

Each club has its own methods of securing money for the treasury, such as sponsoring hillbilly music, baby, beauty or popularity contests, game parties, presenting a play, dues of a small fee each month, and a birthday collection box. This money is used to help defray club expenses, and to provide funds for club picnics and parties.

and Southampton counties and two members in Sussex county for the best victory gardens in each county. Other awards of pins and ribbons were won by club members having the best project in each class in Hansemond county and the best project in each club in Southampton and Sussex counties. The agent feels that these prizes and awards help to stimulate greater interest in club work and promote an effort among the club members to carry out bigger and better projects.

In Hansemond and Southampton counties a banner was awarded to the club doing the most outstanding club work during the year. The Agent feels that this promotes more interest in the various clubs and promotes a stronger club organization.

The club members of Hansemond, Southampton and Sussex counties have made the following contributions to the war effort. They have bought \$2775.00 worth of war bonds and sold \$150.00 worth, bought \$1055.55 worth of war stamps and sold \$200.50 worth. They collected 81,740 pounds of scrap metal, 13,612 pounds of scrap rubber and 8,111 pounds of scrap paper. 272 club members are aiding the farm and home labor shortage, 115 are helping to increase farm fuel supplies, 76 are helping to care for and repair farm machinery, 50 have taken courses in first aid and home nursing, 45 are acting as air raid wardens, spotters, watchers etc., 55 are taking part in other defense activities. These figures include the 4-H club girls in Hansemond County in case there is any discrepancy of figures.

At the November meeting approximately two hundred and fifty-six (256) club members were enrolled for the coming year. In all probability more members will join at the December and January meetings. Some of the old members dropped out and some of those members who lacked interest in club work, but with the new members enrolling, approximately the same number will be in club work as there was last year.

Several picnics were held during the summer with very good attendance and the members apparently enjoyed each occasion very much. Several of these picnics were held by individual clubs and a county picnic was held in Southampton county for all of the 4-H clubs in the county. The Agent feels that a county picnic is quite beneficial since it gives the members of one club the opportunity to learn what the other clubs are doing and promotes a closer fellowship among the 4-H clubs in the county.

Fifty club members attended the 4-H club camp held at Jamestown from June 29th to July 4th, 1942. Various educational programs were taken up with a great deal of interest shown by those who attended camp. The agent feels that this helps promote more interest among club members and that more members should attend camp.

No State Short Course was held in 1942 because of the war. Four outstanding 4-H club members were recommended for all stars. E. D. White, Jr., and Louise Harrell, a boy and girl from Nansemond county; Hylah Felts, a girl from Southampton county, and James Owen, a boy from Sussex County.

Since the state fair was not held this year in Richmond, because of the war no fair exhibits were made. Each year the 4-H club members have been making a trip to the state fair, which could not be done this year. The agent feels that these are very beneficial and hopes that they can be continued after the war.

Numerous prizes and awards were won by 4-H club members during the year. The Thos. E. Wilson award for the best meat animal project was awarded to a club member in each of the counties. Namely, Raymond Ramsey, Jr. ; Benjamin Ivey and Stanley Hardaway of Nansemond, Southampton and Sussex counties respectively. Victory garden metals were awarded five members in both Nansemond

The 4-H Club agent has been able to work with the club members for an entire year without any changes, which has also been a very influential factor in obtaining a higher percentage of completions. The agent feels that club work has not been taken seriously enough by the club members. The agent also feels that there is a definite lack of interest of about twenty-five percent (25%) of the club members, who join the 4-H club for reasons other than actual participation in 4-H Club work, especially as far as carrying out the project work is concerned. The agent feels that by elimination of these club members more and better 4-H club work can be accomplished, with an increase of interest and more active club members taking part in the work.

The agent requires that each member make an attempt to carry one project or more and make an attempt to complete it and that each member have a project and his record book up to date, before taking advantage of any picnics held, attending camp and the other recreational exercises during the year. However, the agent would like to say that interest in 4-H club work is on the increase and that he believes that 1943 will be a more successful club year than 1942.

A County Council was organized in Hantsmond and Southampton counties. To date the Agent has been unable to organize a county council in Sussex county. The Agent feels that due to the gas and tire shortage these organizations have been severely handicapped, and that the attendance of these meetings has been cut sharply. The agent feels that a good county council organization is very important in the promotion of 4-H club work and that little can be accomplished along this line until after the war because of war shortages. No achievement days were held this year because of the war shortages. The agent feels that this is a hindrance to 4-H club work and hopes that an achievement day or a good substitute can be held in 1943.

Nansemond, Southampton and Sussex Counties

4-H Club Narrative Report, 1942.

The Assistant County Agent wishes to give a brief summary of the 4-H Club work conducted in Southampton county from December 1, 1941, to November 30, 1942, and from February 1, 1942, to November 30, 1942, in Nansemond and Sussex counties. The Agent wishes to report that little was accomplished in 4-H Club work from December 1, 1942, to February 28, 1942, in Nansemond and Sussex counties because of changes in Agents.

There are fifteen (15) 4-H Clubs in Nansemond, Southampton and Sussex counties. A total of one hundred and twenty-two (122) meetings were held during the year with an attendance of two thousand, two hundred and fifty-one (2,251). Each member was urged to take part in at least one of the club programs when a program was presented at the meetings.

There is a total enrollment of two hundred and seventy-seven (277) in the three counties with a total of one hundred and seventy-one (171) boys and one hundred and six (106) girls, with ninety-one (91) boys and sixty-nine (69) girls completing their projects, making a total of hundred and sixty (160) members completing their projects.

Approximately fifty-seven percent (57) of the 4-H club members completed their projects. This percentage is an average figure for the counties of Nansemond, Southampton and Sussex. This is a considerable increase over last year and the Agent feels that this is due to placing a 4-H Club Agent in this territory whose entire time is devoted to 4-H club work, thus enabling the agent to follow up the project work more closely and maintain closer contact with the 4-H club members by visiting most of the club members at least twice during the club years.

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