20	131.4	
	Blackhawk	Check	45.6	3051
		0-20-20	44.4	3212
	Ajax	Check	83.6	1982
		0-20-20	94.6	2203
	Clinton	Check	79.2	2863
		0-20-20	95.7	4052

PLANS FOR COUNTY AGENT'S PROGRAM

1950

<u>PHASE of WORK</u>	<u>GOALS</u>
Minimum Milk Standards	Acquaint 2500 farm families with the new dairy regulations.
Quality Milk	Work with Wood County Milk Quality Improvement Association in promoting better milk.
Fly Control	Encourage farmers to use the proper insecticides for fly control and latest methods of weed and insect control.
Dairy Cattle	Promote the breeding of 6000 cows to bulls from artificial breeding rings. Keep number of farmers doing dairy record testing at the present level of 100 Supply information on better feeding, management and disease control of dairy cattle as well as poultry, swine, sheep and other animals. Sign up townships as requested for Bang's control.
Soil Improvement	Continue to teach and maintain soil conservation practices.
Crops	Encourage farmers to renovate pastures and use improved varieties of seeds. Continue test plots.
Farm Buildings	Encourage all farmers to build a milkhouse to meet the minimum requirements in the new dairy regulations. Provide information on other farm buildings.
Farm Organizations	Assist with the 4-H and Country Life Programs. Have 15 TVA Cooperators with 100 interested members in neighborhood groups. Cooperate with other farm agencies.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF COUNTY AGENT

Days in Office - - - - -	94	
Days in Field - - - - -	184	
Miles Traveled - - - - -	14322	
Days Vacation - - - - -	5	<i>D.R. Rowe - 13</i>
Days Sick Leave - - - - -	1	<i>D.R. Rowe - 0</i>
Days Devoted to Work with Adults - - - - -	212 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Days Devoted to 4-H and Older Youth Work - - - - -	64 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Number of Farms or Homes Visited This Year - - - - -	244	
Number of Different Farms or Homes Visited - - - - -	223	
Number of Office Calls - - - - -	940	
Number of Telephone Calls - - - - -	958	
Number of News Articles Published - - - - -	96	
Number of Bulletins Distributed - - - - -	1050	
Number of Radio Broadcasts - - - - -	30	
Method Demonstration Meetings Held - - - - -	15	
Number in Attendance - - - - -	5394	
Training Meetings Held for Local Leaders - - - - -	5	
Number in Attendance - - - - -	116	
4-H Method Demonstration Meetings Held - - - - -	6	
Number in Attendance - - - - -	236	
Number of Adult Tours Conducted - - - - -	6	
Number in Attendance - - - - -	99	
4-H Tours Conducted - - - - -	10	
Number in Attendance - - - - -	212	
Adult Encampments Held - - - - -	1	
Number in Attendance - - - - -	16	
4-H Encampments - - - - -	1	
Number in Attendance - - - - -	43	
4-H Achievement Days - - - - -	1	
Number in Attendance - - - - -	500	
Other Meetings Held - - - - -	111	
Number in Attendance - - - - -	732	
Days Specialists Assisted in County - - - - -	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	

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

O. J. Attoe	F. V. Burcalow	P. E. McNall
F. H. Turner	I. F. Hall	C. Neitzke
I. O. Hembre	Edwin Heizer	Wm. Roper
Emil Jorgensen	James Lacey	A. Alberts
Albert Cramer	George Werner	R. Johannes
Bruce Carter	E. Wallenfeldt	C. L. Blakeslee
Edward G. Bruns	J. B. Hayes	F. Hendrickson
D. H. Williams	Harold Hull	Harlan Koch
	C. Shoemaker	

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of October, 1949, by:

Irving J. Corey
County Agricultural Agent

Report of Wood County Home Demonstration Agent
Cecelia M. Shestock
1948 - 1949

Extension Organization

The Home Economics Extension Program in Wood County is available to all rural and urban women and girls who are interested in the study of the home and its related subjects. In 1948-49 there were 42 organized Home Demonstration Clubs with a membership of over 700 women and 425 girls enrolled in 42 4-H Clubs.

The over-all objective is to enrich the lives of those who participate in the organized programs and to improve their family living. At a spring program planning meeting Home Demonstration Club representatives selected a set of goals which they planned to work toward during the year.

The goals selected were -

1. Good health for the whole family.
2. Plenty of nutritious food for the family.
3. Better preparation of foods.
4. Better clothing for less money.
5. Better care of household equipment.
6. Cleaner literature on our news stands.
7. Better radio listening, and better radio programs.
8. Better homes and gardens
 - a. Growing house plants
 - b. Landscaping
9. Grow old youthfully
10. Opportunities for County youth to help combat juvenile delinquency.
11. Good morals.
12. Better cooperation among neighborhood groups.
13. Closer relationship among school groups (school boards, teachers and parents).

14. Everybody vote - intelligently.
15. Practice religion in every home.
16. Study a foreign country.

All girls in 4-H Clubs were enrolled in one or more Home Economics projects. These projects included Clothing, Food and Nutrition, Food Preservation, Frozen Foods, Home Furnishings and Gardening.

Each Home Demonstration Club and each 4-H Club is a complete organization within itself. Each has their own officers and base their local program on the County program. The County is divided into 6 centers for convenience in giving instruction to Home Demonstration Club Leaders. The sixth center at Milladore was added during the year due to increased attendance at the leader training meetings. The centers are located at Wisconsin Rapids, Nekoosa, Pittsville, Arpin, Marshfield and Milladore. Two leaders from each club attend the leader training meetings at the Center. Following the training meeting the leaders present the project material to their fellow club members.

The 4-H Club groups are organized into four centers for convenience in training leaders and officers. Project instruction is given to leaders and members upon request.

A third group of Wood County people consisting of young married people and young people out of 4-H Club work meet monthly to discuss and work out projects of particular interest to them. This group selected the name of "Country Life Club" for their group. A yearly program consisting of discussion meetings, talks, tours and social meetings was planned. Eighty young people have shown an interest in this group.

A reunion luncheon for Wood County Home Demonstration Club members who were members of a club for 20 years or more was held at the Paper Inn at Port Edwards in June. Seventy-five women attended the luncheon

meeting. Mrs. Nellie Kedzie Jones, early pioneer in extension work spoke on the Home Economics work in Wisconsin. Miss Gladys Meloche spoke on her early experiences as an extension worker in Wood County.

The Annual Home Demonstration Achievement Day was held at Pittsville. Over 350 women attended. All types of activities and displays were included in the program.

The Wood County Extension Planning groups were set up as suggested by the State Extension Office. Ten women representing different areas were selected as the Advisory Committee and were invited to meet with representatives of the Agriculture and Youth programs. The Home Economics advisory group reviewed the program which had been previously planned and also suggested additional projects for 1950. Following the advisory committee meeting the Extension Agents met with the Agricultural committee and representatives of the University of Wisconsin to formulate the County Extension Program.

Officers of Wood County
Home Demonstration Club Centers 1948-49

Wisconsin Rapids Center

Chairman - - - - - Mrs. Elmer Neitzel, R. 4, Wisconsin Rapids
Vice Chairman- - - - - Mrs. A. L. Pfeiffer, 1141 - 16th St. N.
Secretary-Treasurer- - - Mrs. O. S. Bean, Vesper.

Arpin Center

Chairman - - - - - Mrs. Ivan Hause, Auburndale
Vice Chairman- - - - - Mrs. Joe Minch, Arpin
Secretary-Treasurer- - - Mrs. Charles Ashbeck, Route 1, Auburndale

Pittsville Center

Chairman - - - - - Mrs. Wm. Reynolds, Route 1, Pittsville
Vice Chairman- - - - - Mrs. Fred Gotz, Pittsville
Secretary-Treasurer- - - Mrs. Clifford Gardner, Route 2, Pittsville

Marshfield Center

Chairman - - - - - Mrs. Amos Bulgrin, Route 1, Marshfield
Vice Chairman- - - - - Mrs. Louis Wingert, Route 2, Marshfield
Secretary-Treasurer- - - Mrs. Guy Harwood, 200 Concord St., Marshfield



"Fitting the Test Pattern" was one of the projects studied during the year by the Home Demonstration Club members. The Milladore Center received an "A" rating on this booth at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield.

Nekoosa Center

Chairman - - - - - Mrs. George Elmer, Star Route, Nekoosa
Vice Chairman- - - - - Mrs. Ignatz Koller, Nekoosa
Secretary-Treasurer- - - - Mrs. Irvin Newman, 163 Wood Avenue, Nekoosa

Milladore Center

Chairman - - - - - Mrs. Martin Stashek, Milladore
Vice Chairman- - - - - Mrs. Roy Skibba, Sherry
Secretary-Treasurer- - - - Mrs. George Schroeder, Route 3, Arpin

Housing, Farmstead Improvement and Equipment

Home Grounds Improvement was selected by the Country Life Club as a project for the year. Mr. George Ziegler, Landscape Specialist of the College of Agriculture spoke to the group and illustrated his talk with slides. He emphasized the importance of having a plan when starting to landscape the home grounds and farmstead.

Assistance was given in kitchen planning whenever requested.

Increased interest in the Home Furnishings project was shown during the year with 22 girls enrolled in the project. Over 100 articles such as draperies, curtains, and household accessories were made by the girls to improve their rooms and their homes.

