

PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The prime objective of the 4-H Club work is to help boys and girls become useful and responsible citizens through a program of learning by doing.

The 4-H club program is the youth program of the Cooperative Extension Service. 4-H offers boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 19 an opportunity to learn by doing.

In Pima County the 4-H is built around specific projects which the boys and girls enroll in. The primary agricultural projects now being taken in Pima County, are beef, sheep, swine, entomology and bees, horses, electricity, goats and woodworking. The boys and girls gain knowledge and skills through their work on these projects. Some interest has been shown in already available projects and in some new areas such as science, research and development and the stock market.

Through individual club meetings, programs, county meetings, programs, county meetings and activities, 4-H members have opportunities to learn leadership, citizenship, safety, recreation, health and responsibility. These experiences help 4-H members develop into more responsible citizens.

The leadership for the individual 4-H Clubs comes from parents and people interested in the development of youth. These people volunteer their time and services to teach and advise 4-H club members.

Junior leadership as a project is an important one for 4-H members who are in their third year or over and are over 14 years of age. This gives the older 4-H member a real opportunity to develop in the area of leadership.

ORGANIZATION

Growth in Pima County 4-H

There are 40 4-H clubs with 683 4-H members now in Pima County. This compares with 600 4-H members in the 1964 4-H Club year. This 683 year compares with 659 off reservation a year ago. There was no work done this year on the Papago Indian Reservation. In 1964 there were 29 from the Reservation enrolled.

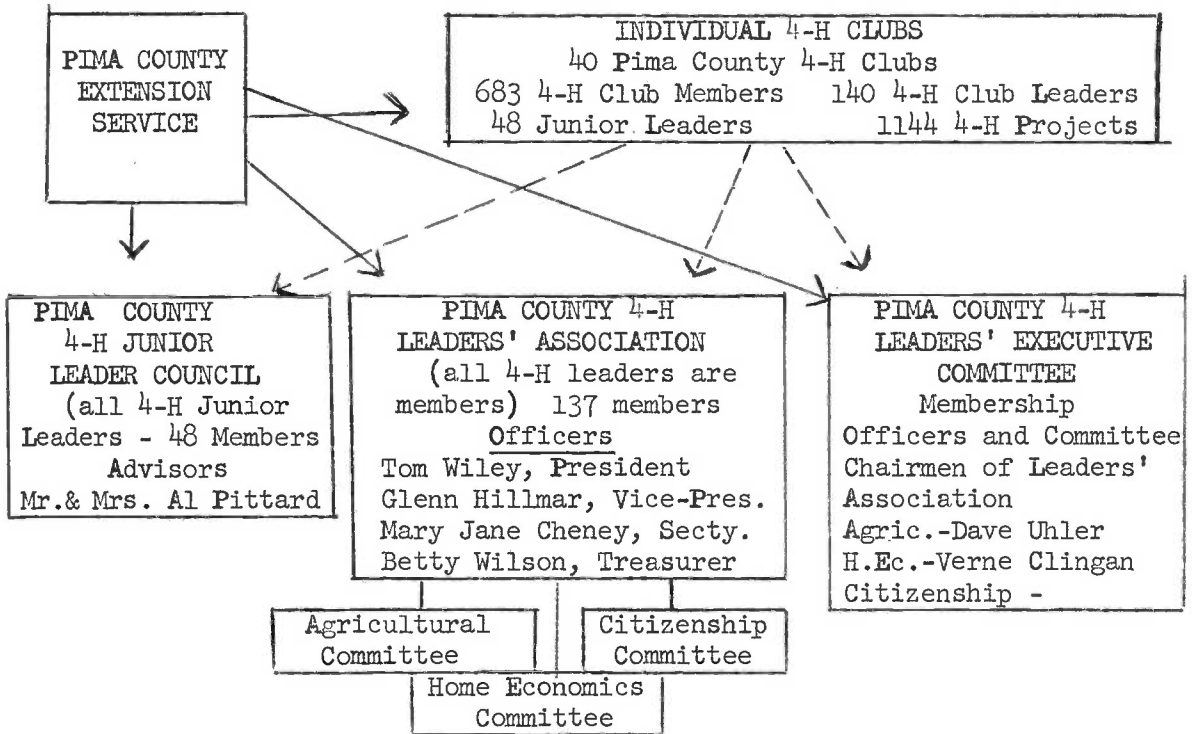
Of the 40 clubs, eight are rural and 32 are suburban or urban.

ORGANIZATION - Continued

PIMA COUNTY 4-H ORGANIZATIONS

There are four organizations within the Pima County 4-H Club program. Each has its goals and objectives in contributing toward a better 4-H program.

