

ANNUAL NARRATIVE 4-H REPORT

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COUNTY: YAVAPAI

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COUNTY SITUATION

Community	# of 4-H age	Rural Youth	# other groups	end kind	Recreation facilities	Potential leadership	Type	Agriculture	Community centers
Prescott-Miller Valley	150		10 Girl Scouts		Youth center moves, skating rink, swimming pool schools	Good	Diversified	Farming	All available
Chino Valley	100		Boy Scouts		School	Fair	Diversified	Farming	Church and School
Paulden	15		None		None	Poor	Ranching		None
Cottonwood			Camp Fire		Youth center		Diversified		
Bridgeport	130		Girls		Movies, skating	Good	Farming		All available
Lower Oak Creek									
Camp Verde	80		Teenage group		Movies	Good	Diversified	Farming	Church and School
Humboldt	25		None		None	Poor	Diversified	Farming	School and Church
Dewey	20		None		None	Poor	Farming		None
Mayer	50		None		School	Fair	Diversified	Farming	School and Church
Skull Valley	45		None		School	Good	Diversified	Farming	School and Church
Wagner	9		None		School	Poor	Ranching		School
Yarnell	20		None		School	Poor	Ranching		School and Church
Congress Junction	5		None		None	Poor	Ranching		School

STATISTICAL SUMMARY:

11	-	4-H Clubs
22	-	Leaders - lay
2	-	Junior leaders
5	-	Leader training meetings
159	-	Club members enrolled
104	-	Club members completed
65%	-	Club members completed
256	-	Projects enrolled
163	-	Projects completed
63.6%	-	Project completion
6	-	Achievement days
1	-	4-H Fair (in conjunction with the County Fair)
14	-	Campers
1	-	Radio program
12	-	News stories
22	-	Delegates to roundup
3	-	Delegates to Livestock Show

SUMMARY BY PROJECTS:

	Enrolled	Completed
Home Gardens	5	2
Poultry	7	5
Dairy	3	3
Beef Cattle	42	34
Sheep	3	0
Swine	8	4
Rabbits	7	6
Tractor	10	0
Food Preparation	79	51
Food Preservation	4	4
Clothing	85	52
Crafts	1	0
Junior Leadership	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
Total	256	163

SUMMARY:

Interest in the 4-H program throughout Yavapai County is continuously growing. The support of local civic organizations and merchants is good. At Fair time local merchants gave special prizes for outstanding members and civic groups gave medals as well as other types of support.

The County 4-H Leaders Association continued active this year. Their aim "to promote high quality 4-H club work in the county" is indeed a good one. These leaders met together four times this year and considered the various county and state events current at the time. The improvements which this association was able to make in the 4-H division of the County Fair were especially worthwhile. Through the efforts of this group the agents have had more time to devote to other phases of their work.

Agricultural and Home Economics clubs are organized separately in each area with the exception of Camp Verde, but in most cases the clubs meet together for at least a portion of their recreation. It has been found that both groups continue to be more interested in club work when they have at least a portion of their fun together.

Achievement days were held cooperatively in each community this year. Favorite projects in this county are livestock (primarily beef with some swine, poultry and rabbits), and gardening and the favorite home economics projects are food preparation and clothing with some interest in food preservation.

Except for the leader training done at Leaders Association meetings this year no leader training meetings were held. Both Home Economics and Agricultural 4-H leaders received individual training from the agents as required.

The county 4-H leaders, club members and their parents participated in the county wide 4-H picnic this year.

Four-H members from Yavapai County participated 100% in the 4-H division of the County Fair, sent twenty-two members to State 4-H Roundup, fourteen members to 4-H camp and one leader and one junior leader to State Leaders Conference.

ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING:

The most effective and lasting method of organizing individual 4-H clubs in this county is for us to secure the interest of some capable individual or preferably an active community organization. Then let this individual or organization take the lead in organizing by creating interest among the children and their parents in belonging to a 4-H club. The interested organization or community leader can then call a meeting of interested parents and children and request that one or both of the agents be present. The agent explains 4-H club work, its aims and requirements. Pictures of 4-H club work either National, State or local may be shown. Local pictures are preferred at this time in preference to State or National ones. The Skull Valley clubs which were organized in this manner in the Fall of 1949 and re-organized in 1950 have been very satisfactory clubs.

No attempt was made to re-organize the Chino Valley girls' club last Fall because of lack of parent support and lack of a satisfactory leader. However, early in the Spring several parents requested that we re-organize. The agent met with the parents and girls for selection of a leader and for orientation purposes. The two factions did not agree on a leader and those that lost in the balloting failed to appear for the registration meeting so nothing was done until April when Mrs. Floyd Hawkins agreed to lead the Home Economics group - seven girls enrolled and only three completed. However, the spirit of cooperation is much improved in the valley and it is hoped that eventually we will again have an active girls' club there.