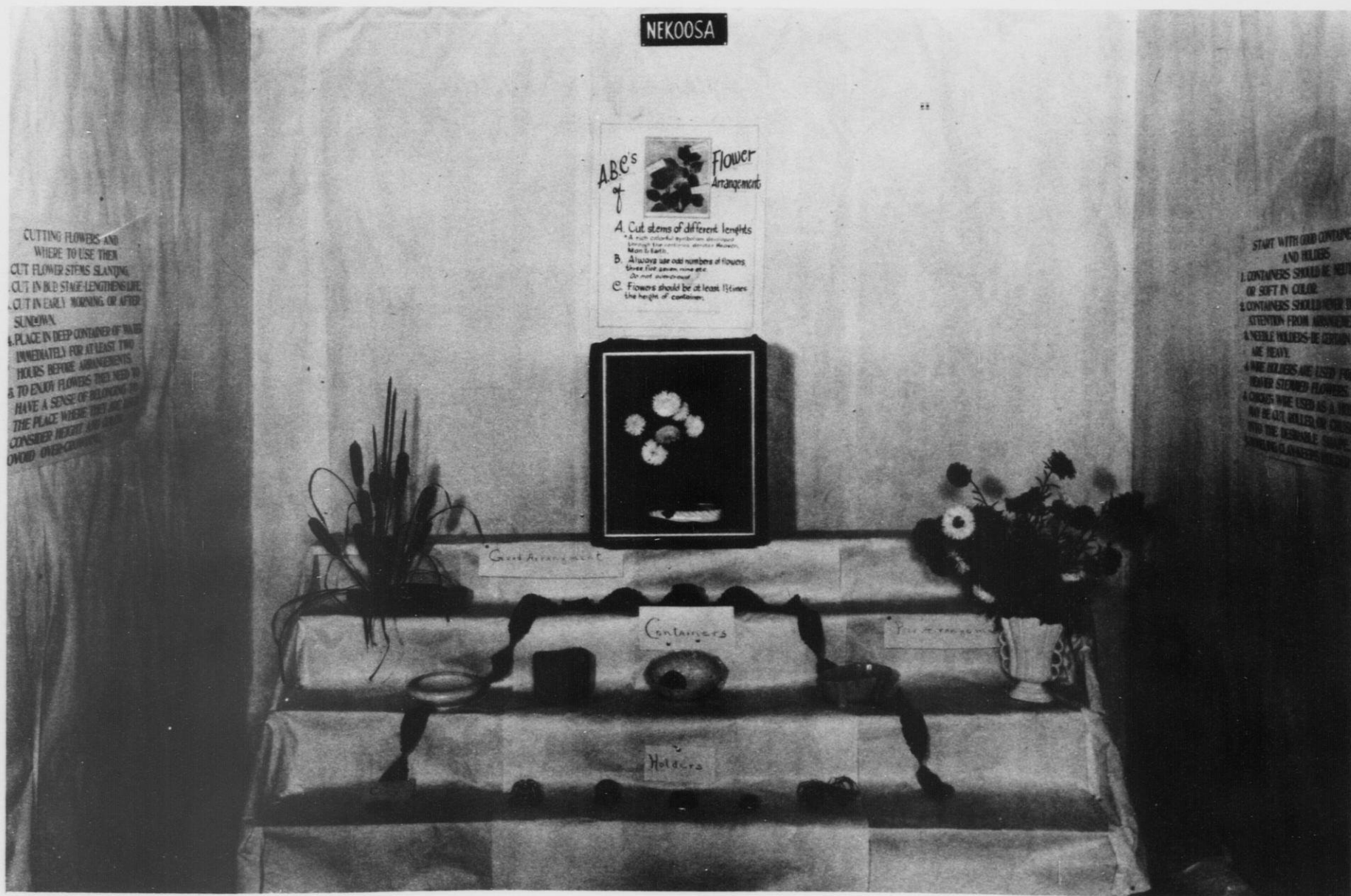
Fifteen boys and girls enrolled in the Home Grounds Improvement project. Requirements in this project are to improve the grounds by cleaning up the premises and by planting shrubs and flowers and caring for the lawn.

Nutrition and Health

Home produced family food supply - One hundred and fifty boys and girls were enrolled in the garden project during the summer. Fifty of these boys and girls cooperated in the Sears Foundation Garden project.

All rural and urban families were encouraged to have a family size garden for their own use.

Quality egg production was stressed at the project meetings on "Eggs and Their Uses". Care of eggs, including collecting, cleaning and



"Flower Arrangement" was the topic studied during October in 1948. The Nekoosa Center arranged this attractive booth on flower arrangements at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield and received an "A" rating.

storage was stressed. Other types of home food production was also encouraged such as quality milk production and poultry production.

Food Preservation and Storage - Preparing and freezing foods was the November project. All clubs studied this topic which included varieties of vegetables and fruits to freeze, procedures to follow in preparing and suitable methods of packaging and wrapping. It was learned that many of the members have home freezers or access to freezer lockers and that this information was very timely and helpful. Leaders were asked to bring samples of frozen foods to the leader training meetings - these were used as part of the lunch. All types of food were brought to the meetings including rolls, bread, cake, pie, vegetables and fruit. Frozen meat was also brought to the meetings for inspection, but was not used for the lunch.

Fifty-one girls were enrolled in the Food Preservation project. About 2,000 quarts of fruit, vegetables and meat were preserved by canning. Seven girls were enrolled in the frozen food project. All types of food including vegetables, fruit, meat and baked products were frozen. Three hundred and fifty food preservation entries (including frozen food) were made at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield. Twenty-five girls participated in the food preservation judging contest.

Food Selection and Preparation - "Eggs and Their Uses" was the project studied in March by all Home Demonstration Club members. Three dishes requiring the use of eggs were demonstrated. Eggs were studied as to their composition, their food value and were graded according to U. S. Standards for grading eggs. Methods of cooking eggs using low temperatures were encouraged.

A good egg club was organized among the Homemaker groups. The requirements for membership were - 1. Eat eggs. 2. See that other people eat eggs. 3. Always be a good egg. Membership cards were given

to each member. This stunt was recommended by the National Poultry and Egg Board to stimulate better production and to promote the use of more poultry products at home.

One hundred and ten 4-H club girls enrolled in the Food and Nutrition project "Meats in Our Meals". Meat was studied and methods of preparation were demonstrated and put into practice. Thirty-five girls participated in a Food and Nutrition judging contest. Two winners were selected to represent the County at a District Contest at Chippewa Falls.

Two Cherry Pie Baking Contests were held during the year. One was held in January in preparation for the State Contest in February. The Second contest was held in July - a winner being selected to represent the County at the District Contest in Chippewa Falls. Contests in the future will be held in connection with regular 4-H Judging and Demonstration Contests.

Homemakers were encouraged to preserve the art of "Bread Making" at project meetings held in October 1949. All Home Demonstration Club members participated in this project which proved very interesting. Special emphasis was placed on making of the dark breads and no-knead bread.

The School Lunch project was encouraged for rural schools where other lunch projects were not in progress. This was carried on as a 4-H project and members were given 4-H credit. Eighty-three boys and girls participated. This was a new project this year and the Home Agent cooperated with the Club Agent and County Agent in setting up the project.

Some comments on the food and nutrition projects taken from achievement reports -

"I think the project on eggs and their uses the most interesting to my family - although I did enjoy them all and did benefit by them."



Providing plenty of nutritious food for Fair campers was the job of these three people who prepared the food for the boys and girls who found it necessary to stay at the camp at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield.

"The project on frozen foods was especially good for me - and we certainly eat more eggs since I've gotten some new recipes."

Other Health and Safety Work

A health chairman was appointed in each Home Demonstration Club. They are to present five minutes of health at each meeting. Each health chairman was presented a copy of the talk "How to Live 100 Years Happily" which was given by Dr. Schlinder of Monroe at Farm and Home Week.

Each Health Chairman cooperated with the Public Health Nurse in promoting the State Board of Health Mobile X-ray Unit. As a result a total of 16,617 Wood County residents received the free chest X-rays. According to the Public Health Nurse the tour of the X-ray bus was a complete success and the results met with the fullest expectations of those who had arranged the program.

The Home Agent cooperated with the Club Agent in the annual 4-H Safety Speaking Contest in which 38 boys and girls participated. This was the largest speaking contest ever conducted in the County.

Clothing, Family Economics and Community Life

Clothing and Textiles - Two clothing projects were studied during the year. "Fitting the Test Pattern" is an essential project for any Homemakers who intends to do sewing for herself. Homemakers were instructed in taking their measurements and in using them to make a test pattern and to check any commercial pattern. A follow-up project in which club members could use the information gained in the test pattern project was on "Professional Methods of Sewing". Mrs. Bishop's method of sewing was applied to the making of a blouse. Many test patterns and blouses were made as a result of these meetings.

Another project which proved popular was the "Use of the Sewing Machine Attachments". The Home agent attended many local meetings and presented this subject to interested members.

Two open meetings on "Textile Painting" were held for women interested in this art - one was held at Marshfield and the other at Wisconsin Rapids. James Schwalbach of the University of Wisconsin was the instructor at both meetings. A display of textiles painted was on display at the Achievement Day Program, and a booth on Textile Painting and another on Test Patterns were arranged at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield.

There were 319 girls enrolled in the 4-H Clothing Project. Each girl made three or more articles of clothing for herself or for her family. Over 1,000 articles were made during the year.

Three style shows were held during the year for girls enrolled in the clothing project. One was held at the annual 4-H picnic at which time two girls were selected to represent Wood County at the State Style Revue in Milwaukee. The second was held in connection with the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield in September. The third revue was a part of the annual Johnson & Hill Store Fair and was held at the Wisconsin Rapids Armory in September. One hundred and seventy-six girls participated.

Forty-five 4-H club girls also participated in a local clothing judging contest, and several girls presented clothing demonstrations.

Some comments taken from achievement reports are -

"The one meeting that I got the most out of was the stay stitching & making of the blouse. I have used it on so many other things. Sure is a good fitting garment when you are done. The test pattern is a wonderful idea too".

"We enjoyed the projects very much- especially the sewing".

"I especially liked the meeting on textile painting. I was the first to have a set of textile paints in our club - now we nearly all have them."

"I learned a lot about sewing I didn't know before."



Style revues for all girls participating in the 4-H Clothing Project are an outstanding feature of the girls activities. Three style revues were held during the year. The one pictured above was held at the Armory in Wisconsin Rapids in September and was sponsored by the Johnson and Hill Store at Wisconsin Rapids.

"I found the lessons on sewing exceptionally interesting and helpful, partly, perhaps because they contained more new ideas and also because I am particularly interested in learning to sew."

2 "Fitting the Test Pattern and Professional Methods of Sewing were excellent projects. Even our two former Home Economics teachers learned new things. Actual demonstration is so much more easily understood than lectures only."

Recreation and Community Life

The Country Life Club consisting of rural young people (married and single) include recreation of some type at each of their monthly meetings.

The annual Rural Art Show was held in Wisconsin Rapids in May. The Home Agent cooperated with the County Normal School and the University of Wisconsin in sponsoring it. Over 100 entries from people in Wood and surrounding counties were made.

The Home Agent attended the Recreation Leaders Laboratory at Green Lake in May. Ideas and various types of recreation were obtained which could be used in many of the meetings attended by the Home Agent.

The project "Flower Arrangements for the Home" was presented to Home Demonstration leaders at six leader training meetings in October, 1948. All Home Demonstration Club members participated in this project at their local club meetings. A display was arranged at Achievement Day and a booth was set up at the Central Wisconsin State Fair.

Twenty 4-H Club girls attended the annual 4-H camp at Wausau in June. Each represented a local club and they were to bring back ideas whereby they could improve their club program. Project instruction and recreation were emphasized at the camp.

Cooperate With Other Agencies

The Extension Program could not function effectively without the

excellent cooperation of the newspapers, radio stations, libraries, the county officials, local school officials, the Fair Association, the College of Agriculture and the local people. Any and all assistance was greatly appreciated.

The Home Agent was a member of the County U.S.D.A. Council and acted as its secretary. Assistance was also given to the County Agriculture Agent at Farm Institutes and farm meetings, and to the 4-H Club Agent at County-wide 4-H activities.

Assistance to the Junior Fair at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield and to the Soil Conservation Camp was given by the Home Agent by assuming the responsibility of managing the camp dining room.