Here is an organizational diagram that shows how these organizations are related.



As of June 1, 1965, the 4-H Leaders' Association's by-laws changed to where there were more standing committees and the chairman of the standing committees would serve on the Association's Executive Committee. This will enlarge the Executive Committee from seven members to seventeen members.

PROJECTS

The breakdown for the Agricultural Project Enrollment for the 64-65 year is:

	<u>NO. ENROLLED IN PROJECT</u>		<u>INCREASE OR DECREASE</u>
	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	
Livestock & Poultry	385	366	+ 19
Arts & Crafts	68	68	-
Junior Leadership	56	68	- 12
Engineering	28	46	- 22
Plant Sciences & Entomology	31	22	+ 11

TRAINING & RECOGNITION

PIMA COUNTY 4-H LEADERS LIKE TO LEARN

4-H Leader Training was held in areas of:

- (1) Objectives of 4-H Club Program and the responsibilities of 4-H Club Leaders and the Extension Service in regard to 4-H club work (30 attended);
- (2) Teaching Techniques (35 attended)
- (3) 4-H Records (24 attended)
- (4) Demonstrations (16 attended)
- (5) Horse handling (8 attended)
- (6) Livestock Feeding (5 attended)

A good portion of the Agriculture Leader training is held on an individual basis, as, usually we find that men are reluctant to come out to evening training meetings.

The goals of the Pima County leadership training are to help leaders -

- understand the 4-H program and objectives.
- acquire skill in organizing local clubs and guiding members in project selection.
- understand the role of parents in the club program.
- understand boys and girls interests, needs and why they behave as they do.
- learn to plan and carry out club programs of interest to young people.
- become aware of the importance of record keeping and how to help club members keep records.
- be informed on subject matter and skills to be taught through the project.

4-H OFFICERS LEARN DUTIES

Many 4-H Club leaders had requested that their club officers needed some type of formal training throughout the 1964 4-H club year. The agents (4-H) in turn, set up an officers training day at the beginning of the 1965 4-H year.

Dr. John Williams, Associate Professor, Agricultural Education, had requested earlier that his Agricultural Education 101 class have a part in some type of leadership training here in Pima County. So the students from Agricultural Education 101 conducted the individual officers sessions. Seventy 4-H Club officers from fifteen 4-H clubs attended.

According to many of the leaders this was one of the most informational training sessions held during the last year. Plans are to continue this event each year.

FIELD DAYS

Several field days were held during the last year for both educational and competitive purposes. The field days were both Breed Association and Extension sponsored.

Two field days held early in the year were the 4-H Family Day, sponsored by the Arizona Hereford Association and the Angus Field Day sponsored by the Arizona Angus Association. These are state-wide and are held here at the University of Arizona Campbell Avenue farm. These days give the 4-H members some wonderful training in selection and fitting beef animals. All 4-H members should take part in these activities if possible. Our

TRAINING AND RECOGNITION-continued

4-H OFFICERS LEARN DUTIES - continued

FIELD DAYS - continued

attendance at these were: Hereford Day, 40 members and leaders and the Angus Day, 35 members and leaders.

Three new field days were set up by the county agent in July. They were an Electricity Day, Entomology and Bee Day and a Vegetable Day. These were field days in areas where very little had been done in the last few years. The feeling of the leaders was that these shows be continued as they were beneficial for the 4-H members.

4-H BEEF CARCASS CONTEST

This year under the sponsorship of the Tucson Cowbellees and the cooperation of three local packers, a beef carcass contest was held for the carcasses of 4-H fat steers that were shown at the County Fair. This was a first in Arizona. Mrs. Pat Stevenson, former president of the Arizona Cowbellees and a 4-H parent, headed up the work done on this. It is in the plans to enlarge the contest to encompass the sheep and swine carcasses next year.

This contest was a real eye-opener to the boys and girls in that the carcasses did not place the same way as the animals did on hoof. The contest was held at Herb Margolis' Arizona Meat Packers Company. Over 85 attended. It is also hoped in the future to include meat cutting and demonstration of meat preparation so that the 4-H Home Economics girls can be included.

4-H ROUND UP HIGHLIGHTS YEAR

Thirty four 4-H members represented Pima County at the State 4-H Round Up in July on the University of Arizona Campus. These delegates were blue ribbon winners at various county events - Judging Days, Demonstration Day, Dress Revue, "Share the Fun" program, Public Speaking Program and the Showmanship events.

Round Up included many more work shops this year which the members enjoyed. The delegates in the workshops, assembly programs, discussions, recreation and competitive events.

