

4-H CRIME PREVENTION

A 4-H Crime Prevention Program was inaugurated in 1980 in cooperation with the N. C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, N. C. Farm Bureau, Federal Bureau of Investigation and local police and sheriffs' departments. The program focuses on 4-H'ers giving leadership to home and farm equipment identification, community watch, juvenile crime, theft and other crime prevention strategies.

A mobile unit was used to travel the state during the summer, going to 4-H camps, District Activity Days and 4-H Congress. This means was used to introduce the Crime Prevention Program to more than 10,000 4-H youth and adult volunteers.

The State's 4-H Youth Council planned and conducted a statewide retreat "kicking off" the project by training 250 4-H'ers, volunteers and agents in the implementation of the program. This program has been successfully integrated at the county level among each program component of the Extension Service.

SCOPE OF 4-H

The 4-H program of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service continues to be the state's largest informal out-of-school youth serving program. Nearly 96,000 young people participated in 4-H clubs and special interest groups during the 1980 program year. In addition, more than 20,000 young people participated in the 4-H Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program bringing the total to more than 115,000 youth.

The 4-H program focuses on the development of youth and the more than 15,000 volunteers who operate the program. The knowledge resources of the land-grant university system are used to attract young people into learning groups where the skilled volunteers structure a learning environment that meets their immediate interest and developmental needs.

SERTOMA 4-H CAMP

A new 4-H camp was added to the 4-H camping system in 1981. A 330 acre tract of land with an existing resident camp facility was donated to the state for use as a 4-H camp. Named "Sertoma 4-H Camp", in recognition of the purchase a number of years ago by the Sertoma Clubs and originally donated to the Easter Seal Society for use as a camp for handicapped youth. The Easter Seal Society consolidated its camping program at Southern Pines and the facility was deeded to the state of North Carolina for use as a 4-H camp.

The new camp is adjacent to Hanging Rock State Park in Stokes County, 25 miles north of Winston-Salem. The new facility will be open in the spring of 1982 for 4-H camping.

Nearly 5,000 young people attend the 4-H camps located at Reidsville, Swansboro, Ellerbe and Swannanoa.

4-H VOLUNTEERS DEVELOP STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION

The continuing emphasis in 4-H volunteer leadership development was exemplified in 1980-81 by the establishment of a North Carolina Volunteer Leaders' Association on the morning of November 2, 1980, at the Jane S. McKimmon Center in Raleigh. The adoption of the association constitution by the organization's membership of 15,000 climaxed a three year plan of development linking 70 county associations and associations representing the six Extension districts. The constitutional convention was attended by over three hundred 4-H volunteer delegates. The objectives of the new 4-H leaders' association are: (1) to sustain and promote "The 4-H Mission in North Carolina", (2) to provide a forum for communication among 4-H volunteers, and (3) to expand and improve the information, services and human and economic resources available to 4-H volunteers in the state.

Significant Accomplishments in Extension Community Development

Approximately 5% of the resources of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service are annually devoted to community resource development programs. A wide range of community problems and concerns is addressed by these programs resulting in significant contributions to the quality of life in rural North Carolina.

A major thrust of the program has been the involvement of citizens in community affairs and "self help" community development projects. In the past year an estimated 227,117 hours of volunteer time was contributed through these Extension-assisted efforts (@ \$6/hr. = \$1,362,702). Forty percent of the citizen involvement occurred in five Area Development Associations and 650 community development organizations for which Extension provides leadership and program assistance.

Energy conservation is another area in which considerable resources have been expended. Through the leadership of the state CRD staff, "Energy Centers" were developed for each county in the state. The Center consists of a display panel and notebook containing energy information regarding agriculture, home and community. In addition, reference and energy information materials were provided, along with suggestions for filing and distributing to clientele. Seventy-three counties conducted energy conservation programs in the past year with emphasis upon conservation in the home and on the farm.

Progress also was made in improving community facilities and services. Extension provided assistance with 5 county-wide water systems, 15 community water systems, 2 sewer systems, 12 rural fire departments, and 24 new or up-dated solid waste systems. In addition, Extension provided assistance in organizing and maintaining 150 neighborhood watch programs (crime prevention).

Other significant efforts include land use educational programs in 35 counties, Farm-City Week programs in 61 counties, and beautification programs in 60 counties. In addition, Rural Economic Development was stressed in 2 conferences in Western North Carolina involving 18 counties and in an Economic Development program conducted in the 10-county Albemarle area.