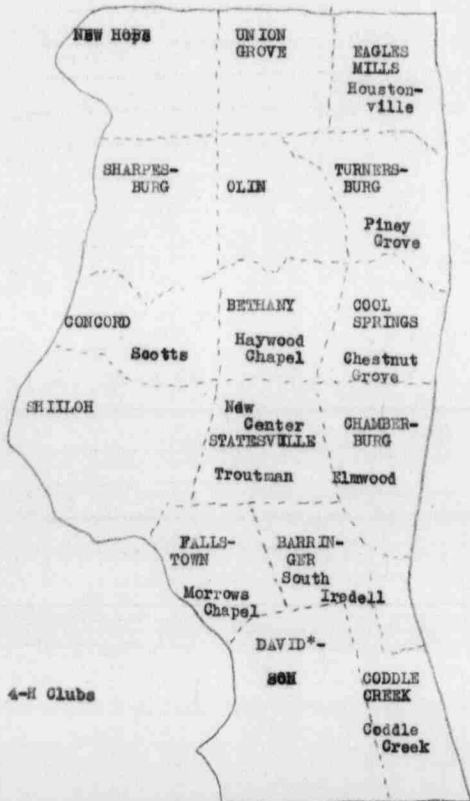


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IREDELL COUNTY



(18) 4-H Clubs

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4-H Club Introduction

4-H Club work began in this County previous to my coming. In beginning work here there were 13 4-H Clubs organized with an enrollment of 179 girls and 170 boys. This year the enrollment increased to 181 girls and 174 boys making a total of 355 4-H Club members.

In the beginning of the year we found quite a few large boys and girls not wanting to become members, but before the year was gone they found we could get along very nicely without them and we were having such fine times in Club meetings and were participating in so many extra activities they came very humble and wanted to join the Club.

The beginning of next year we hope to have a greater increase in members.

Organization

There are 13 4-H Clubs in the County with an enrollment of 174 boys and 181 girls making a total of 355 members.

The South Iredell and Morrows Chapel 4-H Clubs held local Achievements Days within themselves, other 4-H Club Members displayed what they had accomplished at the Harvest Festivals held by the schools. There was cooperation with the teachers and 4-H Clubs leaders in doing this. They had a table to themselves marked 4-H Club.

The 4-H Club County Council is made up of officers of each Club. It has a membership of 90 girls and boys. The programs consisted of business, recreation, and sometimes refreshments. Two or three Clubs usually have the recreation side of the program monthly. It usually meets 4 times a year the first Thursday of the month.

Regular 4-H Club meetings are held once a month either by the leaders or the Agents during the school year. During the summer months the leaders meet with their groups two or three times or whenever it's necessary to call them together.

The neighborhood leader system has increased slightly to what it did last year, yet it doesn't function as I will like to see it. Some are putting forth a good effort and do whatever you ask of them others are very slow about doing or do not at all. As a result of the neighborhood leader system we do have more summer meetings and the members are having better projects.

General Activities of 4-H Club Girls

The girls yet are hard to get away from the usual types of projects they have carried previously. However, they have improved slightly over last year. It is our effort to encourage the girls to select more projects on the homestead, although we like for the girls to carry money making projects too. It is hoped that each girl will have at least two projects next year. The projects carried out are listed below:

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Completing</u>	<u>units</u>
Corn	4		
Other Cereal	1		
I. & S. Potatoes	20	15	3 1/2
Cotton	10	5	2 1/2
Home Gardens	71	60	15
Poultry	13	9	540
Dairy Cattle	3		
Swine	4	2	2
Food Preservation	27	20	5,270
Clothing	13	6	20 garments made 31 garments remold
Room Improvement	14	12	12 rooms 36 articles

Food and Nutrition

Not any of the girls enrolled in Food Preparation as a project but they did splendid work with the project. The project leader played an important factor in this. Every month she would have a very good report telling of some wonderful dish some little girl had prepared and she would ask the little girl to tell how she prepared that dish. Many times the leader would ask one member to bring in a dish she had prepared so all could sample it, other times they would give demonstrations in the school, especially something with raw vegetables or fruit and sometimes something cooked.

The demonstration "Eggs and Their Place in the Diet" was given in February. We demonstrated Fried Eggs and Egg Salad, the Food Preparation leader assisted me. This demonstration was given along with Table Manners and through this they got two lessons in one. The pamphlet on Eggs went a long ways with them, every recipe given in that bulletin was prepared.

Food Preservation

No. girls enrolled 27 No. girls completing 20

Of the **total** girls completing their projects there were 5270 quarts of food canned.

