
Home Beautification Manual and Record Book FOR 4-H Club Members



A HOUSE THAT COULD BE CALLED HOME.

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READ THIS BEFORE BEGINNING YOUR RECORD

The law of nature is that animals, plants, fish, and other species of wild-life adjust themselves to their environment. It is equally true that people adjust themselves to their environment; therefore, it is of the utmost importance that we give our best thought and interest to any program that has to do with beautification, because a beautiful environment has much to do with the habits, the characteristics, and the character of an individual. This is especially true with young people and it is therefore, with much enthusiasm that the 4-H club organization is sponsoring a state-wide home beautification program.

In participating in this activity, you as a farm boy or a farm girl, are adding much, not only to the beauty of your home, but you are adding much to the beauty of your home, community, and naturally to the beauty of our entire state. Many of our 4-H clubs have taken as a club or a community project, the beautification of school grounds, and the beautification of church grounds. Through these activities will be learned not only the beauty of a well landscaped home, church, or school ground, but also the beauty and the value of cooperation in working with each other in order to bring about a more beautiful home or community center.

Home Beautification is not, or should not, be confined to the exterior of the home. Perhaps the greatest degree of beautification on the part of the club member is that which is brought about within the home in the way of room-improvement where the 4-H club member through 4-H demonstrations transforms a room into a place of charm and restfulness.

When you joined the 4-H club you became a member of one of the largest organizations of young people in the world. Your club project and your activity as a club member are a part of that organization. Your efforts are helping to determine what your local club will be, what your county organization will be, what your state organization will be, and what your national organization will be; therefore, upon you rests a great responsibility.

The record of your club project is a valuable part of club work and should be kept as neatly and accurately as possible. Its value will be determined by two things: first, by the work you have really done; and second, by the manner in which your records are kept. In either case, your efforts will determine largely the final success or failure of the project.

Keep your record up-to-date. As soon as you have bought equipment or other material, enter it in the proper space, and as soon as you have finished a piece of work in connection with a project, make an entry in your book. This is the best way to keep an accurate record. Your record book is worthless unless it is accurate.

L. R. HARRILL, State 4-H Club Leader.

HOME BEAUTIFICATION MANUAL AND RECORD BOOK FOR 4-H CLUB MEMBERS

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OBJECT:

1. To instill into the 4-H Club members a higher appreciation of beauty and contented living.
2. To enhance and thereby increase the value of the 4-H Club member's home by teaching him the fundamentals of home beautification.
3. To help make the 4-H Club member more familiar with plant life and their habits.



An attractive rural home.

GOALS:

A simple, but attractive home grounds for each 4-H Club member with an open lawn, adequate shade, and enough shrubs to decorate the house and to screen off undesirable views.

PLAN OF WORK:

1. The first thing for the 4-H Club member to do will be to make a drawing of his home grounds as he wishes it to be and to take a picture or two before any work is done.

2. With the help of Extension material and advice from reliable sources the work should start immediately after the plan is made.

3. **Following is a suggested procedure for the 4-H Club member to follow in beautifying his home grounds.**

- a. General clean up and repair.
 - b. Under-pin house if possible.
 - c. Rearrange roads and walks if needed.
 - d. Sow lawn in fall.
 - e. Plant additional shrubs and trees if needed (be sure not to use too many shrubs around foundation of house).
 - f. After other things are done start work on flower garden, pools, outdoor fire places and other accessories, if desired.
4. **Before finishing the project ask yourself the following questions:**
- a. Are the drives and walks properly planned to lead visitors to the front door instead of the back?
 - b. Is the barnyard and other unattractive objects screened off?
 - c. Is there plenty of shade for all parts of the yard?
 - d. Is the lawn open and inviting or is it cluttered with flower beds and bushes?
 - e. Are the foundation shrubs decorating the house or are they hiding it?



The garden of a 4-H Club member.