It was the Home Agent's pleasure to have a foreign student from Guatemala spend seven weeks in the County observing the Home Demonstration Program and the 4-H Club Program. Ana Lauretta Diaz was an interesting personality and it was a pleasure to work with her. An attempt was made to show her different types of extension work. She was brought to the United States jointly by the Guatemalan government, and the U. S. government to study extension methods. After 15 months of study she will return to Guatemala and apply these methods to an Extension Program there.

An apprentice Home Agent, Bette Maki, spent a week in July in Wood County observing extension methods.

Accomplishments

The continued interest and the enthusiastic reception of the Home Demonstration Program is much appreciated by the Home Agent. Many of the accomplishments cannot be tangibly measured, but are known to exist by those concerned with the program. The following are several comments taken from achievement reports.



Miss Ana Diaz, of Guatemala, spent seven weeks in Wood County studying the Home Economics Extension Program. She plans to return to Guatemala and start a similar program in her native country.

"There is time for only one club, and I chose the Homemakers because of its educational value. It is much more versatile than Garden Club, Book Club or any other Club in our vicinity. I also like being able to take the baby along where he can sleep or play with the other children."

"I got many things out of the 1948-49 program that I wouldn't have gotten otherwise as I do not have time to read and this is one sure way of getting it all. One also meets many people and also in turn get new and valuable hints which are very helpful."

"I think the program in the past year was just absolutely "tops". The lessons were given efficiently and thoroughly and one can benefit much by them."

"The 1948-49 program was especially interesting as it covered so many Homemaker interests - it is hard to say which was most interesting."

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The Homemakers Creed is used at all home demonstration club meetings-

HOMEMAKER'S CREED

We, the homemakers of Wisconsin,
believe in the sanctity of the Home,
the cradle of character, blessed by
motherly devotion and guarded by
fatherly protection.

WE PLEDGE OURSELVES:

To work for the preservation and improvement of home and community life.

To strive for healthier minds and bodies and better living.

To promote the welfare of our boys and girls, the nation's greatest asset.

To be true to God and Country and of lasting service to our home and communities.

SUMMARY OF PROJECTS 1948-49

<u>FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS</u>		<u>Nek.</u>	<u>Arp.</u>	<u>Msfd.</u>	<u>Pitts.</u>	<u>Mill.</u>	<u>W. R.</u>
1.	Have you paid more attention to the kind of container used for flower arrangements?	26	24	51	32	33	69
2.	Have you used twigs, interesting seeds, berries, and flowers from the woods for winter and spring bouquets?	19	17	25	18	22	52
3.	How many non-club members have you helped with flower arrangements?	43	54	64	64	62	138
<u>PREPARING AND FREEZING FOODS</u>							
1.	Do you have a home freezer?	3	3	6	0	5	12
	Do you have a freezer locker?	7	10	26	17	16	9
2.	Do you briefly scald all vegetables before freezing?	11	8	28	12	15	3
3.	Approximate No. of qts. of veg. frozen.	319	260	589	314	265	339
4.	Approximate No. of lbs. of meat frozen.	3815	4743	13282	7115	586	1040
5.	Did you use moisture-vapor proof packages or glass jars for freezing vegetables and fruit?	11	9	41	11	16	6
6.	Did you use moisture-vapor proof paper for wrapping the meat?	9	10	14	9	17	7
7.	Have you frozen any prepared or precooked foods?	3	5	40	41	14	5
8.	To how many non-club members have you given any part of this proj.?	18	39	38	32	34	39
<u>FITTING THE TEST PATTERN</u>							
1.	Did you have your measurements taken?	30	23	27	24	33	20
2.	Did you check your measurements with a commercial pattern closest to your size and make necessary alterations?	27	19	51	16	25	15
3.	Did you make a test pattern for yourself?	18	29	47	14	17	11
4.	How many outside the club did you give any part of this meeting to?	57	16	38	58	29	38
<u>PROFESSIONAL METHODS OF SEWING</u>							
1.	Did you always shrink material before using if it wasn't sanforized?	30	18	27	30	27	24
2.	Are you careful about straightening material so that the warp and filling threads run straight?	32	11	51	38	19	54
3.	Do you use a tracing wheel and carbon paper to make darts and other pattern markings?	27	8	47	24	29	49
4.	Are you using stay stitching on all curved edges to prevent stretching?	30	15	59	20	14	45
5.	Are you using the cloth guide when stitching seams?	20	41	31	20	11	41

	<u>Nek.</u>	<u>Arp.</u>	<u>Msfd.</u>	<u>Pitts.</u>	<u>Mill.</u>	<u>W. R.</u>
6. Did you make a blouse according to the new methods of sewing?	17	18	43	45	20	28
7. Did you make any other garments using these methods?	25	11	29	24	35	10
8. To how many outside of the club did you give any part of meeting?	60	32	22	42	38	30

EGGS AND THEIR USES

1. Do you use low to moderate heat when cooking eggs?	38	21	51	36	29	56
2. Do you store eggs at cool temperatures?	49	40	37	32	22	53
a. For sale	14	20	50	35	28	54
b. For home use	35	20	48	30	23	38
3. Have you tried new ways of using eggs?	35	17	47	39	33	53
4. To how many outside the club have you passed on any of this information?	102	43	85	66	35	78

TEXTILE PAINTING

1. How many articles have you painted?	4	3	63	59	3	16
2. What kind of designs did you use?						
a. Original	1	0	33	29	1	8
b. Copied			27	22	1	8
3. To how many outside of the club have you gotten any part of this meeting?	4	3	11	3	5	8
4. If you did not attend--have you gotten any part of this meeting from a person who attended?	0	4	7	7	10	12
If answer is yes - how many articles have you painted?	0	2	11	4	0	76
5. Will you have an article to exhibit on Achievement Day?	2	2	7	4	0	11

ALASKA

1. Did your club participate in the study of Alaska?	22	20	41	24	17	3
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NEXT YEARS PROGRAM

The 1949-50 Home Economics Program is planned as part of the integrated County Extension Program which includes the Agricultural Program for men, women and boys and girls.

The program selected is varied and should meet the interests of the majority of the members.

WOOD COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM - 1949-50

October 18,	Tues.	Bread Making	Wis. Rapids
October 19,	Wed.	" "	Pittsville
October 20,	Thurs.	" "	Arpin
October 21,	Fri.	" "	Nekoosa
October 25,	Tues.	" "	Marshfield
October 26,	Wed.	" "	Milladore

November 11,	Fri.	"Care of House Plants"	Marshfield
November 18,	Fri.	" " " "	Wis. Rapids

December Christmas Meeting

January 10,	Tues.	"Clothing Construction Details"	Wis. Rapids
January 11,	Wed.	" " "	Pittsville
January 12,	Thurs.	" " "	Arpin
January 17,	Tues.	" " "	Nekoosa
January 18,	Wed.	" " "	Marshfield
January 19,	Thurs.	" " "	Milladore

Interest group meeting on Cake Decorating - Farm and Home Week

February 14,	Tues.	"Salads, Salad Dressings and Food Garnishes"	Wis. Rapids
February 15,	Wed.	" " "	Pittsville
February 16,	Thurs.	" " "	Arpin
February 21,	Tues.	" " "	Nekoosa
February 22,	Wed.	" " "	Marshfield
February 23,	Thurs.	" " "	Milladore

March 14,	Tues.	"Vegetables in Our Meals"	Wis. Rapids
March 15,	Wed.	" " " "	Pittsville
March 16,	Thurs.	" " " "	Arpin
March 21,	Tues.	" " " "	Nekoosa
March 22,	Wed.	" " " "	Marshfield
March 23,	Thurs.	" " " "	Milladore

Refrigerator dessert recipes - Study of Central America

April	-	Election of local club officers. Continue study of Central America.
May		Installation of local club officers. Program planning meeting (county-wide meeting for officers). Achievement reports due at Home Agent's Office May 15th.
June		County Day (Formerly called Achievement Day)
July & August		Tour of some interesting place or group picnic.
September		Exhibit at Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield. Advisory Program Planning Committee Meeting
October 10,	Tues.	"Outdoor Living Rooms Including Lawn Furniture and Decorations"
October 11,	Wed.	" " " " " Wis. Rapids
October 12,	Thurs.	" " " " " Pittsville
October 17,	Tues.	" " " " " Arpin
October 18,	Wed.	" " " " " Nekoosa
October 19,	Thurs.	" " " " " Marshfield
		" " " " " Milladore
		Election of center officers.
October 31,	Tues.	Fall Council Meeting Installation of Center Officers

Suggested Programs for 1950-51

November	Making and packaging cookies and candies for Christmas.
January	Lighting and making lamp shades.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

Days in Office	131
Days in Field.	141
Miles traveled	6,487
Days vacation	20
Days devoted to work with adults	189 ¹ / ₂
Days devoted to work with 4-H clubs and older youth	82 ¹ / ₂
Number of farms or homes visited	61
Number of office calls	218
Number of telephone calls	303
Number of news articles published	51
Number of bulletins distributed.	9,559
Number of radio talks broadcast.	29
Number of training meetings held	42
: Number attending	826
Number of 4-H and older youth tours conducted.	5
Number attending	104
Number of Achievement Days held.	2
Number attending	850
Number of 4-H encampments held	4
Number attending	33
Number of other meetings held.	101
Total attendance	9,482
Number of other meetings held not attended by agent.	365
Total attendance	4,258
Days specialist assisted in county	22
Number of clubs doing 4-H club work.	42
Number of clubs doing Home Demonstration work.	42

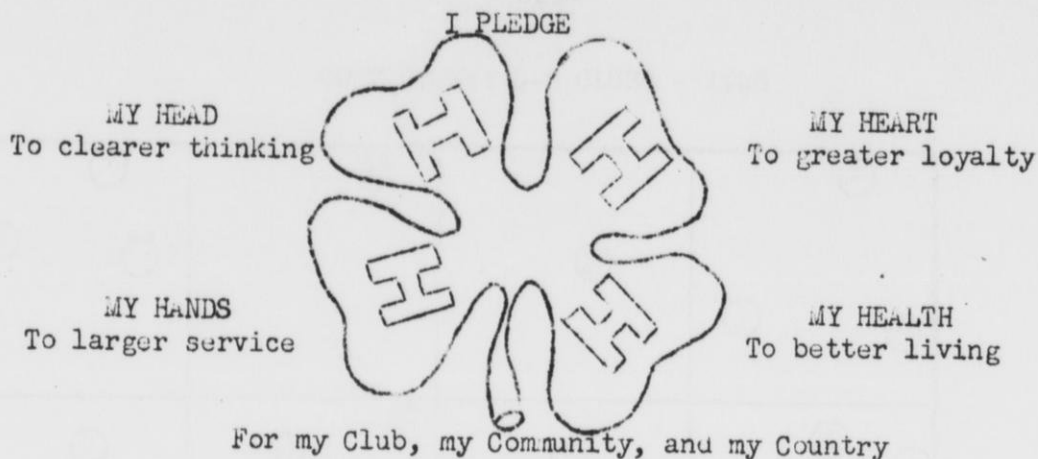
SPECIALISTS AND OTHERS ASSISTING

Emil Jorgensen	Josephine Polloch
James Schwalbach	Mrs. Margaret McCordic
Mrs. Linnea Dennett	James G. Moore
Edith Bangham	Thelma Baierl
George Ziegler	Ann Nygaard
Verne V. Varney	Myrtle Webb
Wakelin McNeel	Gertrude Hoffman
Gladys Meloche	

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of October, 1949.