Food preservation was very inspiring to the 4-H Club girls. Many did their first canning this year. There were several canning demonstrations held for 4-H Clubbers. During Food Preservation Week there were joint demonstrations of both Adults and 4-H Club girls. In Communities where there were only 4-H Clubs there were demonstrations especially for them. However, if an adult wished to attend they were perfectly welcomed to do so, in many cases they did. In each Club there was one vegetable and one fruit to be canned, although, whenever a person was having a problem with a particular vegetable or fruit they would bring that to the demonstration in order to get the correct procedure for canning it. The food preservation leaders were very proud to offer whatever assistance they could.

Each Club held a local exhibit of canned products in its Harvest Festival held cooperatively with the school teachers and Home Agent. The food was judged for the best jar of string beans and peaches coming from the same person. The winners were brought into the County exhibit. These judged, the person winning first place was Edna B. Bailey of Scotts Club. Her two cans were mailed to Greensboro to participate in the District Contest. There she won in the third place grouping.

Room Improvement

Number enrolled 14 Number Completing 12

A few of the girls, after the demonstration of last year, decided they would like to carry the project of room improvement and improve their bedrooms, arrange them into units and do whatever possible to make them more attractive and convenient.

Dorothy Summers of Chestnut Grove Club, said that she shared her bedroom with her sister, but she would like to work out something on the same order of the one found in her lesson sheet and that I had demonstrated in the Club meeting. She invited me over to her home to see the situation so we sat down in the presence of her mother and sister and began to make plans. The family didn't have very much money and we had to use what we had and buy as less as possible. The room needed wall papering, dressing table, washstand and study table. She had the lower part of an old dresser that was converted into a dressing table and used a nail keg as a stool. She used printed sack material for the dressing table skirt and stool. For her washstand she used orange crates and covered them with plain colored sack material trimmed with material of the dresser skirt material. Fortunately she found an old table in the wood house that she removed old paint from, sanded and repainted it for her study table. The walls ~~correctly~~ were papered by the two girls pictures were hung on the walls correctly, and the furniture was arranged correctly into units, study, sleeping, and dressing units. The girls used cretonne draperies and bedspreads to match. The total cost of everything was \$10.84. The two girls shared the

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expense from money they had raised in selling vegetables from their gardens and fruits.

The room was very beautiful to see. They didn't believe they could do it at such low cost and have such attractive bedroom. The mother of the girls was very proud of their effort and wished for them to do something for the boy's room. Next they will have the project of improving the boys room.

Home Beautification

Not any of the girls enrolled in Home Beautification as a project but there has been splendid work done by 4-H Club girls.

Home Beautification began early in the season during our Clean up Champaign. The girls began to clean their yards, plant flowers, shrubs, and sow grass.

Mae Helen Morrison, of the Troutman Club knew early in the year that she would have all the house work and yard work to do during the summer months so she began early in the year preparing for it. She and her brother cleaned all around the house, front and back, cut down all the weeds and burned the rubbish. As soon as the planting season came she began spading, planting bulbs, resetting flowers and sowing seeds. She is also fond of pot flowers and had a lovely pot on the porch, the flower stand was painted and all of the pots. On the edge of the porch there were lovely boxes of petunias in a variety of colors. The back yard and porch was just as beautiful as the front. Flowers were blooming from March through late fall when frost hit them.

Glenna Stevenson of Scot's had her mother's yard in charge and did a splendid job with it. This is a new place and soil needed building up before sowing grass so she had her brothers to plow the yard and sow peas to improve the soil, she planted shrubs and flowers and flowers. In her back yard it was a beauty to see the variety of flowers she had growing in her flower garden. Entering her garden there was a rose arch that you would walk through.

There were other beautiful things done toward some improvement. In the mist of the gaught the girls kept their

Home Beautification Con't (2)

In the mist of the draught the girls kept their flower gardens watered and they survived nicely.

Home Gardens

No. enrolled 71 No. completing 60

Home Garden played an important part in the girls projects this year. They find in carrying gardens they have a money making project, can some of the products and prepare them for home use, making this a two fold project. For the most part the garden have been used for home use, the foods were canned or eaten fresh from the garden. There were a few that sold products from their gardens ; bought 10 of the girls and income of \$585.00 by selling a portion of the things grown in their gardens.

Vivian Weaver of the Haywood Chapel carried an outstanding project for the year. She had a variety of vegetables growing in her garden, four of this variety of vegetables. She canned and sold vegetables. Her garden brought her an income of \$53.50 too, she canned 50 quarts from her garden. The cost of the garden was \$3.50 profiting her \$49.00.

