

ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT OF

4-H CLUBS

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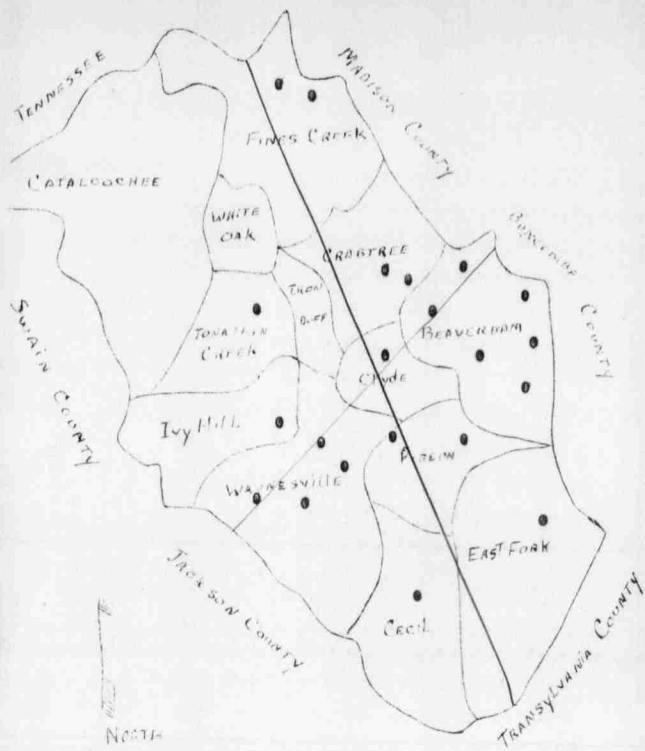
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The 1949 - 4-H year opened with 22 Clubs being
organized and 769 girls being enrolled.

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MAP of Haywood County

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PROJECT PROGRAM

In December the 4-H Club boys and girls heard a talk by Mr. David Felmet who was President of the Merchants Association. He told the club members of the interest they had created among the merchants and how they would back them in their club work. Mr. Felmet then presented each boy and girl a 4-H Calendar. Many of the clubs served cookies and candies that they had made. The Assistant Home Agent presented each girl with a sheet of Christmas recipes.

In January the Assistant Home Agent presented two different demonstrations to the club girls. To the senior clubs was presented "Cues On Eating Out", as had been designed by Iris Davenport - and for the Junior girls was presented "Ways of Making and Equipping a Sewing Box". Both demonstrations were met with much enthusiasm.

February meetings were held jointly with the club boys and girls. The project program presented by the Assistant Home and Farm Agent was on Home Beautification. They carried out the program designed by Mr. John Harris, using the Flannelgraph on "What makes your Yard Beautiful". After this program, Home Beautification projects were discussed and many club members decided they would like to carry this project.

In March the demonstration for the clubs in Haywood County was a continuation of the February demonstration on "Home Beautification". It was decided that there should be a follow up demonstration because of the interest that had been created at the February meeting. There was a review of the Flannelgraph on Home Beautification with a more detailed discussion on the varieties of shrubs that might be planted around the house and on the grounds. At the close of the discussion each club member was presented with leaflets on "What Makes Your Yard Beautiful" and Home Assignment on Home Beautification".

The Assistant Home and Farm Agents held the April meetings of the 4-H Clubs jointly in order that both boys and girls could see two films that were shown. The first film in relation to health was called "Something You Didn't Eat". Following the film the Assistant Home Agent talked briefly on Good health habits and then presented each club member a booklet called "Our Daily Food". The second movie was entitled "Ways To Good Habits". A follow up talk was given by the Assistant Farm Agent.

May's club meetings centered around a discussion of the coming calendar of events for the club members of Haywood County. The discussion included: the coming camp program which was to be held at White Lake, July 11-16th. Club members were shown pictures and crafts made at last year's camp. Also discussed was the trip planned to take 20 girls and 20 boys from Haywood County to Washington County Iowa, from July 19-30th. This trip discussion caused much excitement and enthusiasm. The elections were held for delegates to attend 4-H Short Course in Raleigh.

The Hazelwood Club, under the direction of their leader, Mrs. Gussie Palmer, had their annual exhibit of handkerchiefs, aprons, pajamas, tea towels, dresser scarfs, etc. they had made for their projects. The girls taking food preparation as their project brought candy, cookies and cake, and made punch. At the close of the meeting each of the members were served. Mrs. Palmer is an excellent leader.

The October Club meetings were given to organization and the election of officers. The demonstration was on Parliamentary Procedure. Record Books were discussed and time was given to questions on their completion.