Cecelia M. Shestock

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Home Demonstration Agent



Report of County Club Agent's Activities
DeVerne Mathison
Nov. 1, 1948 to Oct. 31, 1949

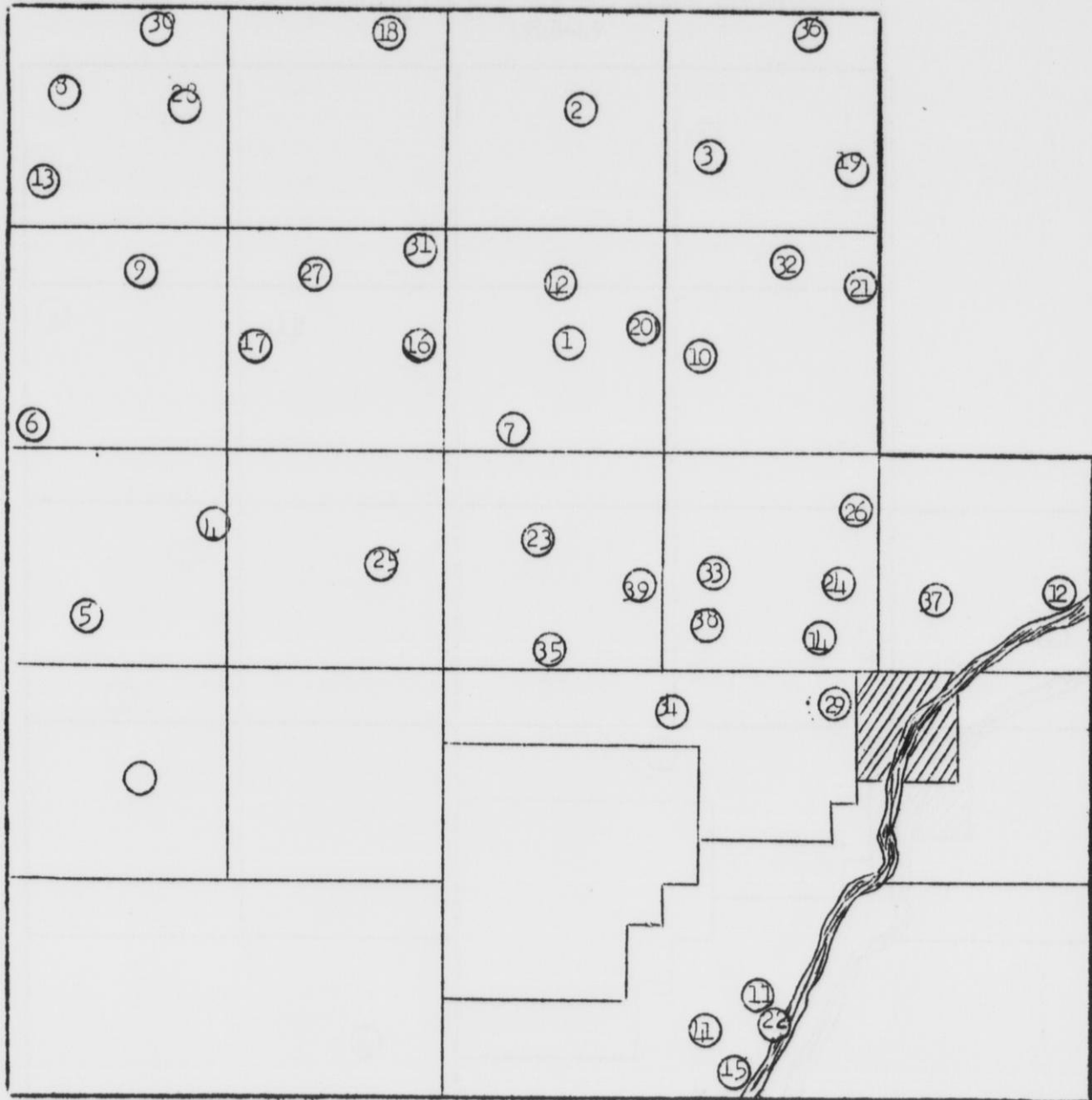
The 1948-49 4-H Club Program in Wood County included 917 boys and girls, 180 local adult leaders, and 70 Junior leaders. These people "learned by doing" - learned more efficient ways of Agriculture and Home Economics through the opportunities of their 4-H Club projects. They voluntarily banded together forming 42 local clubs and held regular monthly meetings to conduct business and discuss their project work.

The 1948-49 clubs concerned themselves not only with project work, but with a wide variety of special activities. These included health, safety, recreation and community service. Two clubs tested the community water supply, another made farm signs for a farm naming campaign, and still another organized a recreation evening and invited five surrounding clubs to participate. Many other activities were carried by other clubs.

4-H Club Work in Wood County has grown into an organization that has a strong effect on rural living in the local communities. The goal - "Useful Lives for Happier Living" - was kept high in the minds of 4-H Clubbers in 1948-49.

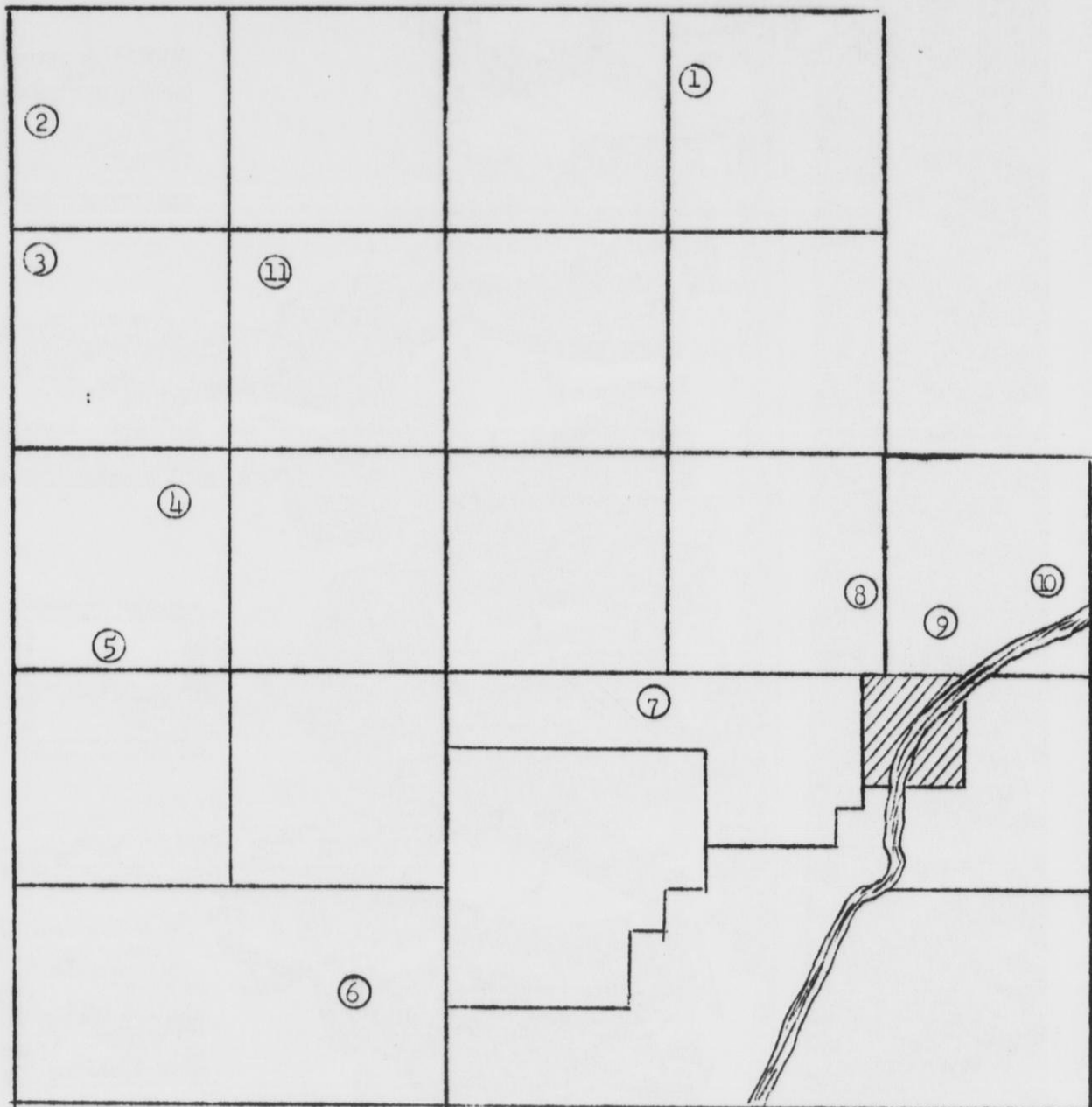
An attempt was made to contact all eligible boys and girls to interest them in joining a 4-H Club. Rural schools were contacted, personal visits were used, the word of mouth was employed, plus the splendid help of county newspapers, and radio stations in publicizing the 4-H Program.

WOOD COUNTY 4-H CLUBS - 1948



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|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Arpin | 15. Lynn Creek | 29. Seneca |
| 2. Auburndale | 16. Maple Grove | 30. Shady Lane |
| 3. Blenker | 17. Mac Arthur | 31. Shady Nook |
| 4. Cary Bluff | 18. Mara-Wood | 32. Sherry |
| 5. Cary Go-Getters | 19. Milladore | 33. Spring Lake |
| 6. Clark-Wood | 20. Meadow Brook | 34. Snyder |
| 7. Crescent | 21. Mill Creek | 35. South Hansen |
| 8. Ebbe | 22. Nekoosa Livewires | 36. Stepping Stone |
| 9. Golden Glow | 23. North Hansen | 37. Sunnyside |
| 10. Green Elm | 24. Pioneer | 38. Turner |
| 11. Hilltoppers | 25. Pleasant Corners | 39. Vesper |
| 12. Hillview | 26. Pleasant View | 40. Wallace |
| 13. Lone Elm | 27. Richfield | 41. Wittenberg |
| 14. Lone Pine | 28. Riverview | 42. Woodland |

WOOD COUNTY 4-H HOT LUNCH CLUBS
1948-49



In addition to the 42 regular 4-H Clubs, 11 rural schools organized 4-H Hot Lunch Clubs. The location of these clubs are shown on the map above. The members of the Hot Lunch Clubs qualified as 4-H Club members. Their program is described on page 13 in the narrative report.