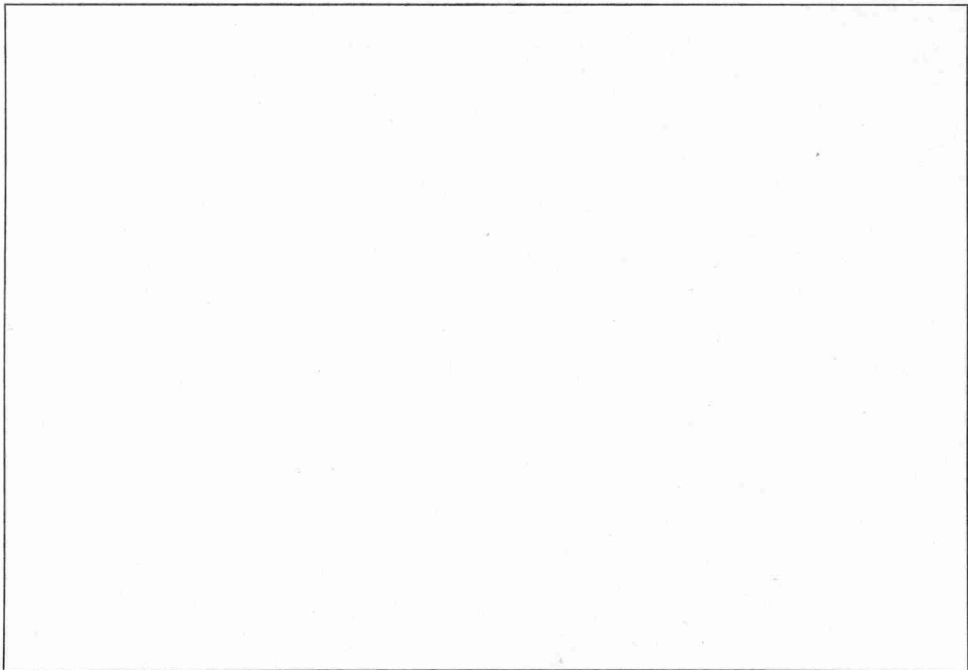
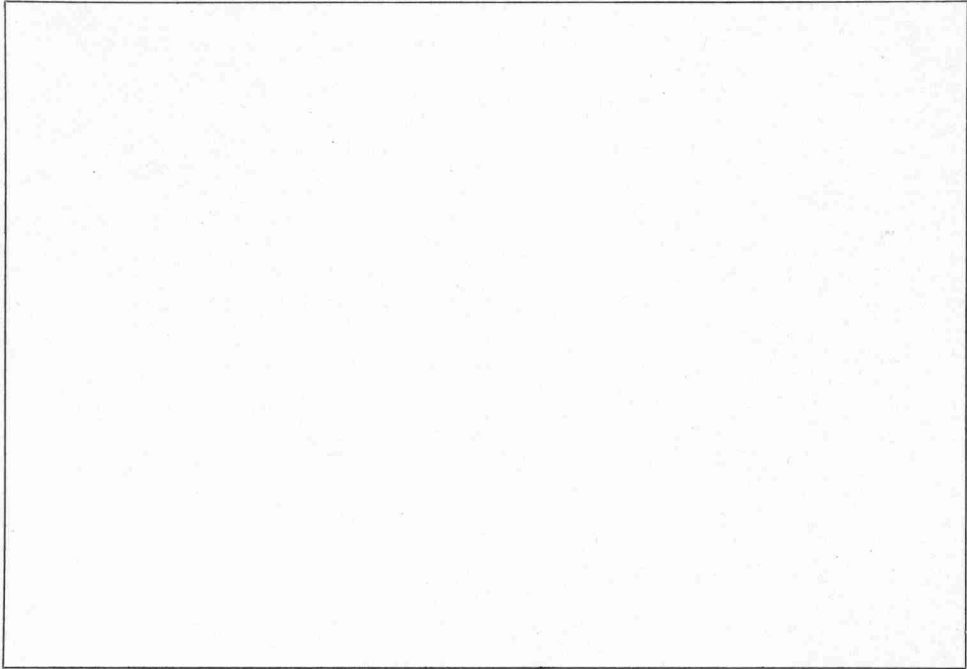
REQUIREMENTS FOR A COMPLETED PROJECT

1. At least five shrubs must be transplanted and made to live.
2. At least five shrubs must be propagated by seeds, cuttings or in some other manner.
3. Each club member must be able to identify at least 20 common shrubs.
4. The following records must be kept and turned in to the Extension office by the designated time:
 - a. Before and after pictures (space for picture on page 9.)
 - b. Clear drawings showing improvements that have been and will be made (space on page 11.)
 - c. Hours spent on project_____.
 - d. Cost of plant material_____.
 - e. Total cost of project_____.
 - f. Number of shrubs and trees used_____.
 - g. Number of native plants used_____.
 - h. Story of My 4-H Home Beautification Project.

NARRATIVE REPORT OF PROJECT (Continued)

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**PICTURES OF HOME GROUNDS BEFORE AND AFTER PROJECT
WAS STARTED:**



Show here drawings of existing conditions before project was started:

Show here drawings of improvements that have and that will be made:

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.:

*Farmers Bulletin**No.*

- 1087 Beautifying the Farmstead
- 1132 Planning the Farmstead
- 1591 Transplanting Trees and Shrubs
- 1169 Insects injurious to Deciduous Shade Trees and Their Control
- 1567 Propagation of Trees and Shrubs

North Carolina State College, Raleigh, North Carolina:

*Leaflet**No.*

- 189 Better Lawns in North Carolina
- 41 Home Beautification—General Arrangements
- 42 Home Beautification—Walks and Drives
- 40 Home Beautification—Arrangement of Planting

Mimeographed Material

- Important Steps in Plant Propagation
- Transplanting and Care of Shrubs
- Pruning Shrubs
- Protecting our Shade Trees
- Budding and Grafting
- Elementary Principles of Home Beautification

State Awards will be Made on the Following Basis:

1. General improvements made in beautifying the home grounds (shown by before and after snapshots or photos) _	30	Points
2. Scaled drawing showing improvements that have and will be made-----	25	"
3. General record of club member. This should show participation of club member in club and county activities, as well as other individual projects-----	20	"
4. General improvements shown by photos and drawings harmonious with principles of good landscape design-----	15	"
5. Story (about 500 words) giving experience of the 4-H member in home ground beautification and the benefits derived -----	10	"
Total-----	100	"

THE CLUB PLEDGE

I PLEDGE:

*My Head to clearer thinking;
My Heart to greater loyalty;
My Hands to larger service; and
My Health to better living for
My Club, my Community, and my Country.*



THE CLUB MOTTO:

"To Make the Best Better."