Vivian is growing year round garden, now she has carrots, greens, collards to eat, onions, cabbage and lettuce set in her garden for early spring vegetables.

Achievement Days

For the 4-H Clubs within itself there were only two achievement days held, one in the Morrows Chapel Club and one in the South Iredell Club.

There were short talks given by the various project leaders telling of its accomplishments for the year. Two 4-H Club leaders, man and woman gave a brief summary of work accomplished during the year and the progress over last year.

In the South Iredell Club Rev. Davis, Pastor of the community Church gave a short talk to the group. Mr. ~~James~~ Evans, Veteran Program Administration Teacher gave a short talk to the group at Morrows Chapel. Being an Agricultural man he gave a wonderful talk that all could enjoy, adult and children.

They exhibited home grown products, canned goods, handicraft, clothing, flower, poultry, livestock and baked products.

Contests

1. Local:

Kind Dress Revue number participating 242

2. County:

Kind Dress Revue number participating 10

3. District:

Kind Dress Revue Number participating 1

1. Local:

Kind Canning number participating 50

2. County:

Kind Canning number participating 13

3. District:

Kind Canning number participating 1

1. Local:

Kind Team Demonstration number participating 8

2. County:

Kind Team Demonstration number participating 4

3. District:

Kind Canning number participating 1

Local:

Kind Home Beautification number participating 18

Local:

Kind Garden number participating 29

Honors Won

In the District Dress Revue, Team demonstration and

Contests Con't (2)

canning there were ~~third~~ place prizes won.

Community Projects

A very good Community Project was carried out at the Chestnut Grove School. There they cultivated soil, fertilized the soil and planted a variety of vegetables. With the information gained by recommended methods. They sent out by the Dept., plowed and hoed by recommended methods. In this garden they planted Garden peas, Cucumbers, String beans, Okra, Egg plants, Beets, Corn, Asparagus, Squash, and Salsify. Later they planted Spinach, Turnips, Lettuce, Collards, Kale and Leek.

People from the Community often stopped by to see the garden and raved over what a beautiful garden it was.

The New Hope School had a similar project.

The leaders supervised these projects very closely. They carries the information gained from us to members of their community group and they have improved their gardens to a great extent.

The Scottd Club had as a community project beautifying the so school ground. They sold fruits, milk, hot soup, and hot dogs to raise funds for buying shrubs, grass seeds, flower seeds and bulbs. There were cement walks laid by Club leaders. The P T A was responsible for the Cement.

The soil was spaded by the Club members and the large boys hauled a load of compost and spreaded it over the grounds. The seeds were sewn, shrubs set out and the flowers bulb set.

Community Projects Con't (2)

The boys and girls that lived near the school looked after the school ground during the summer months, kept it clean, grass cut and flowers worked.

Recreation

There were many forms of recreation held during the summer months, but August was set aside especially for recreation.

In the Communities where there were both 4-H Clubs and Women's Club they had their recreation cooperatively in other communities the 4-H Clubs sponsored them entirely by themselves and invited their parents.

The New Center and Buffola Schools held their picnic together in the New Center Community in a grove near the School. Each person brought his own picnic lunch. Money was taken from the treasure of the two Clubs to purchase ice cream and ingredients for lemonade. The lunches were spreaded all together and everyone had a plenty to eat. The leaders looked after the servings of the foods.

Both quite and active games were played, which included soft ball, dodge ball, ring games. asked riddles. told jokes and played stunts. The adults that were present joined in with the active 4-H Club members. The leaders led many games.

The two Clubs really enjoyed meeting together and ~~wish~~ wish to make it an annual affair. They plan to always meet at the New Center school beacuse they have more space for playing. The leaders cooperated nicely and did whatever they could to make it enjoyable for all.

Special Activities

Each Club sponsored some type of activity for raising money for the Club.

The Piney Grove Club sponsored a safety playlet, "Careless Johnny" at the school early in the spring and charge \$.10 and \$.15 at the door. The play consisted of six characters; 2 boys and 4 girls. A brief synopsis of the play, "Johnny's Carelessness worries his family and teachers dreadfully so together they arranged a unique scheme to cure him of his bad habits." After the playlet they sold refreshments and made a profit of \$15.00. Those present enjoyed the little playlet so well they had the children to give it over in P & T meetings.