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| 1. Sunshine | 7. Altdorf |
| 2. Lone Elm | 8. Pioneer |
| 3. Hill Crest | 9. Sunnyside |
| 4. Cary Bluff | 10. Rocky Run |
| 5. Weeping Willow | 11. Long |
| 6. Babcock | |



Annually, a 4-H Club Council is elected to help direct the 4-H Club Program. Pictured is the 1949 Council during their meeting at Marshfield in April, 1949. Three members were missing when this picture was taken.

This attempt showed the following results - 7 new clubs organized, and an increase of 297 members over 1947-48. A total of 85% of the members completed their work and became achievement members. This shows an increase of 2% over 1948.

4-H CLUB LEADERS ORGANIZATION

The executive body of the 4-H Club Leaders Organization is the 4-H Club Council. The Council members were elected to three, two, and one year terms last year. This year the new members will receive three year terms. These members are chosen from each of the four centers throughout the county, and help to decide upon the changes and policies of the 4-H Club Program. A more active part has been taken by the leaders in the 4-H Club Program since the start of this organization. A group of committees were also appointed last year to help plan events and assume responsibility of a certain phase of the 4-H Club Program.

ORGANIZATION

Four definite types of 4-H Club meetings are held during the year. The organization meetings, regular meetings, project meetings and leadership training meetings.

The organization meetings are held usually in the winter and spring months to help the club get started for the new year. In the case of a new club the Extension Agent attends and explains the club aims, and goals. Help is given in planning a program and electing officers and leaders. Projects are fully explained and the requirements clarified to each member. The members then indicate in what projects they wish to enroll on their membership enrollment cards.

The regular meetings are held after the club is organized. These meetings are held once a month and for the purpose of conducting business and general instruction by the General Leader. All meetings are conducted by the use of parliamentary procedure. A committee of members is usually responsible for the entertainment and refreshments. Six such

meetings are a minimum for each club.

The project meetings are conducted by the project leaders and the primary purpose is for instructions in the individual projects. Help is given and questions clarified for each member. These meetings are very important, - it is here that subject matter is learned.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In January a series of leaders meetings were held to get the 4-H Club Program going for 1949. The meetings were held at Pittsville, Wis. Rapids, Arpin, and Marshfield. The meetings were held in four places to cut down on driving for the leaders.

The annual spring leaders banquet for adult and Jr. leaders was held March 19 at the Marshfield City Hall. The banquet was served by the ladies of the 1st Methodist Church at Marshfield. The business of the day was a discussion of the 4-H Club Program for 1949, election of 4-H Club Council members, report of committees of the various activities to be carried on during the year. Wakelin "Ranger Mac" McNeel represented the State 4-H Club Office on program development and delivered a very inspirational address to the leaders present.

Another series of leaders meetings were held in August prior to Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield. These meetings served the purpose of clarifying changes in the Junior Fair, instructions on how to better prepare exhibits and a general discussion on the improvement of the annual Junior Fair - held in connection with the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield.

OFFICERS TRAINING

For the first time in several years a series of officers training schools were conducted to help the county 4-H Club officers. Three days prior to the school a group of local adult leaders were trained to carry on the training schools. The Extension Agents and Marshall Post of the Marshfield News-Herald served as the instructor for the leaders training

GENERAL AND PROJECT LEADERS OF WOOD COUNTY 4-H CLUBS - 1949

The names appearing below represent the local adult people who donated their valuable time and efforts to make the 1948-49 Club Program a success. Without their invaluable help the program could not possibly exist. To them a very hearty "Thank You".

<u>ARPIN</u> * Herman Albrecht Mrs. Ed Robinson Mrs. A. Osenga	<u>GOLDEN GLOW</u> * Harold Hansen Mrs. Lester Anderson Louis Wingert Bernard Frenzel Clyde Kiddoo Ramona Kiddoo	<u>MACARTHUR</u> * Mrs. Geo. Kiesling Mrs. Elroy Fink Mrs. Carl Fritz Mrs. Paul Tremmel Paul Tremmel Geo. Kiesling Ted Klawitter
<u>AUBURNDALE</u> * Mrs. Ray Teska Wilmer Drollinger Mrs. Carl Cepress Virgil Martinson George Gotz	<u>GREEN ELM</u> * John Krzykowski Mrs. C. Loonstra Ira Vruwink, Jr. Cornelius Greenaway	<u>MARA-WOOD</u> * Richard Scheuer Wilmer Draheim Mrs. Wilmer Draheim Mrs. Joe Felten Mrs. John Schallow
<u>BLENKER</u> * Mrs. Harold Blenker Harold Blenker	<u>HILLTOPPERS</u> * Mrs. Peter Arendt Helen Hustedt	<u>MEADOW BROOK</u> * Mrs. John Hagemann Mrs. Malcolm Stoflet Mrs. Marvin Hanson Mrs. C. Tomfohrde Mrs. G. Schroeder Roger Cutler Jerry Strobel Malcolm Stoflet Ervin Koplien
<u>CARY BLUFF</u> * Mrs. Guy Luther Adrian Burt Mrs. Gust Korger Roger Fairbert	<u>HILLVIEW</u> * George Ebacher	<u>MILL CREEK</u> * Mrs. Billie Hetze
<u>CARY GO-GETTERS</u> * Mrs. Frank Neve Mrs. Leo Dickson Leonard Knapp Mrs. Henry Darr Mrs. Raleigh Frost Roger Frost	<u>LONE ELM</u> * Mrs. Amos Bulgrin Victor Christensen	<u>NEKOOSA LIVEWIRES</u> * Mrs. Alfred Farr Mrs. Joseph Gorski Mrs. Edwin Berg Mrs. Cleve Harris Mrs. John Smolarek Mrs. John O'Toole
<u>CLARK-WOOD</u> * Mrs. Herman Venzke Mrs. George Hoppe Mrs. Fred Hoppe Joe Wolf	<u>LYNN CREEK</u> * Mrs. Hubert Elsen Mrs. R. H. McLean George Carlson Mrs. Clayton Schoff Mrs. Al Mertes Mrs. Geo. Carlson	<u>NORTH HANSEN</u> * Fred Erdman Mrs. G. Keip Mrs. F. Christensen Ernest Kegler
<u>CRESCENT</u> * Gilbert Tomfohrde Mrs. E. Aschenbrenner Mrs. R. A. Walther Don George	<u>MAPLE GROVE</u> * Mrs. A. E. Ward Mrs. Leo Zubke Mrs. R. Nelson Mrs. Vern Cutler Allan Burt	<u>PIONEER</u> * William Yaeger, Sr. Mrs. Edith Petersen Mrs. Wm. Yaeger, Jr. Wm. Yaeger, Jr.
<u>EBBE</u> * Allen F. Breheim Mrs. Christ Kind Mrs. Ernest Breheim Mrs. Alvin Jacobsen Theo Rasmussen	<u>MILLADORE</u> * Mrs. Ignatz Minch Ludmila Benish	



Receiving honors for their 20 years of 4-H club leadership are Mrs. Harvey Pleckham and Mrs. H. G. Horn from former Wood County Agent, Donald Rowe. This picture was taken at the Annual Leaders Banquet at Vesper in November, 1948.

PLEASANT CORNERS

- * Mrs. Geo. Dibble
- Mrs. C. E. Gardner
- C. E. Gardner
- Geo. Dibble

PLEASANT VIEW

- * George Ziegler
- Ralph Dennee
- Mrs. John Zuebella
- Mrs. Walter Schmidt

RICHFIELD

- * Mrs. Chas. Brey
- Mrs. M. S. Brody
- Ed Boehning
- Mrs. Ed Boehning
- Mrs. Ed Bruhn
- Mrs. E. J. Steffen
- Mrs. Elmer Olson
- Eugene Zettler
- E. J. Steffen

RIVERVIEW

- * Mrs. Robert Ott
- Mrs. Bernard Seefeldt
- Mrs. Ed Marsh
- Mrs. Isadore Dieringer
- Robert Ott

SENECA

- * H. F. Kruger
- Maureen Bender
- Harvey Petersen

SHADY LANE

- * Mrs. Ted Green
- Mrs. John Heckel
- Mrs. B. Schlagenhaft
- Mrs. Magnes Moen
- Ted Green
- Ralph Murphy
- John Heckel

SHADY NOOK

- * Mrs. Harvey Pleckham
- Mrs. John Welniak
- Mrs. Jim Curtin
- Louis Brey
- LuVerne Loomas

SHERRY

- * Mrs. Ray Thomas
- Lloyd Fruin
- Ray Thomas
- John DeBoer
- Mrs. Elmer Whitney
- Mrs. Frank Plummer

SPRING LAKE

- * Geo. Blanchard
- Donald Leu
- Maxine Joling

SNYDER

- * Mrs. M. Chappel
- Mrs. Frank Westfall
- Mrs. Geo. Capita
- Mike Chappel
- Frank Westfall
- Mrs. Henry Schroedel

SOUTH HANSEN

- * Mrs. Carl Vollert
- Mrs. Richard Zager
- Howard Bean
- Walter Halverson

STEPPING STONE

- * Mrs. Ray Snirek
- Mrs. U. Linzmeier
- Mrs. T. Hanson
- Clifford Hansen
- Bartl Hollar
- Theo. Hanson

SUNNYSIDE

- * Mrs. David Boyles
- David Boyles
- Mrs. Tony Schmick
- Mrs. Walter Vladik
- Walter Vladik
- Edmund Vadnais
- Mrs. Phil Radtke
- Mrs. Edmund Vadnais

TURNER

- * Fred Ringer
- Mrs. John Paterick

VESPER

- * Mrs. A. L. Hartsough
- Mrs. Harold Wussow
- John Smart
- Robert Clark

WALLACE

- * Mrs. Harold Stillman

WITTENBERG

- * Mrs. Jasper Eglund, Sr.
- Jasper Eglund, Jr.
- Mrs. Fred Sigourney

WOODLAND

- * Carl Nelson
- John Joiner
- Mrs. John Joiner
- Mrs. Harry Wernberg

* - General Leaders

SUMMARY OF ENROLLMENT IN WOOD COUNTY AS OF JUNE 1, 1949

BY CLUBS

There were 42 clubs with 68 men and 112 women adult leaders and 34 boys and 36 girls in the Junior Leadership project.

BY MEMBERS

There were 472 boys and 445 girls - making a total of 917 enrolled.

