

placed fifth, was awarded Certificates of Honor for their high placing.

J. G. Williams, of Meadows of Dan, and Thomas Thore, of Stuart, who were winners of the County Dairy Demonstration Contest and who entered the State Contest were awarded gold medals for their demonstration work.

FAIR

The success of the Patrick County Fair is partly attributed to the help rendered by the 4-H Club members. They helped in setting up the exhibits and also helped the judges in judging the exhibits. They had a large number of exhibits and received a large number of the prizes.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY

The annual Achievement Day was held with a large per cent of the Clubs represented; however, the total attendance was somewhat smaller than expected. There was much interest shown among those present.

CONCLUSION

The Club work has been fairly satisfactory during the past year. More emphasis was placed on project work this year, since it is a very important part in Club Work.

The members took a very active part in the various contests, both County and State.

The members who attended the Short Course and Camps, want to attend again next year, and many who have not attended, are making plans to attend next summer. The interest in Club work is gradually increasing, and our hope is to make next year better than the last.

Club members are becoming more interested in raising quail for their projects. So far, the Club members have not had very satisfactory results in raising quail, due to the fact that they require more special attention than most Club members have time to give.

STATE SHORT COURSE AND CAMPS

The State Short Course and Camps created much interest among the Club members. There were seven boys who attended the State Short Course at Blacksburg. The training was very valuable for the boys who took up Dairy Judging and Demonstration Work.

The District Camp, held at Chatham, was very interesting to the younger group. There were four boys attending.

There were five girls and one boy who attended the Janestown Conservation Camp. This group received many helpful ideas in Wildlife Conservation.

The outstanding Club members are those who attended the Short Course and Camps; therefore, the value of the Camps cannot be over emphasized.

CONTESTS

The members have shown an especially keen interest in the various contests. Probably the reason for an increased interest is due to the fact that several members have won out-of-state trips; therefore, they entered the contests keeping an out-of-state trip in mind.

The outstanding winner was Ruth Anthony, of Critz, who won the Rural Electrification Contest which entitles her to a trip to Chicago.

Ivis Reynolds, of Critz, was awarded a gold medal for winning the County Rural Electrification Contest which entitled her to enter the State Contest.

Anita Hopkins, of Buffalo Ridge, and Thomas Thore, of Stuart, were taken into the State All Star Chapter for their outstanding Club activities during their Club work.

Billie Barnard, of Meadows of Dan, was high individual in the State Dairy Judging Contest which was held at the State Fair. The team,

ous County 4-H Clubs, met in December to make out plans for the coming year. The Council made out the type of program to be carried out by all the Clubs, so each Club would be carrying out a similar kind of program.

During the summer, the All Stars organized into a very active Chapter. At this meeting each All Star agreed to work with the Program Committee in their local Club and also help with the project work.

PROGRAMS

The programs, which were set up by the County Council, were followed very closely. At the beginning of the meetings, there was a short business session, and the program was conducted by the Club members. The boys and girls then divided into two groups, the girls meeting with the Home Agent, and the boys meeting with the Club Agent. The purpose for dividing the groups was to discuss project work with the members, which is one of the most important parts in Club work.

PROJECTS

Due to a varied type of farming in this county, there were many different types of project work carried out. The dairy calf was the most popular project, probably because the farmers are realizing the need for more and better livestock. Since there is a good market for the dairy product, there has been a marked increase in the number of dairy cattle being kept on the farm. This increased interest in the 4-H dairy projects may improve the quality of animals kept.

Corn was a very interesting project, especially for the members entering the Barrett Nitrate of Soda Contest. Some Club members have proved to their father that the use of Nitrate of Soda will greatly increase the yield and, in some cases, more than double the yield of corn.

In the project instruction, we are emphasizing the importance of better breeding and feeding methods of livestock. In selecting livestock projects, we are trying to get the members to secure pure-bred animals as far as practicable. Through the 4-H Club members, we hope to help the farmers realize the need for keeping better livestock, better feeding practices, the use of better seed, and the use of more fertilizer.

Since the topography of this county is adapted to wildlife projects, and there is much interest among the sportsman for birds, the

INTRODUCTION

The 4-H Club work for 1940 was started and carried on under the supervision of Miss Edith Vaughan, Home Demonstration Agent, and Mr. A. R. Porterfield, Assistant Agent, until June 15 when Mr. Porterfield resigned. With the help of Miss Vaughan, I continued the 4-H Club work with the boys, taking Mr. Porterfield's place and having a very successful year.

4-H Club work was carried on in twelve schools during 1940. Three Clubs were divided in two groups, Junior and Senior Clubs, due to the size of the Club. In this way, much better work can be accomplished, since the smaller members work better when they are not in the group with the older. There were 154 boys enrolled, with seventy boys completing their projects.

Until this year, the Club work has been carried out by the Assistant County Agent. Since the Home Agent has taken charge of the girls, their projects have changed from flowers and poultry to homemaking projects.

PLAN OF WORK

The plan of work was as follows:

- To hold a Club meeting every month through the school term and, as many as possible, through the summer months.
- To visit as many Club member's projects as possible.
- To have one or more members enter each contest.
- To have a large number of exhibits at County Fair.
- To have a large attendance at Short Course and Camps.
- To have all Clubs represented at Achievement Day.
- To bring out best possible relationship between 4-H Club program and the other programs in the county.

THE COUNTY ORGANIZATION

The County Council, which was organized by the officers of the vari-

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