PROJECTS:

A. CLOTHING:

1. 4-H Dress Revue:

The Dress Revue contest was held on Saturday morning the 25th of June, in the little courtroom of the Haywood County Court house. Thirty girls, all of which had made their dresses modeled them. They were judged on style, cost and workmanship. The dresses were divided into four classes. Sunday dresses, School dresses, Party dresses and Play clothes. The stage was set so that each girl entered from the back of the room walking through the audience and on to the stage where they turned in front of 4-H flag and walked again through the audience to the soft strands of a waltz heard in the background. Commentator for the revue was Thomasine Fisher.

Nancy Medford of Ratcliff Cove who modeled a pink taffeta and lace dress with jacket, was made first place winner in the senior division. Second place went to Peggy Noland of Waynesville who modeled a shadow organdy dress. Third place went to Rena Brank of Canton who wore a blue sunback dress with a jacket. In the junior division, Delaine Sutton of Beaverdam was first winner with a lavender taffeta sunback dress, Frances Emma Yates of Crabtree Junior Club won second place modeling a play suit. The dress revue according to the interested spectators was very much of a success.

4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY:

Achievement Day was held for 4-H club members on January 27th at the courthouse in Waynesville. Approximately 1500 persons attended. Judge Allen H. Gwyn of Reidsville was the principal speaker. The Club members took charge of the program with Miss Mozelle Liner, President of the County Council, presiding. Club members taking part in the program were Jimmie McElroy from East Waynesville Club, Pete Noland from Crabtree Club, Birdell Gorrell of Cruso Club and Max Rogers of Fines Creek Club. The Pennsylvania Avenue Club of Canton had charge of the music.

Leadership medals were presented to Mr. A. J. Hutchins and Mr. Jack Messer, Superintendents of the Waynesville and Beaverdam school districts, by Mr. Oscar Phillips. Medals for project achievement were presented by the assistant home and farm agents. The outstanding club girl and boy of the county were Birdell Gorrell of

Cruso, and Wade Francis of Waynesville. Nancy Poston and Jimmy McElroy were awarded medals for leadership. The outstanding clubs were the Crabtree Junior Club and the Waynesville Senior Club.

Following the Achievement Day Program there was a meeting for the election of the County Council Officers. Those elected were as follows: Nancy Poston, President; Wade Francis, Vice President; Patsy McCracken, Reporter; and Pete Noland, Secretary and Treasurer. After the election there was a luncheon at Patrick's Cafeteria for all the winners of Achievement Awards, for newly elected members of the council, Judge Gwyn, and presidents of the civic organizations and other interested persons.

A District 4-H Club meeting for all farm and home agents was held in Asheville on January 28th to discuss plans for the 4-H camp to be built at Waynesville. It was decided to open the camp on June first or as soon thereafter as possible.

SOIL CONSERVATION SPEAKING CONTEST:

The county and district soil conservation speaking contests were held in the courtroom in Waynesville on March 16-17th. There were two 4-H club members who entered from Haywood County - they were Miss Genie Ferguson from Fines Creek 4-H club who placed first; and Wade Francis from the Waynesville 4-H club who placed second. On March 17th the district contest was held with entries coming from seven counties, Clay, Macon, Jackson, Graham, Swain, Transylvania,

and Haywood. The assistant home agent of Haywood and the district 4-H club leader served as timekeepers. Winners of the district contest were: Worth Palmer, first place, from Clay County, second place was won by Lewis Penland, from Macon County, and third place was won by Genie Ferguson, from Haywood County.

4-H AMATEUR SHOW

On Friday night, March 18th, the twenty one 4-H Clubs of Haywood county presented an amateur show at the Waynesville Armory in connection with the Farm and Home Appliance Show. The amateur show was presented to a crowd of 200 people and was also broadcast. Winners of the contest received prizes of \$15.00 - \$10.00 - \$5.00. There was a wide variety of entries. Winners of the contest were first place, John Calhoun of the Waynesville Junior Club, who imitated barnyard animals and sang "God Bless America"; second place by Sammy Haynes of the Clyde 4-H Club, who, dressed as a cow girl sang, "Buttons and Bows" with the actions. The third prize went to Billy Bishop of East Waynesville Club, who sang "Zip-a-dee-doo-da". The Club members entered into the amateur show whole-heartedly and it was enjoyed by all.

4-H BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The annual 4-H club gold medal basketball tournament was held in both Canton and Waynesville this year. The junior division was held March 21-28 at the Champion YMCA in Canton, with twenty-eight teams competing. The tournament created much enthusiasm among

club boys and girls and was attended by many of them. The junior division was won by the Fines Creek girls and the North Canton boys.

The senior division was played at the Waynesville School gym, March 29-30, with eight teams competing. The division was won by the Waynesville Club girls and the Canton Club boys.

Trophies were presented in each division to the winning teams, runner-up teams, all tournament first and second teams, two girls and two boys in each division for sportsmanship, all tournament high scorer, and game high scorer. These trophies and medals were bought by the First National Bank of Waynesville and by the Underwood Lumber and Supply Company of Waynesville. The athletic director of Champion Y.M.C.A., Mr. Jack Justice, of Canton officiated during the complete tournament.

