

RAPPAHANNOCK COUNTY 4-H PLAN OF WORK

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I. Situation .. There are nine organized 4-H Clubs in Rappahannock County with an enrollment of one-hundred and twenty-two boys. The six junior and one senior club conduct monthly meetings during school hours. The two senior community clubs hold ten night meetings a year in the home of various club members. The 4-H County Council serves as the care of the County 4-H Program.

II. General Objectives and Goals .. To assist in the development of boys into useful and desirable citizens :

1. Promote direct publicity of 4-H Club work and it's activities to 4-H parents, 4-H club members, non-members and county population as a whole.
2. Have senior club members serve as junior leaders.
3. Recommend one boy and one girl for All Star each year if eligible .
4. Have at least 75% completion of projects and turned in records .
5. Have a special program at each 4-H club meeting.
6. Work closely with the 4-H County Council to help them achieve their following goals:

- a. Have two boys and two girls attend State 4-H Short Course.
- b. Sponsor 4-H supper during National 4-H Club Week, .. give publicity in newspapers and on radio.
- c. Purchase copies of National 4-H News to be given to leaders and clubs.
- d. Publicity:
  1. Maintain 4-H road signs.
  2. Sponsor one boy and one girl as 4-H'er of the year.
  3. Place articles in Head, Heart, Hands and Health frequently.

4. Purchase one permanent road sign each year.
  - e. Have one boy and one girl talk to Home Demonstration Clubs on the needs of 4-H and the progress of its' work.
  - f. Have a special 4-H Rural Life Sunday.
  - g. Sponsor a county wide 4-H Picnic in July.
  - h. Have three boys and three girls attend Conservation Camp each summer.
  - i. Pay twenty dollars toward leaders attending 4-H Leaders' Conference at Natural Bridge..
7. Submit at least five Achievement Records to State 4-H Club Office .

III. General Methods :

1. Promote publicity by:
  - a. Participation of club members in the following: radio, writing news articles, and making posters calling attention to current activities.
  - b. Have " open house " in individual communities for parents and club members.
  - c. Write weekly articles in Rappahannock News and Northern Virginia Daily.
2. Provide junior leaders with a definite responsibility.
3. Have an active county All Star talk to senior club members as to requirements of becoming an All Star.
4. Increase project completion by :
  - a. Explanation of achievement awards available for successful completion.
  - b. Promote individual completion among club members in project work.
  - c. Check records during each 4-H project visit.
  - d. Only those club members completing project work will be eligible to

to go to camp.

5. Train vice-presidents to make -up and conduct club programs each club meeting.
6. Work closely with County Council.
  - a. County Council to select two boys and two girls to represent them at Short Course.
  - b. Meet with leaders and 4-H'ers in January and plan for Supper, Radio Program and **special** 4-H addition of local newspaper during observance of National 4-H Club Week.
  - c. Ask secretary of each club to be responsible in seeing that National 4-H News is placed in school library. Copy of 4-H News will be mailed direct to adult leaders.
  - d. Publicity :
    1. The Sperryville Sr. and Flint Hill Sr. Clubs will assume responsibility of maintaining the road signs in their respective communities.
    2. Articles to be written by agents concerned.
    3. Reporter for County Council will write and submit articles of interest about County 4-H activities as they happen.
    4. Road signs will be placed on roads leading into the county by a committee of 4-H'ers living in the area the sign is to be erected.
  - e. Senior club members from each Home Demonstration Club area will talk to Home Demonstration members.
  - f. & g. A committee appointed by the President at the Spring County Council meeting will plan both Rural Life Sunday Observance on May 22nd as well as the County wide picnic to be held July 16th.

h. Interest Senior Club members in attending Conservation Camp pointing out that a more balanced program at their age level is available, which is not always true at our County Camp due to the age level spread.

i. Money to be taken from council treasury.

j. A committee appointed by the County Council President will plan the "Share the Fun Contest " for Friday, May 13th to be held in the High School Auditorium.

7. Publicize achievement awards available and help club members assemble records.

#### IV. 4-H Projects

A. Livestock... the 4-H club members in Rappahannock are primarily interested in livestock projects. The following projects are listed in order of their importance: sheep brood sow, market hogs, beef cows and heifers, baby beeves and dairy.