Houstonville Club, which has much larger children and more children gave the pageant, "Long may it Wave" in the month of February. This pageant required 10 boys and 12 girls. A brief synopsis: "Introduces Uncle Sam, Columbia, Flag Bearer, Peace, School Children of America, India, Pilgrims, and Children of other lands. Introduces American Patriotic songs and the songs of other lands. The admission was \$.10 and \$.15. They also sold refreshments after the pageant. They made a profit of \$18.00.

Chestnut Grove Club sponsored an Ametuer show with music, vocal and instrumental, dances and stunts. The admission was \$.25. Tickets were sold all over the County.

There were other money making programs sponsored such as Church Sunday's entertainments and other similar to those mentioned.

Demonstration Teams

This year there were eight teams trained for demonstrations. For the most part it was something new to them but they didn't hesitate about taking part because they knew there was a trip in view.

The state subject was dairying and topics were taken from this subject. We used only one subject for the eight teams, "Feeding the Sick with Milk Dishes."

May 17, four of the teams met in my Office for the County elimination. Prior to the elimination the four teams gave their demonstration to two groups, one to the entire student body of their school and the other to the P & T meeting. Chestnut Grove Club won first place; Dorothy Scott and Bettye Jean Tabor. All of the teams were very good and the judges had a hard time making their decisions for the first place team.

June 26, the winning team entered the District Elimination held at A and T College, Greensboro, N. C. It won third place there, receiving a white ribbon.

All of the girls that participated in the Team Demonstration went to Greensboro on that day.

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4-H CLUB GOALS - WESTERN DISTRICT

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County Iredell

Agent Juanita Stokes

All 4-H girls be taught how to spend and save
All 4-H girls be taught to assist in the War

GOALS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Food and Nutrition

50	Physical Examination	<u>50</u>
609	Girls help plan and prepare balanced meals	<u>15</u>
714	Girls learn to eat at least two vegetables they do not like	<u>10</u>
83	Girls learn to like and drink milk	<u>18</u>
808	Girls learn to prepare vegetables and serve	<u>20</u>
975	Girls improve Breadmaking	<u>20</u>

Food Conservation

789	Girls fill their canning budgets	<u>20</u>
1187	Girls assist with the family canning	<u>30</u>
466	Girls can surplus from their gardens	<u>17</u>
200	Girls to use Pressure Canners	<u>8</u>
500	Girls taught canning and newer method in canning	<u>100</u>

Food Production

917	Girls have a garden	<u>71</u>
322	Girls have a Victory Garden	<u> </u>
1000	Girls assist with the family garden	<u>85</u>
74	Girls get started on small fruit projects	<u>8</u>
49	Girls produce food to feed a fighting man	<u>60</u>

GOALSACCOMPLISHMENTS

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Clothing

900	Girls look their best in the clothes they wear	<u>35</u>
375	Girls take Friday night for mending night	<u> </u>
312	Girls put soiled clothes in clothes bag	<u>45</u>
421	Girls take better care of clothes	<u>40</u>
755	Girls improve their personal appearance	<u>90</u>
293	Girls renovate and repair clothing	<u>65</u>
477	Girls make sleeping garments	<u>38</u>

Home Management

75	Girls make curtains	<u>46</u>
65	Girls make rugs	<u>7</u>
160	Girls make clothes bags	<u>26</u>
315	Girls make sprinkler for clothes	<u> </u>
600	Girls improve own room	<u>14</u>
240	Girls keep kitchen clean and orderly	<u>12</u>
105	Girls learn the proper care of furniture	<u>10</u>
390	Girls make sanitary improvements around the home	<u>120</u>
490	Girls control household pests	<u>58</u>
110	Girls make a bathing unit	<u>12</u>
325	Girls improve storage space	<u>19</u>
45	Girls money making projects	<u>32</u>
250	Budgets, spending, saving and sharing	<u>8</u>

Others

1878	Girls keep record of their projects	<u>132</u>
895	Girls to plan recreation for entire family at home	<u>13</u>
125	Girls taught methods of child care	<u> </u>
355	Girls to make special contribution to the War Effort Leader trained and active	<u>32</u>

Looking to the Future

The enrollment of Clubs members hasn't reached the peak that I would like to see it for the large number of children of club age in the County. We are working hard to increase our enrollment with the interest on the part of the parents and leaders I'm sure we can have a greater number. We are looking forward to full cooperation from all concerned.

Heretofore we have had a fine getting records. This year it was a little better than last, yet it isn't what it should be.

The leaders haven't been trained as they should have been therefore they haven't functioned properly. Hence we resolve to give better training to our leaders so as to receive better results.

It is our desire to get one older youth organization started in the County in order to bring in more people Club age.