4H JERSEY CALF SALE

The American Jersey Cattle Club sponsored a calf sale, primarily for 4-H club members and F.F.A. members, for the Western District at the Mountain Experiment Station near Waynesville on April 28th. Approximately some 300 people attended. The 4-H Club boys and girls from the Waynesville Junior Club sponsored the food sale of sandwiches, drinks, pies and ice cream.

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July 19-29th the Assistant Home and Farm Agents, assisted by two local leaders, Miss Margaret Green of Fines Creek and by Mr. Carl Ratcliff of Waynesville, accompanied 40 - 4-H Club boys and girls on the first Nation Wide Interstate Exchange of 4-H

members to Washington County Iowa.

Club members selected according to their projects, interest in club work, leadership, and capability of creating a good impression for not only Haywood County but for North Carolina and for the South, were carefully trained at several meetings of the group together before they left on the trip.

They were two and one-half days in route to Washington County which was a distance of approximately 1000 miles.

Many favorable comments were told to the Agents in charge concerning the boys and girls. One tourist court owner in Bloomington, Illinois said, "They'er the best mannered group of kids I've ever kept - They've made it a pleasure".

Once in Washington County each club member from Haywood County stayed with a different club member from Washington County. The aim was to acquaint the boys and girls with a different type of farming done on a different scale. The club members from Haywood County actually helped with the work so that they might "learn to do by doing".

On seeing the enormous acres of corn, Patsy McCracken of the Bethel 4-H Club said, "How in the world do they ever get it all hoed?" Learning of machine operated farms was of keen interest to them.

Girls stayed in the homes and helped with cooking, many of them learned how to detassell hybrid corn and watered hogs, they visited 4-H club girls projects and each member attended a 4-H club meeting in their local community. Besides learning of how the farm

was operated all of the club members were taken to points of interest in the county.

On tours the club girls and boys visited Willsman the turkey center of the world, where they visited the Maplecrest Turkey Plant, a cheese factory owned and operated by the Almish people of Kalona, a hereford farm, a large cooperative dairy, they saw many hybrid seed corn fields and examples of crop rotation, strip farming, contour planting, and soil conservation.

The extension agents and local leaders spent one day visiting Des Moines and Ames.

Many social features were planned for the boys and girls including a county wide party, a band concert and a reception.

The trip was partially summed up in an editorial which appeared in a Washington County Paper.

SHORT COURSE

Fifteen 4-H Club girls and 16 boys attended 4-H Club Week in Raleigh, August 1-6. The girls, Barbara Kinsland, Linda Welch, Regina Ferguson, Roslyn Messer, Mattie Sue Medford, Maxine Medford, Ernestine Osborne, Zelda Mae Rhinehart, Kathryn Rhinehart, Betty Ruth Ferguson, Clara Sue Shuler, Patsy Blalock, Nancy Medford, Doris Rollins and Eunice Jones, wore the 4-H Club uniform, which was green and white seersucker suit and white beanie, during the week. The boys' wore the uniforms of white shirt and pants with black tie.

Haywood County chartered a Carolina Trailway Bus for the transportation to Raleigh. They accomodated two passengers from Buncombe County and on the return trip brought five passengers from Clay County. The group was accompanied by the Assistant Home and Farm Agents.

The State Dress Revue was entered by Miss Nancy Medford, County dress revue winner. She modeled a party dress of pink taffeta and lace, with a matching long sleeve jacket. We wish to congratulate Nancy on her grace and poise in modeling her dress.

All events during 4-H Club week were attended and participated in by the Haywood County group. From Monday until Saturday they admitted that there wasn't a dull moment.

The trip proved to be most interesting and educational to all the club members that attended Short Course.

NOVEMBER NARRATIVE - 1949

by - Jean Childers

Beginning as an assistant Home Agent on November 1st, I have spent some time in getting acquainted with the new work.

I had the opportunity of attending the district 4-H cattle sale held in Asheville. This gave me a chance to meet some of the outstanding club members in the county as well as observe the cattle show.

Before my first week was over, I had begun the series of 4-H club meetings, which runs for two weeks. These were mainly organizational meetings.

I was able to attend two home demonstration clubs during the month, and at one of these, I was responsible for the demonstration on "Christmas Gift Suggestions".

Being fortunate to be in Haywood County, I was able to attend the Tobacco Harvest Festival, a big feature during the month of November.

Two days were spent in Asheville at the Western District Agents' conference. This conference was very profitable to me in learning about program planning for the years work. It gave me the opportunity to meet the state specialists, and also the agents in the Western District.

The latter part of the month was spent in planning the demonstration for the 4-H meetings in December, which is on "Christmas Decorations and Gifts".

My first month has been most interesting, and I have enjoyed it immensely.