

4-H Narrative Report

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4-H Narrative ReportSituation:

Due to consolidation of schools the number of 4-H Clubs in Rappahannock was reduced from eight to seven. However, two community 4-H clubs were organized making a total of nine clubs in the county. The six junior clubs and one senior club meets during school hours nine times yearly. The two newly organized senior 4-H clubs hold eleven night meetings a year in the homes of various club members. One hundred and two boys are enrolled in 4-H. The Assistant Agent works half time in Rappahannock County.

Goals:

To develop leadership, character and improve farming practices among rural youth of the county.

Methods:

1. Work with the County Council and County Council

Goals.

2. Organize an Honor Club.
3. Strive to make 4-H, and 4-H club meetings as interesting as possible.

4. Make as many home visits as possible to help members with their projects, records and to interest parents in 4-H work.

Results:

1. County Council

Representative officers from the 4-H clubs in the county held two County Council meetings to elect officers, establish goals

and train new officers . (Goals and results are listed later under County Council Goals.).

2. Honor Club

With the cooperation of the County Council, leading 4-H members and Jack Tyree the Rappahannock 4-H Honor Club was organized. Two meetings have been held to date.

3. Creating Interest

Slides, charts, and demonstrations have been used in project work.

Sixty-five boys and girls attended the first 4-H County Wide Picnic to be given in several years.

More than sixty boys and girls attended a 4-H dance sponsored by the Flint Hill and Sperryville community 4-H clubs.

Two community 4-H clubs have been organized, one in Flint Hill and the other in Sperryville.

The curtain call goes to Mrs. Gentry and Mrs. Foster (adult leaders), who have contributed greatly to the success of the Flint Hill Senior Club. Their able leadership , especially in recreation, has been the main factor in building up enthusiasm and keeping the club growing.

4. 4-H Visits

The agent's goal was to visit every 4-H'er in the county at least once. This was not accomplished . Approximately 65% were visited once or more.

County Council Goals :

1. Recommend boy and girl for All Star
2. Have 65% completion of projects and award a banner to club having the highest percent of completion.

- 3. Have a boy or girl as junior leader for each club.
- 4. Have a County Achievement Day.
- 5. Sponsor Share The Fun Contest.
- 6. Sponsor Rural Electric project.
- 7. Have 45 attend 4-H camp.
- 8. Adequate publicity.
- 9. Send delegates to Short Course.
- 10. Sponsor 4-H supper during National 4-H club week.

Results

1. All Stars

No one was recommended for All Star as no boy was eligible on the leadership side this year.

2. Completion of Project

Of the 102 boys enrolled, 84 completed one or more projects, 82.4% completion. Project completion was 85.2% with 102 boys completing 132 of the 155 projects. Project completion increased 2.7% over last year. Number of boys enrolled decreased by seven.

3. Junior Leaders

Each club had a junior leader.

4. Achievement Day.

Achievement day was held November 11th. One hundred and five 4-H'ers and parents were present when awards were presented to:

- 1. Glenn Updike..... Leadership.
- 2. Eddie Sutphin Meat Animal
- 3. Randall Updike Boys Agriculture
- 4. Walter B. Kilby Health
- 5. Lee Thornton Health

- 6. Marvin Bradford..... Garden
- 7. Kenneth Clater..... Garden
- 8. Eddie Sutphin Electricity
- 9. Granville Fox Electricity

Mrs. Jean Miller, Ifye delegate and home agent in Warren County, showed slides of her visit in Finland. Exhibits were displayed by the 4-H clubs on their project work during the year.

5. Share The Fun

Rappahanneck 4-H'ers sponsored a " Share The Fun Contest " that was large in talent but with too small an audience.

6. Rural Electric Project

Thirteen boys completed thirteen projects in Rural Electrification. The three training meetings were concluded with a tour of a well electrified farm and kitchen in Page County, and a picnic on Skyline Drive.

7. Camp

Twenty boys and 23 girls attended 4-H camp at Powell's Fort Valley. Camp enrollment was short of the goal by two members and three over last years attendance.

8. Publicity

Mr. and Mrs. Bowie, editors of the county newspaper, cooperated whole heartedly in publishing articles and pictures on 4-H events. The " 4-H'er of the Month " article was discontinued for the time being as the point had been reached where too many 4-H'ers were becoming outstanding. " 4-H Member Lives Here" signs and the 4-H decals were sold.

As soon as permission is received from the State Highway

Department the completed 4-H Welcome Signs will be erected.

9. Short Course

Glenn and Randall Updike, and Paula Miller were Rappahannock's delegate to Short Course.

10. 4-H Supper

One hundred and thirty-nine plates were served and \$95.00 was cleared at the 4-H supper held during National 4-H Club Week.

Project Work

Glenn and Randall Updike, Eddie Sutphin and Ivory Atkins represented Rappahannock in the district livestock judging contest, placing sixth out of eleven teams. Glenn Updike was fifth high individual.

Beef Cattle

These were predominantly cow and calf or beef heifer projects. of the ten boys enrolled in this project ten completed.

Sheep

Four boys attended the area sheep shearing school. Jackie Sisk missed winning the area sheep shearing contest by one tenth of a point.

Jackie Sisk had the champion single and pen of three at the Winchester 4-H lamb show and sale.

Nine of the ten boys enrolled in this project completed with a total of 70 head.

Ben Weddle scored the Rappahannock Sheep project. Lynn Atkins, who has done an excellent job with his sheep and lambs was the winner. Although most of the boys are doing a fine job, there is still plenty of room for improvement, especially

in winter feeding of the ewes and control of internal and external parasites.

Swine

Twenty-one projects were started but only fourteen were completed.

Two 4-H'ers entered a total of 4 hogs in the Orange Area Market Hog Show and Sale. Glenn Updike won first place in the U. S. # 2 light weight class with his Poland China gilt.

Winners of the Sears Pig Chain, who received their prizes at a banquet in Warrenton, are as follows:

- Tie for first..... Jimmy Yates and Walter E. Kilby
- 2nd Donald Gore
- 3rd Russell Jenkins
- 4th Charles Wayland

The Sears Pig Chain was placed in a new area with a new breed of hogs this year. Yorkshire pigs have been placed with five boys in the Castleton area.

Dairy

Dairy projects decreased this year. Five of the nine boys enrolled completed.

Crops

There was an increase in crop completion and size of projects. Four members completed their projects in corn with a total of nine acres. Ten acres of oats were grown by one member.

There was a large increase of garden projects with a

high percentage of completions. Most of the boys were unable to take any other project or did not live on a farm.

Health

Of the 47 Junier 4-H boys enrolled in the health project 43 completed. This aided considerably in raising the percent of project completion.

Summary

The organization of a honor and two community clubs are perhaps the main improvements.