The Chino Valley 4-H agricultural club was re-organized in May 1951 because of loss of their leader, who moved out of the community. The County Agent met with the group and advised the club members to nominate two adults whom they would like to lead their club. They nominated Mr. Tom Roden and Mr. Joe Dobler. The Agent then asked the members to vote on one of these two as leader. Mr. Dobler won the election. The group seemed to be satisfied with this selection. The Chino Valley Farm Bureau is attempting to sponsor both 4-H clubs in Chino Valley.

None of the 4-H clubs in Yavapai County are conducted through the school. School facilities, however, are made available for meetings in those communities where such facilities are desired by the leader.

4-H Leaders Association

The 4-H Leaders Association which was organized in 1949-50 flourished this year. The aims of this association are:

1. To improve and promote 4-H club work in Yavapai County.
2. To unify and/or coordinate boys' and girls' club work in the county.
3. To assume responsibilities towards:
 - a. Roundup (selection and expenses).
 - b. County fair (organization).

Both agents feel that the organization of these leaders has been most helpful. The organization made arrangements about transportation to Tucson as well as assuming more or less complete responsibility for 4-H exhibits at the County Fair. As these leaders become more experienced the agents will be freed not from responsibility for events but from having to do all of the organization and actual work. In this way both leaders and club members will grow in their abilities.

The 4-H Leaders Association met four times in 1950-51. Some of their accomplishments were:

1. They arranged the transportation for State 4-H Roundup.
2. They assisted with the 4-H division of the County Fair by:
 - a. Collecting prizes for the judging and demonstration teams (from local merchants).
 - b. Arranging awards (medals) for the high scoring individual home economics girls.
 - c. Assumed responsibilities for all 4-H fair exhibits.
 - d. Assisting, promoting and conducting the 4-H livestock sale.
3. Contributed for Yavapai County 4-H to the National 4-H Youth Center.
4. Sponsored a countywide 4-H picnic (members, families and friends).
5. Sponsored calf raffle to raise funds for individual clubs and for permanent improvements to the 4-H exhibit space at the County Fairgrounds, including a portable loading chute.

6. They recommended to the County Fair commission changes which should be made in the 4-H division.

The meetings of this Leaders Association has produced an opportunity for both agents to collectively train all leaders in specific phases of 4-H club work. Demonstrations and talks were given at these meetings by the agents and State 4-H club leaders on:

1. Program Planning.
(Planning the local 4-H club program).
2. Securing parent support.
(Bulletins also used).
3. Four-H membership requirements, 4-H club requirements. (The securing of a club charter).
4. Roundup requirements.
5. Report from Mr. McKee, State 4-H Leader on what other similar 4-H organizations throughout the State are doing.
6. In an effort to get more leader interest in seeing that eligible members fill out and turn in National awards blanks the picture on National Club Congress was shown.
7. Individual project requirements.
8. Importance to the club, county office, and state office of all enrollment blanks being completely filled out and accurate.

Parent Cooperation

Seventy-five percent of the parents of 4-H club members were visited and talked with during the year. Visits during the early part of the club year seemed to be most effective. The children of those parents who really understand what is expected of a 4-H club member are much more apt to complete their projects. Parent cooperation in all phases of club work is essential.

Civic Group Cooperation

1. Kiwanis

The Kiwanis club of Prescott has cooperated and is continuing to cooperate with the 4-H club work in the county. Representatives of the Rural Youth Committee visit all 4-H clubs once a year and at the end of the year they reward outstanding 4-H'ers with a recognition luncheon and prizes.

2. Cowbelles

The Yavapai Cowbelles have been and are continuing to be very interested in 4-H club work. The Cowbelles offered to pay the camping expenses this year for one girl from each home economics club in the county. They also awarded medals to the outstanding 4-H girls (home economics) at the County Fair - a medal to the highest scoring girl in each of the first, second, third and fourth year clothing project work.

3. Cattle Growers

The Cattle Growers instructed their representative to purchase three of the 4-H calves at the 4-H auction. These calves to be used at the barbecue held annually at the Hays Ranch, Peoples Valley.

4. Farm Bureau

The Farm Bureaus of both Skull Valley and Chino Valley have been and are continuing to actively support the 4-H in their communities. Their primary support has been in the form of supplying leaders. The advantage to a leader of having an organization of this sort back of her or him is invaluable.

The Chino Valley Farm Bureau had the boys and girls at their October 3, 1951 meeting for their Achievement Day.

5. Lions Club

The Lions Club of Camp Verde held a recognition dinner for all of the Camp Verde 4-H'ers this Fall. At this time the members received their pins and certificates.

6. Homemakers

The Homemakers Clubs of Humboldt, Bridgeport and Camp Verde have all actively supported the 4-H program in their communities. All of them supplied 4-H leadership from their own group and then assisted the members by supplying equipment and money when needed, for example, roundup.

The values of civic cooperation to 4-H club work are more than we can possibly name. Interest of adult groups inspires the club members to really feel that 4-H work is important in the eyes of the community. All children want to belong to the popular group, our telling them how important 4-H clubs are in other parts of the country is no help to them unless they can recognize it in their own areas as "the thing to do or be."