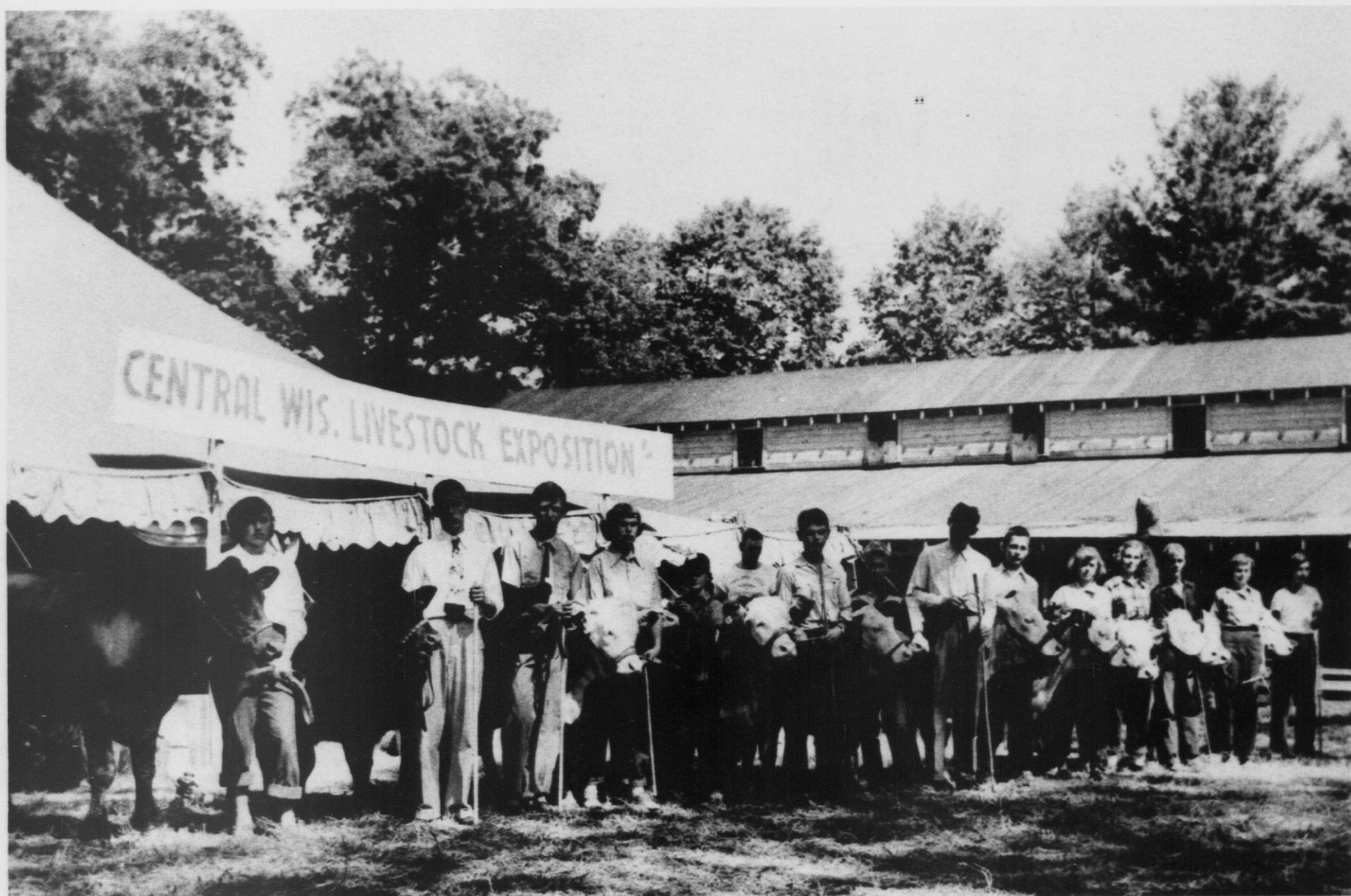
sessions. The officers met in the four centers the same evening with each Extension Agent taking responsibility of one meeting and a local adult leader taking responsibility of the fourth meeting. Much improvement in the meetings has been noticed as a result of these training sessions.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION

Dairy - 121 4-H Club members chose dairying as their 4-H Club project in 1949. This project is especially important to young dairymen as it teaches the management of the replacement herd. The 4-H Club heifer is the future producing cow of the herd. Encouragement in buying good foundation stock was given 4-H Club members. Two banks in the county have been making loans at a 1% interest rate to boys buying purebred stock. This has helped several 4-H Club boys in 1949. The Central Wisconsin Breeders Association has agreed to artificially breed all 4-H Club heifers free of charge. This is another way to improve dairying in Wood County.

Beef - 24 4-H Club members were enrolled in beef in Wood County this year. Out of this total only 2 members did not exhibit. Beef members have an excellent opportunity of exhibiting. A new class for beef was added to the premium list at the Central Wis. State Fair at Marshfield to help the members in northern Wood County. The Central Wis. Livestock Exposition at Adams provided Wood County beef members - 21 in all - an opportunity for exhibiting equal to other sections of the state. The animals were exhibited at the show in the morning, and sold at a public auction in the afternoon. The average price was lower this year than last year, and consequently the financial success was lowered. This project is one which gives quick return of money invested.

Poultry - An increase in the poultry project was witnessed in 1949. 50 Members were enrolled and most all of the stock raised was



Wood County 4-H Club exhibitors are shown above while exhibiting at the Livestock Exposition at Adams in September, 1949. This exposition is one of the four held in the state each year. The animals are raised by the 4-H club members and exhibited then auctioned after the showing. This project has become popular in the central counties of Wisconsin during the last two years.

of good purebred stock. Several members raised capons which also gives a quick return on the money invested. Two boys especially interested in raising capons are Jerry and Wayne Stoflet, R.2, Arpin. Most of their birds were sold at a market square direct to the consumer.

Swine - Another growing project is swine. 30 Boys enrolled in this project with Chester Whites in the majority. A sharp increase in the number of exhibitors was realized - a direct consequence of the commercial pig project sponsored within the county. Many of the boys who originally received a gilt free are now carrying enlarged projects on their own. A good example this year is Milton Strobel, R.2, Arpin. Milton started in 1946 and today exhibits the largest number of Chester Whites at Wausau and Marshfield. He is also a member of the State Swine Testing Association.

Sheep - Although not a major enterprise in the County, a lot of interest is shown by the 11 members enrolled in the project. All exhibits are of purebred stock - mostly shropshire and oxfords.

CROPS

89 Members enrolled in crops - field and canning in 1949. Members in sections of the county where canning factories are located enrolled in projects such as beans, peas, and cucumbers. Other projects carried are grains such as wheat, oats, and barley. This is a good project for older boys. It teaches them methods of soil preparation, fertilization, planting rates, plus selection of varieties. This project will be encouraged among boys in 1950.

Garden - Gardening is a popular project with the younger members of the 4-H Clubs. 150 Members chose gardening as a project. Forty-eight of these were sponsored by a commercial concern. Money was furnished to buy seeds and plants for gardens and these were supervised by the local project leader. Project study material given members and leaders included planning, plot selection, fertilization, and adapted

varieties. A conservative estimate shows that better than 10 acres of gardens were raised by club members in 1949.

OTHER PROJECTS

Many other projects were undertaken by the club members of 1948-49. Below is a list of projects and brief explanation of each.

Handicraft - 139 members. This involves the use of simple farm tools in making articles useful for the farm and home.

Forestry - 42 Members - learning the ways of the woods and re-forestation.

Soil Conservation - 12 Members - learning ways to save the soil, plus management practices. This is one of the more important phases of our 4-H agricultural projects. Without the soil no agriculture would be possible.

Home Grounds Improvement - 15 Members. This project is designed to help members beautify their home grounds.

Tractor Maintenance - 36 Members - learning ways to run the farm tractor more efficiently. One of the most interesting projects for older boys.

Using Electricity - 23 Members. This was a new project started this year. This, too, is designed to teach ways of proper and efficient use of electricity.

Home Economics projects - a complete report of all Home Economics projects are found in the Home Agent's report.

PROJECT STUDY MATERIAL

All 4-H Club members in Wood County receive instructional material for each project in which they enroll. This material comes in the form of bulletins from the University of Wisconsin, College of Agriculture, and Home Economics Department. This material is given free of charge to all members. Likewise record books are furnished free by the county, so no cost other than the members labor and goods for the project is



Teaching soil conservation and land management to rural school and state graded pupils was one project undertaken by the Extension Office in 1949. This scene was taken at Arpin. Sixteen such demonstrations were held with 517 boys and girls attending.

SUMMARY OF AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS

BEEF: Project I <u>17</u> , II <u>7</u>	Total <u>24</u> .
CONSERVATION:	
FORESTRY: Project I <u>20</u> , II <u>12</u> , III <u>10</u>	Total <u>42</u> .
SOIL CONSERVATION: Project I <u>12</u> .	
DAIRY: Project I <u>72</u> , II <u>35</u> , III <u>8</u> , IV <u>3</u> , V <u>3</u> ,	Total <u>121</u> .
QUALITY MILK PRODUCTION <u>3</u> .	
FIELD CROPS: Corn <u>14</u> , Barley <u>5</u> , Oats <u>23</u> , Wheat <u>3</u> ,	
Potato <u>21</u> , Canning Crops <u>23</u> .	Total <u>89</u> .
GARDEN <u>150</u> .	
HANDICRAFT: Project I <u>105</u> , II <u>18</u> , III <u>12</u> , IV <u>4</u>	Total <u>139</u> .
HOME GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT: Year; 1st <u>15</u> .	
PIG: Project I <u>12</u> , II <u>15</u> , III <u>3</u>	Total <u>30</u> .
POULTRY: Project I <u>33</u> , II <u>10</u> , III <u>7</u>	Total <u>50</u> .
SHEEP: Project I <u>4</u> , II <u>2</u> , III <u>4</u> , IV <u>1</u>	Total <u>11</u> .
TRACTOR MAINTENANCE: <u>36</u> .	
USING ELECTRICITY: Project I <u>20</u> , II <u> </u> , III <u>2</u> , IV <u>1</u>	Total <u>23</u> .

SUMMARY OF HOME ECONOMICS PROJECTS

CLOTHING: Project I <u>149</u> , II <u>73</u> , III <u>46</u> , IV <u>25</u> ,	
V <u>16</u> , VI <u>7</u> , VII <u>4</u> , VIII <u>1</u>	Total <u>319</u> .
FOOD PRESERVATION: Beginner <u>34</u> , Older <u>17</u>	Total <u>51</u> .
FOODS & NUTRITION: Beginner <u>56</u> , Older <u>54</u>	Total <u>110</u> .
HOME FURNISHINGS: Beginner <u>20</u> , Older <u>2</u>	Total <u>22</u> .
SCHOOL LUNCH <u>131</u> .	
HOME FREEZING <u>7</u> .	

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP: Year; 1st <u>42</u> , 2nd <u>20</u> , 3rd <u>2</u> ,	
4th <u>3</u> , 5th <u>3</u>	Total <u>70</u> .



A camp where junior exhibitors eat and sleep while at the Central Wisconsin State Fair in Marshfield is conducted annually by the Extension Office. Shown here are a group of campers filling their straw ticks--their mattresses for sleeping.

realized. All bulletins and other study material is of the latest publication and revised periodically to keep up-to-date.