Pima County Recognition in competitive events included the following awards:

- 2 shield and clover awards
- 16 blue ribbon awards
- 8 red ribbon awards
- 3 white ribbon awards

TRAINING AND RECOGNITION - continued

CITIZENSHIP IMPORTANT TO 4-H'ERS

Peter Duerr, Catalina Clovers 4-H Club, and Kay Wilson, Nimble Fingers 4 H Club, represented Pima County at the annual State 4-H Citizenship Day held in March, at the State Capitol.

The boys and girls had an opportunity to see government in action by observing the Senate, and House of Representatives. Also, they had an opportunity to meet with the Governor and the Chief Justice of the Arizona Supreme Court. Through these observations and visits the club members gained a better understanding of their responsibilities as citizens in respect to the government.

The Pima County Agent (4-H) served as co-chairman for this event with the Gila County Home Economist.

Mr. Glenn Hillmar, Vice-President of the Pima County 4-H Leaders' Association, accompanied the group representing the 4-H leaders of Pima County.

SCHOLARSHIP TO 4-H MEMBERS

George Carter, Catalina Clovers 4-H Club, was presented a \$300 scholarship at the State 4-H Roundup from the Standard Oil Company of California.

William J. Park, Jr., received the Pima County 4-H Leaders' Association \$300 scholarship at Pima County 4-H Dress Revue and Homemaker Tea.

Two Pima County Homemaker Council Scholarships of \$75 a piece were presented to Kay Kerfoot, Tanque Verde Community 4-H Club, and Carmen Roberts, Nimble Fingers 4 H Club.

Recipients of the scholarships were selected on the basis of need, 4-H Club record, character and scholarship.

ACTIVITIES

Activities are an integral part of the Pima County 4-H Club program. The activities provide club members the opportunity to put into use, the knowledge gained from working with their project and to inform parents and friends about 4-H.

Through these activities 4-H Club members have become better citizens - -

- develop initiative, self confidence and self control
- learn to observe, make decisions and express opinions
- learn to share knowledge and skills
- learn to live, work and share responsibilities with others
- Learn to win gracefully and be a good loser.

ACTIVITIES - continued

4-H MEMBERS ATTEND CAMPS

Three camps were held during June and July which 4-H members took part in. During June the Pima-Santa Cruz County 4-H Camp was held at Pine Canyon Camp in the Chiricahua Mountains. 25 4-H members, two Junior Leaders, two adult Leaders, and the county agent (4-H) attended. The theme was "New Frontiers." Much of the camp was geared to teach the boys and girls about the out of doors and the world around. The evaluation was that this was one of the most successful camps in several years. This camp is held in conjunction with Santa Cruz County.

Another camp held in June was the Arizona Youth Conservation Camp. The County Agent (4-H) worked with both the SCS Unit Conservationist, George Hovey and the local SCD Committee on getting out publicity of selecting the participants for the Arizona Youth Conservation Camp. This year the local SCD Committee is putting up twelve camperships, the Tucson Wildlife Unlimited one and the downtown Tucson Kiwanis Club one. Pima County's quota is fourteen. Three 4-H members took part in this camp.

The third camp was held in July and it was a senior camp. A year ago it was decided that the Pima-Santa Cruz 4-H Camp should be a junior camp only including those 4-H members who were 9 through 13 and a few Junior Leaders would be used on the staff. The Pima County leaders felt there needed to be a camping activity for the older 4-H members.

The Pima County Agent (4-H) visited with Eldon Moore, Maricopa County Agent, on the possibilities of the Pima County Senior 4-H members camping with the Maricopa County Senior 4-H members who have been having a senior camp for several years. Mr. Moore, in turn, visited with the Maricopa 4-H Junior Leader Council, who had charge of their senior camp. The Maricopa 4-H Junior Leader Council in turn wrote a letter to the Pima County 4-H Junior Leader Club inviting the Pima County Senior 4-H members to their camp. Results: The Pima County 4-H Junior Leader Club president wrote back that they would accept the invitation and the Pima Junior Leader Club would take charge of arrangements from this end. Maricopa County's group took care of the basic planning such as the place, the dates and the food. The Pima Group notified the Pima senior members of the camp and gathered the equipment they needed.

The camp was held on July 16-18 at Indian Gardens camp grounds near Payson, Arizona. Fifteen Pima County Senior 4-H members, one county agent and one agent trainee attended this camp.

This county agent would term this Maricopa-Pima County Senior 4-H Camp as being highly successful. The Pima County 4-H members who attended feel that this combined Maricopa-Pima Senior Camp should be continued.