##### 1. Objectives and Goals

a. Improve the quality and increase the number of livestock projects.

b. Have more participation in area livestock shows:

1. Richmond Jr. Premium Show and Sale.. May 2nd and 3rd.
2. Winchester Fat Lamb Show and Sale... May 9th and June 13th.
3. Orange Area Hog Show and Sale..... August 23rd.
4. Warren-Page-Rappahannock Hog Show and Sale... August 25th.
5. Culpeper Farm Show .....August 29th-Sept. 3rd.
6. Warren County Agricultural Industrial Fair.. Sept. 5th - 10th.

c. Develop a local baby beef show.

d. Organize a " calf scramble " to be held in the county early in September to encourage boys to feed out " baby beeves ".

- e. Revive " farm flock contest "
- f. Have 4-H'ers enrolled in sheep project attend Area Sheep Shearing School and District Sheep Shearing Contest.
- g. Have a **livestock** judging team in competition at Short Course.

2. Methods

- a. Teach 4-H'ers selection, proper feeding and management practices through project work and farm visits.
- b. Visit every 4-H'er taking a livestock project.
  - 1. Inform club members as to date and place of various sales, and shows.
  - 2. Give recognition to members competing at shows and sales through radio, newspaper and announcing in club meetings.
- c. Meet with county and assistant agent in Warren in an effort to sell our baby beeves through their Warren-Page Baby Beef Show and Sale to be held April 28th.
- d. Contact beef producers in the county to get animals for the "scramble " .. make an annual event.
- e. Notify 4-H flock owners of reestablishing farm flock contest.
  - 1. Periodically visit 4-H'ers stressing good use of management practices.
  - 2. Stress selling lambs through 4-H Lamb Show and Sale.
- f. Encourage all members enrolled in 4-H sheep projects to attend the area sheep shearing school and arrange for them to be excused from classes.
- g. Encourage all interested and qualified 4-H members to try out for the livestock judging team.

1. Arrange the following judging workouts :

Hampshire Type Conference .....	January 7th.
Zuswyn Farm..... cattle and sheep .....	January 16th
B. H. Weddle ..... hogs .....	January 23rd.
Experimental Station .... cattle .....	February 13th
H. S. Barksdale ..... hogs .....	February 27th
John Updike ..... sheep .....	March 12th
Home Again Farm ..... cattle .....	March 26th
Newbill Miller..... hogs .....	April 9th
Cobble Mountain Farm.... Cattle .....	April 16th
John Updike ..... sheep-lambs .....	April 23rd.

2. Place emphasis on oral reasons.

Sears Pig Chain

1. Objectives and Goals

- a. Have number of pigs at weaning age increased for each litter.
- b. Create a demand for weaned pigs by producing a local market for them.
- c. Have each boy show and sell a single and / a pen of three in local hog shows and sales in August.

Methods.

- a. Visit club members periodically and stress management practices.
  1. Stress importance of farrowing house with guard rails and heat lamp.
  2. Give ration for lactating sows.
- b. Through newspaper articles and radio announcements, advertise purebred gilts.
- c. Encourage boys to feed out at least one of their pigs in first

litter, pointing out that breeding is just one phase of hog production, and knowledge of feeding is just as important.

B. Automotive Care and Safety

1. Objectives and Goals

- a. To offer this project in one community this year.
- b. To encourage 4-H'ers to become safe and efficient automobile drives by developing the following:
  1. A clearer knowledge of highway safety and stress "rules of the road".
  2. An understanding of traffic regulations and laws of ownership and operation of a motor vehicle.
  3. A knowledge of the basic parts of the car and the principle of maintenance and operations.
  4. An ability to perform simple automotive maintenance operations.
  5. An understanding of the economics of efficient purchase and operation of an automobile and the ability to keep and interpret an record of the cost of operation and ownership of an automobile.
- c. Have 80% completion of project.

2. Methods

- a. Schedule seven project meetings in Flint Hill Community during the summer months.
- b. Secure one leader as well as speakers or instructors on the following subjects:
  - 1 & 2. Automotive safety and traffic laws... State Trooper
  - 3 & 4. Basic parts of auto and simple auto repairs...