JUNIOR FAIR

A record number of exhibitors and exhibits participated in the Junior Fair in connection with the Central Wisconsin State Fair. Approximately 4500 exhibits were shown which is almost 1,000 over 1948. This was due to the increased enrollment and more general interest in the Fair. The Junior Fair is an excellent stimulant to the Club Program. It is one of the requirements of 4-H Club Work that the member makes a public exhibit. The Fair is one way to fulfill this requirement. The quality was good as in the past years. The cooperation of the Fair Association was excellent this year.

COUNTY-WIDE PICNIC

The annual 4-H Club picnic was held July 17th at the North Wood County Park. A softball game in the morning between two 4-H club teams started the program. A picnic lunch with clubs eating together was the noon highlight. At 1:00 P.M. games for all ages were conducted. The program was ended by a Style Revue for the girls enrolled in the sewing project modeling dresses that they had made. Approximately 500 people attended the event.

JUDGING AND DEMONSTRATIONS

The County Judging and Demonstration Contest was held August 2nd at Arpin. The girls judging contest included judging of Food Preservation, Foods & Nutrition and Clothing. Winners in the Foods judging were chosen to represent the county at the District Contest. The demonstrators included topics in Agriculture, Home Economics, Safety and Health. The winner Catherine Konop, R.2, Junction City represented Wood County at the State Fair and received an "A" rating and a blue ribbon.

CATTLE JUDGING

The dairy judging contest was held at the August Heeg, Roy Burhopp,



Pictured are the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion of the Junior Fair Cattle Show at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield. The animals are owned by Helen Gotz and Arthur Guden, Jr.

and Frank Lang farms. The three highest represented Wood County at the District Contest at Chippewa Falls.

SAFETY SPEAKING CONTEST

41 Contestants tried for honors at the annual safety speaking contest at Arpin - June 7. Because of the many participants, the group was split in half and the four best from each group went into the final contest. The winner, Chloe Brody, represented Wood County at the District Contest at Wausau.

STATE FAIR

A total of 16 Wood County youth attended the State Fair as participants in events or honor trip winners. The State Fair is the largest youth activity in the state. Two exhibitors of dairy cattle in the Junior Department also represented Wood County. Four blue ribbons and two red ribbons out of six animals were the honors won. Wood County also had one member in the State 4-H Club Chorus that gave a concert during the Fair.

SOFTBALL

A softball league was organized in 1949. The league had two divisions - all boys teams, and mixed teams. The mixed team division was broken up into the north and south with the dividing line between the township of Hansen and Arpin. The winners of the north and south played a championship game to determine the County Champion. The boys teams were county-wide and no play-off was necessary. The winners were - boys division - Meadow Brook, and Mixed division - Lone Pine.

CLUB TOURS

Every club is expected to have a club tour within their club. Many benefits are derived from the tours. Members compare notes and form many new ideas useful in their project work.

ACTIVITIES

Wausau District Camp - Thirty-six 4-H Club members of Wood County



The largest 4-H Club Safety Speaking Contest in the history of the county was held in June, 1949, at Arpin. Pictured are the winners. Chloe Brody, first on the left, represented Wood County at the District Contest at Wausau.

were chosen to attend the annual District Leadership Camp at Wausau. The camp is conducted along the lines of leadership in recreation, project material and discussions. Each member attending is required to send a written report of his or her experience to the Extension Office and also give an oral report to the local club. The member or leader attending is expected to bring back ideas to improve their club.

LaCrosse Soil Conservation Camp - Four boys from Wood County attended the annual soil conservation camp at LaCrosse. The camp was designed to instruct boys in conservation practices used at the LaCrosse Experimental Station. The trip also included a sight seeing tour of the Fish Hatchery, Mississippi River, and Morman Coulee.

State Conservation Camp - Two boys attended the annual conservation camp at Camp Anokijig in Sheboygan County. Time was spent on field trips, forest plantations, land measurements, and plant identification.

State Health and Leaders Camp - This camp was held this year at Green Lake. Ideas for health programs for local clubs and health projects were presented for approval at this gathering. The leaders section of this camp concerned itself with improvements in the 4-H Club Programs.

Trees for Tomorrow Camp - The paper mills in the Wisconsin Valley through their organization of Trees for Tomorrow provides an opportunity for four boys to spend three days in the north woods to study the ways of the forests. Instructions in tree planting, tree identification, land measurements, soil conservation and other conservation phases was taught by specialists in these fields.

RECORD BOOKS

This year new record books were introduced into the 4-H Club Program. The new records were simplified and served the purpose

4-H CLUB PROGRAM IN WOOD COUNTY
- 1949 -

"Useful Lives for Happier Living"

1949 4-H Club Calendar

- January - Organize for 1949
Contact members and parents and interest them in Club Work
Leadership Training Meetings
Election of officers
- February - Council Meeting - February 21
Song of the month - "Weggie Song"
Tree orders in the Extension Office - Feb. 20th.
Election of 4-H Club officers (if not already elected)
Installation of officers
4-H Education month
Continued membership drive in local communities.
Discuss - How to keep records, and the boyhood of Washington and Lincoln.
- March - Let's get our projects started.
Complete organization of clubs
National 4-H Club Week - March 5-13
Spring Leaders Meeting - Marshfield - March 19th
"4-H Field Song" - song of the month
4-H Club of the Air - every Saturday 12:45 W.H.A. & W.L.B.L.
County Organization Radio Broadcast -
March 1st 9:00 P.M. Plan to listen
Invite parents to hear broadcast.
Start planning demonstrations for County Contest - practice before your club.
Parent's night - plan a good meeting.
Senior and yearling calf projects should be well under way. Junior calf projects should be started no later than April 1.
- April - Each older member help a younger member get a good start.
Initiation of new members
Remember a club that is happy succeeds - plan a good recreation program.
Literature in the hands of all club members - study material.
"Plowing Song" - song of the month.
Prepare for 4-H Club Sunday - May 22nd.
4-H Club of the Air - W.L.B.L. - W.H.A.
All projects should be started
Trees received - plant in transplant bed.
- May - Everyone observe 4-H Club Sunday - we like to call it "Go to Church Sunday".
Theme of meeting - "How to give a Club member a good start".
"Morning Comes Early" - song of the month
4-H Club of the Air
Rural Life and 4-H Sunday - May 22nd

Select delegate to Wausau Camp - June 14-17

Deadline for new membership - May 15

May 30th - Final date for project changes

Demonstrations -

Learn a thing to show others is fun - every member present a demonstration in front of their own club.

Every member prepare a 2 or 3 minute safety speech for their club - prepare for County Contest in June

Don't forget recreation - group games, (relaxing, skillful, and full of fun)

June - Emphasize health
Safety Speaking Contest - June 7th - Arpin - 8:00 P.M.
"Over the Meadow" - song of the month.
Leadership Training Camp - Wausau - June 14 - 17th
LaCrosse Soil Conservation Camp - June 22 & 23
Garden plants distributed - June 13
Black & White Show - Rudy Weinfurter's farm - June 11th
National 4-H Camp - Washington, D.C., June 15-22
4-H Club of the Air

July - Let's demonstrate.
4-H Picnic - County-wide - July 17th at North Wood County Park
4-H Tours (scheduled)
Livestock Judging - July 1st
"Dreaming" - song of the month
(Local Meeting) Plan for the Fair
Start grooming calves
Plan all exhibits early
Camping - Every boy and girl should not grow up without at least one camping experience.
Demonstrations - Learning a thing well enough to teach others is fun - every member should have this opportunity.

August - Every club conduct a tour.
Home Economics Judging Contest and Demonstrations - Arpin Community Hall - August 2.
District Leaders Meetings -
Pittsville, Aug. 9 - 8:15 P.M.
Wis. Rapids - Aug. 8 - 8:15 P.M.
Arpin - Aug. 15 - 8:15 P.M.
Marshfield - Aug. 16, - 8:15 P.M.
Preliminary Record Book Day - August 15th
"Come to the Fair" - song of the month
State Fair - August 20-23 - Exhibit in Livestock, Poultry, Dairy Animals, Home Economics Projects, Contests in Demonstration, Judging, State-wide Chorus, and Dress Revue
Radio Broadcast from the State Fair every day - W.H.A. - W.L.B.L.

- September - Away to the Fair
Junior Fair - Marshfield - Sept. 3,4,5,6,7,8.
Conservation Camp - Eagle River
Central Wis. Livestock Exposition - Adams - Sept. 8-9
Final record book day - Sept. 16th
"Nature Hymn" - song of the month
Health & Conservation Camp - Green Lake
State 4-H Leaders Association Meeting
4-H Club of the Air - 12:45 every Saturday W.H.A. -W.L.B.L.
Johnson & Hill Fair - week of Sept. 26th.
- October - Everyone attend the Achievement Program
Achievement Exercises - October 29 - new Adler Theater,
Marshfield
Outstanding county records go to the State for State
recognition by October 10th.
"All Through the Night" - song of the month
Hold a Club Fair or Community Exhibit
Leaders!! Collect all bulletins from club members -
keep in one place - materials are short.
- November - Plan an Achievement Program
Fall Leaders Banquet - November 14th at
Kiwanis Youth Lodge - Wisconsin Rapids
Plan winter program
"A Song of Peace" - song of the month
4-H Club of the Air
12:45 Saturdays - W.H.A. - W.L.B.L.
Orchestra or Band - why not have a 4-H instrumental
group - use all available talent.
Hold local achievement.
Invite parents and public -
Arrange displays
- December - Help someone - somewhere.
Organize for 1950
Christmas Program

Christmas Carols -
Singing - in group or part.
Nothing is quite so much fun
as singing together.

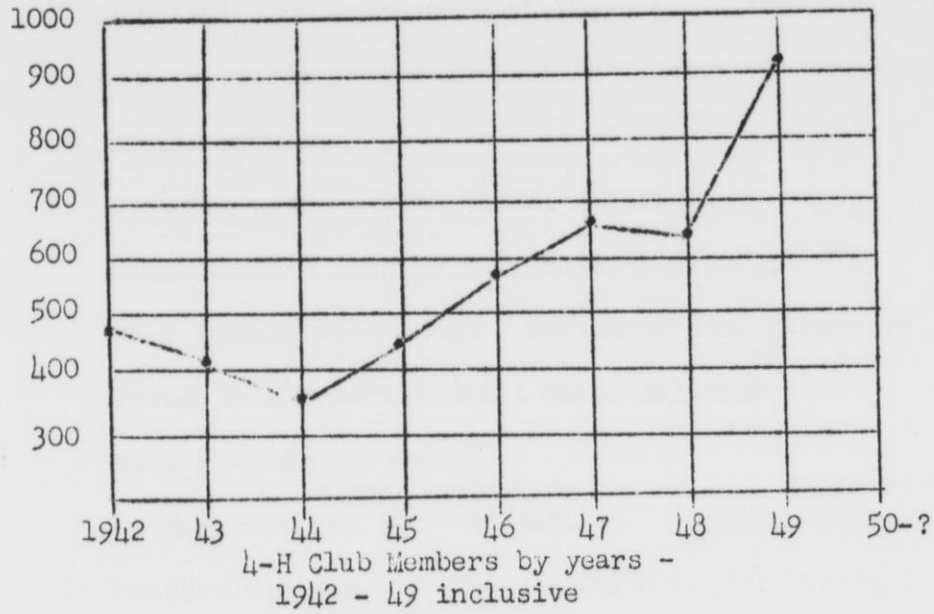
Remember SHARE through CARE!

better than the old. Instead of one book for each project, one book with looseleaf fillers were used. Every 4-H Club member in order to complete all the requirements must keep an accurate record of his or her work. Records are important. 4-H Club Work stresses this point which will prove valuable as the members take their places in the world as farmers, businessmen and housewives.