ACTIVITIES - continued

4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST, MAY 1, 1965

The annual Pima County 4-H Livestock Judging Contest was held at the University of Arizona Campbell Avenue Farm. Dr. Marvin Selke, Associate Professor, Animal Science Department, worked with agent on getting the day set up and then he worked the 4-H members on judging contest. There were seven classes. A set of oral reasons and a set of written reasons on which scores were taken. The classes were three beef, two swine and two sheep. Seventeen 4-H members took part in the contest, six seniors and eleven juniors. A junior, Danny Montgomery, topped the contest with 407 points out of a total of 450.

The number who judged was down about 50% compared to last year. It so happened that many of the livestock members were tied up with school activities.

The 4-H agent would suggest that for another year the county judging day be moved to January or early February. Also that this be used for only one of a composite of several judging days to pick the 4-H Roundup Livestock Judging team.

4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST, MAY 1, 1965

The annual Pima County 4-H Horse Judging contest was held at Tex Mangum's Arena; Thirty-eight boys and girls took part in the contest. This was an increase of five over a year ago. Three classes of horses, a class of equipment tack, a class of parts and unsoundness of horses, a questionnaire on management and a set of oral reasons were taken. Mr. Ted Pence, a local Tucson horseman was the official judge. 4-H leaders pitched in and took charge of the different parts of the contest.

Much work needs to be done in the area of judging (horse selection) with the Pima County 4-H members.

The county agent (4-H) was in charge of the day.

4-H DEMONSTRATION DAY

The Pima County 4-H Demonstration Day was held at Flowing Wells High School on Saturday, April 24. A total of 29 Agricultural and General Demonstrations were given. This compared with thirty four a year ago. Forty demonstrations were entered prior to the 4-H Demonstration Day, but eleven of them cancelled. The overall quality of the demonstrations was down and the Junior continue to do a better job than the Seniors. Continued work needs to be done in this area.

Garrett E. Blackwell, Agricultural Agent in Charge, served as judge for Agricultural Demonstrations. Allan Halderman, Irrigation Specialist and Bill Larsen, Agricultural Engineering Specialist, served as judges for the general and some Junior Agricultural Demonstrations.

ACTIVITIES - continued

4-H DIVISION PIMA COUNTY FAIR

There were 278 4-H Agricultural exhibits at the Pima County Fair in 1965. The Fair was run primarily by the 4-H leaders with the County Agent (4-H) serving as advisor. The 4-H leaders have a slight tendency of letting things slide and leaving it for the Extension Office to do.

As a whole, the 4-H Division, Fat Stock Sale and the Leaders' Associations' Food Booth were successful. The Fat Stock Sale gave most boys and girls a chance to make a little money or at least break even. The 4-H Leaders' Food Booth cleared a little over \$1300 to be used in bettering the Pima County 4-H Club program.

TOP LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM

Vern Weinkauff, Danny and Mary Montgomery, and Stephen Uhler, all Tanque Verde Livestock 4-H Club made up the Champion Livestock Judging Team at the Arizona National Livestock Show in January. The second team consisting of Tom Weber, Frank Heiden, Mike Garigan and Lynda Holbrook, placed sixth. There were 42 4-H and FFA teams in the contest.

Those 4-H members showing steers and breeding animals also did well.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND OUTLOOK

The outlook for 4-H is good in Pima County. There is less antagonism between 4-H clubs than there has been in several years. Many clubs seem to be gaining strength and have better club programs. The 4-H Leaders' Association is stronger and following along the lines a leaders' group should. The county 4-H Junior Leader Club is gaining strength and with a little more help and work can become a real boon to the Pima County 4-H Club program.

Recommendations:

1. Decentralize more from the county level to the club level. Build stronger club programs, whereby the clubs are not solely dependent on county activities and events for their club's activities.
2. Work needs to be done in building up project areas such as dog, plant science, entomology, bees, and the craft area.
3. The county fair needs to be de-emphasized in importance to the 4-H Club program.
4. More work needs to be done in the area of publicity with radion, T.V., newspapers, and work with service organizations and businesses.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND OUTLOOK - continued

RECOMMENDATIONS -- continued

5. More work needs to be done in the areas of leader training especially the Agriculture project area. More specifically in the area where the leaders are having their problems.
6. More leader help is needed from leaders in putting on county agricultural events.
7. Leaders need to be continually reminded that decisions made need to be made for the betterment of all the boys and girls and not for selfish interests.
8. Better methods need to be found in screening new leaders. Many times a new club fails because of faulty leadership.