-Automotive Mechanic or Leader.

5. Economics of purchase and up keep of auto... Insurance  
Representative -Adult Leader

- c. Schedule picnic at close of project meeting and award prizes.

#### C. Forestry

1. Objectives and Goals .. Increase interest among club members in Forestry; it's preservation and establishing plantings on individual farms.

2. Methods

- a. Have individual club program built around the " reason why " and " need " of planting seedlings on many of our Rappahannock farms.
- b. Show interested club members and parents where it would be beneficial to plant trees on their respective farms.
- c. Have an area planting demonstration in March for new project members to be conducted by a 4-H'er who has already set-out seedlings; Harrison Powers, Flint Hill.

#### D. Rural Electrification

1. Objectives and Goals

- a. To teach the proper care, repair and use of small electrical appliances.
- b. Send one boy to 4-H Electric Congress in Richmond.
- c. Have a demonstration in the District competition.

2. Method

- a. Project elected to be taken by all junior club members.
  1. Demonstration to be conducted by junior leader and agent.
  2. Slides to be shown of correct care and use of small appliances.
  3. Safety factors to be stressed.

- b. Club member picked on interest shown, accuracy of demonstration and individual project work.
- c. Club member picked on accuracy of demonstration, knowledge of subject and willingness to work and improve demonstration.

#### E. Soils

##### Objective and Goals

To teach the importance of soil in our daily living and emphasize its' importance in regard to soil type and crops to be grown.

##### 2. Method

- a. Teach soil formation and make up of soil by visual aides.
- b. Use monoliths and soil box samples to teach the difference in types.
- c. Take field trip to examine and identify soils in road cut or ditch banks to see differences in soil depth, texture , color and structure.

#### F. Tractor Maintenance

##### 1. Objectives and Goals

- a. To teach proper care and minor maintenance repair of tractors and farm machinery.
- b. Hold project meeting in county at local garage.
- c. Have at least eight boys enrolled in project.
- d. Have 80% completion of project.

##### 2. Method

- a. Secure five leaders with practical knowledge of maintenance and care of farm machinery.
- b. Secure cooperation of automobile dealer to hold project in his shop.

- c. Interest boys on farms to take project, pointing out the value of increasing their knowledge on the continuous operation of their farm machinery.
- d. Prizes to be awarded to 4-H'ers completing project as well as contestants in the operator's contest.

G. Crops

1. Objectives and Goals

Have all 4-H'ers follow extension recommendations as to securing seed, proper planting and fertilization practices.

2. Methods

Make individual farm visits and advise club members as to their projects rather than having special meetings during Spring and Summer as boys are kept busy on their farms.

H. Dairy

Only one boy enrolled in project and will work with him individually.

I. Garden

Only one boy enrolled in project.. will work with him individually.

J. Poultry

Only one boy enrolled in project and will work with him individually.

V. Organizational Projects

A. Honor Club

1. Objectives and Goals

- a. Have four meetings a year.
- b. Develop leadership by:
  - 1. Each club member help at least two or more younger 4-H members with their project work and records.
- c. Establish fund to be known as the " 4-H Awards Fund ".
- d. Help with officer training at Fall County Council..meeting.

2. Methods

a. Meetings:

1. One meeting for voting on recommendations.
  2. Initiation of new members and election of officers.
  3. Social in July.
  4. Preparation of " Year Book " in August.
- b. Ask Honor Club members to be responsible for at least two 4-H'ers in their individual clubs.
- c. Club members to explain program in County and solicit contributions to " fund " enabling club members to be awarded for outstanding accomplishments.
- d. At the fall County Council meeting Honor Club officers will assist in training new club officers.

b. 4-H Camp

1. Object and Goal

- a. Develop character, and also skills not taught in home or schools.
- b. Have at least sixteen boys attending camp.

2. Method

- a. Help to develop camp program to include crafts as well as activities geared to the needs of most individual campers.
- b. Visit the parents of boys expressing a desire to attend camp, pointing out that there will be adequate supervision at all times.