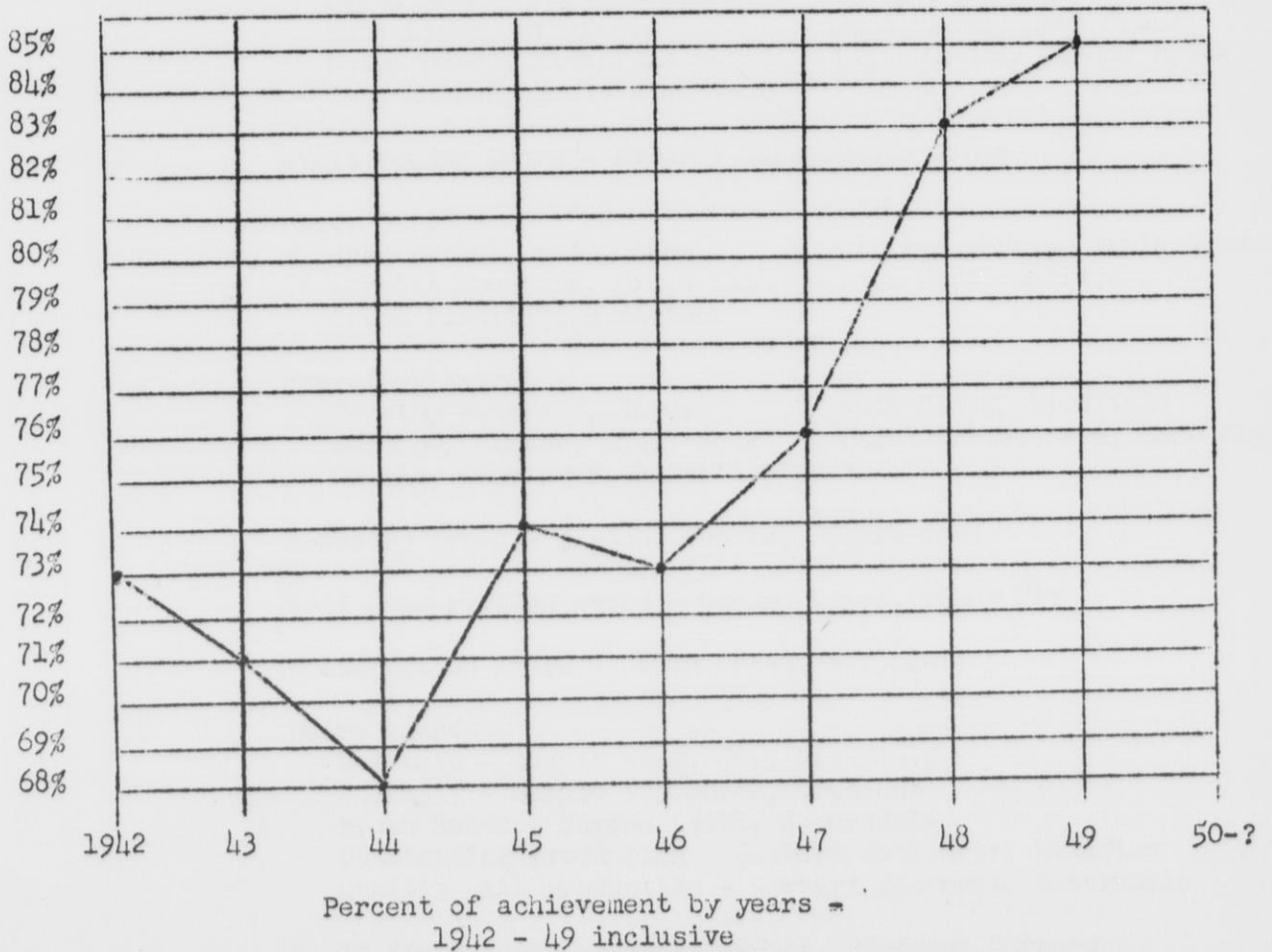
PLANS FOR 4-H PROGRAM - 1950

<u>PHASE OF WORK</u>	<u>GOALS</u>
Organization	45 clubs - 1000 members.
Leadership Training Meetings	Hold meetings on Agricultural and Home Economics projects, and on special projects such as Tractor Maintenance and Using Electricity.
Officers Training Meetings	One meeting in each Center.
Camps	Have county youth participate in State Camps.
Picnics	One County-wide 4-H Club picnic.
Tours	At least one per club.
Demonstrations	Emphasize safety demonstrations - more members participate.
Recreation	An organized recreation program in each club. Work with community groups, and continue work with Country Life Club.

ENROLLMENT GRAPH



ACHIEVEMENT GRAPH



The Achievement Program was held at the new Adler Theater at Marshfield, on October 29 at 10:30 A.M. The Wood County 4-H Clubs were guests of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce. The award winners were:

Clothing Award - Ruth Olsen, Richfield

Foods Award - Joan Heckel, Shady Lane

Food Preservation Award - Geraldine Ott, Riverview

Frozen Foods Award - Janet Gumz, Hillview

Home Furnishings Awards -

Delores Brandt, Wittenberg	Alvina Welniak, Shady Nook
Mary Dickson, Cary Go-Getters	Patricia Follen, Meadow Brook

Outstanding Home Ec. Award - Chloe Brody, Richfield

Dress Revue Awards -

Norita Gadson, Richfield	Janet Drews, Nekoosa
Edith Roehrborn, Riverview	AlJoy Smith, Lone Pine
Ruth Olsen, Richfield	Rita Elsen, Lynn Creek
Chloe Brody, Richfield	Mila Hanson, Meadow Brook
Joan Heckel, Shady Lane	

Girls Record Award - Beverly Ward, Maple Grove

Honor Girls -

Jean Heckel, Shady Lane	Lillian Sutton, Maple Grove
Loretta Loonstra, Green Elm	Lois Ewer, Wallace
Irene Kiesling, MacArthur	

Secretary Awards -

Dorothy Westfall, Snyder	Ruth Olsen, Richfield
Delores Welniak, Shady Nook	Carol Christensen, Lone Elm
Shirley Dieringer, Riverview	

Forestry Award - Raymond Venzke, Clark-Wood

Soil Conservation Award - Adolph Kraus, Shady ~~Nook~~

Conservation Award - James Urban, Wallace

Dairy Awards -

Holstein - August Heeg, Jr., Richfield
Guernsey - Gerald Tomfohrde, Crescent
Brown Swiss - Eugene Leibl, Auburndale
Outstanding Production - Gilbert Getlinger, Hillview
Quality Milk Production - Norbert Albrecht, Auburndale

Field Crops Award - James Gardner, Pleasant Corners

Garden Awards -

Dale Tomfohrde, Meadow Brook Shirley Dieringer, Riverview
Robert Foltz, Riverview Evelyn Thedens, Pleasant Corners

Handicraft Award - Jerry Boehning, Richfield

Meat Animal Awards -

Beef - Carol Kruger, Seneca
Pig - Leslie Anderson, Golden Glow
Sheep - Ed Vruwink, Green Elm

Poultry Awards -

Marlene Curtin, Shady Nook Donald Moen, Shady Lane
Fred Wittenberg, Hilltoppers Wayne Stoflet, Meadow Brook

Tractor Maintenance Awards -

Richard Wagner, Cary Go-Getters
Erwin Koplien, Meadow Brook
Richard Schroeder, Meadow Brook

Using Electricity Awards -

Duane Strebe, Shady Lane Richard Wagner, Cary Go-Getters

Outstanding Agric. Award - Wendelin Frenzel, Golden Glow

Outstanding Junior Leaders -

Donald Moen, Shady Lane Inez Ruesch, Snyder
Catherine Konop, Milladore Eugene Stommel, Lone Pine

Softball Awards - Boys Team - Meadow Brook
Mixed Team - Lone Pine

Farm Short Course - James Urban, Wallace
Jerry Boehning, Richfield
Dale Tomfohrde, Meadow Brook

Honor Boys -

Richard Schroeder, Meadow Brook Roy Ewer, Wallace
Arthur Steinwagner, Shady Lane Eugene Stommel, Lone Pine
William Eglund, Wittenberg

Outstanding 1st Year Club - Lone Pine

Lone Pine Jr. Leaders - AlJoy Smith & Don Graesser

Outstanding County Club - Auburndale - Mrs. Ray Teska, Leader

	100% Clubs	
Auburndale	Maple Grove	Shady Lane
Cary Bluff	Mara-Wood	Shady Nook
Crescent	Meadow Brook	Sherry
Green Elm	North Hansen	Snyder
Hilltoppers	Pioneer	Sunnyside
Lone Pine	Pleasant Corners	Wallace
Lynn Creek	Richfield	Wittenberg
Lone Elm	Riverview	
MacArthur	Seneca	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR 4-H CLUB AGENT

Days in Office - - - - -	140
Days in Field- - - - -	135½
Miles Traveled - - - - -	11108
Days Vacation- - - - -	19
Days devoted to work with adults - - - - -	75
Days devoted to work with 4-H clubs and older youth- - - - -	200½
Number of farms or homes visited - - - - -	242
Number of office calss - - - - -	194
Number of telephone calls- - - - -	258
Number of news articles published- - - - -	49
Number of bulletins distributed- - - - -	7000
Number of radio talks broadcast- - - - -	33
Number of training meetings held - - - - -	11
Attendance at training meetings- - - - -	328
Number of method demonstration meetings held - - - - -	86
Attendance at method demonstration meetings- - - - -	3535
Number of 4-H encampments held- - - - -	5
Attendance at encampments- - - - -	60
Number of 4-H club tours conducted - - - - -	7
Number attending- - - - -	122
Achievement days held- - - - -	1
Number attending - - - - -	500
Number of other meetings held- - - - -	59
Number attending - - - - -	9029
Days specialists assisted in county- - - - -	16½

SPECIALISTS AND OTHERS ASSISTING

Emil Jorgensen
D. H. Williams
James Lacey
I. F. Hall
Harlan Koch
Wm. Rogan, Sr.
George Briggs
Ed Bruns
A. Cramer

I. O. Hembre
Mark Hanson
John Stauber
Russell Johannes
P. E. McNall
Bruce Cartter
Henry Lunz
Rupert Rasmussen
Harvey Swartz

J. B. Hayes

Respectfully submitted this 31st day of October, 1949.

Al Verne Mathison
County 4-H Club Agent