ENROLLMENTS AND COMPLETIONS:

The Yavapai County 4-H completions for the club year 1950-51 showed a drop of 4% from the 73% achieved in 1949-50. This cannot be considered a serious drop or one that indicates a trend in 4-H club work in this county. This decrease was probably due to several factors:

1. Change of Extension personnel during the club year necessitated a drop in close supervision of 4-H club work by the county agent.
2. Some leaders failed to check their enrollments carefully before submitting the final enrollment in January and in May.
3. Loss of leaders in the Oak Creek-Cornville district resulted in very poor completions in this district. The agents have secured new leaders for this community and it is hoped that the quality of club work will improve.
4. Through some error the Cottonwood tractor club enrollment was sent in when the leader says he never organized for the 1950-51 club year.

	Enrolled	Completed
Chino Valley Agricultural 4-H Club Stitch and Mix	14 7	10 3
Camp Verde Camp Verde Community 4-H Club	30	24
Cornville Cornville-Lower Oak Creek 4-H Club	12	6
Skull Valley 4-H Agricultural Club Button and Bow Belles	8 13	8 10
Prescott 4-H Agricultural Club Sunbonnet Sues	12 17	11 12
Bridgeport Busy Bees	26	16
Humboldt Dewey-Humboldt 4-H Stitchers	10	4
Cottonwood 4-H Tractor club	10	0
Total	159	104

65% completed

LOCAL 4-H CLUB PROGRAMS:

Clothing and Textiles

Clothing projects this year were confined to the first four years. The agent visited with the leaders and at club meetings, assisting both leaders and club members as a group with their clothing problems. One of the best ways for the agent to impress the members and leaders with the importance of following directions has been for her to set up judging rings of the various garments. This agent feels that if the girls learn to judge and give reasons for their placings they will be more inclined to do their own work according to directions.

The agent has endeavored to teach leaders and club members the importance of following directions since in many cases the following of directions is one of the more important factors involved. One of the difficulties encountered in all clothing projects is that both leaders and parents, because of previous training and experience feel that certain techniques should be used in construction. While these techniques may be good they are not in keeping with the 4-H instructions and cannot be used by the club member if she is to score high in the final judging. This change in techniques is shown not only in sewing but in all phases of living. A few years ago doctors told us not to rock and play with a baby except at specified times and now they say just the opposite.

In general, clothing project work throughout the county is improving. This is due to the fact that the leaders are becoming more experienced in 4-H club requirements. Even leaders have to learn requirements, which brings to mind the leader who never cut the selvage off and always endeavored to have it on a seam so that she would not have to finish that seam. Naturally she encouraged the girls to leave the selvage on their aprons. Today this leader is perhaps not our best sewer but she is one of our best leaders. She realizes the importance of following directions.

One of the most difficult problems throughout all of the clubs in the county is to get the members to give demonstrations. They are glad to help someone with a problem but fail to take advantage of the opportunity to make this "help" into a demonstration for the entire group. However, we are making some progress in demonstrations and hope to make even more next year.

Food Selection and Preparation

Food selection and preparation projects were confined to the first four years. In many cases it seems to the agent that those children in foods projects have an easier time than do the clothing club members. One of the reasons for this is that the club member makes "biscuits" we will say and the family eats them. She receives immediate recognition for her accomplishments.

However, the foods club member has many difficulties to surmount, not the least of which is accurate measurement. In Yavapai County we have attempted to see that each child has a set of accurate measuring cups and spoons. These pieces of equipment are as important to cooking as scissors and thimble are to sewing. Techniques for measuring and the following of directions are very important. Through judging practices and demonstrations conducted by both the leaders and the agent we are attempting to impress this on all club members.

The impression which club members demonstrations have on other club members is important. The agent was astonished to note at the County Fair 4-H contests that a wrong statement given by a 4-H demonstrator was repeated in the reasons given in judging contests of 75% of the 4-H judges. An effort is being made to get leaders to use more and more member demonstrations (with accurate information) in their meetings as a teaching aid.

Food Preservation

For the first time Yavapai County had four girls enroll in the food preservation project. These girls all did freezing. Since preservation of foods by freezing is becoming so popular it is hoped that even more girls will take this type of project in the future.

Camp Verde Livestock Club

This club, led by Kenneth Wingfield, was very active during the year. Thirty-three members were enrolled and twenty-four, or 72% completed. This probably would have been a higher completion figure had the leader had enough time to check on completions and urge all members to complete. The club had a well-balanced recreation program, but like so many mixed-project clubs, emphasis on fat beef projects caused neglect of other subject matter at meetings.

Lower Oak Creek Livestock Club

When this agent transferred to Yavapai County, this club was already in the process of decay. The leader, Paul Adams, resigned because of press of business and only efforts of the club president, Carroll Cornelison, held the club together. The agent met with the group three times during the year and assisted with the program. The club now has a new leader, but it was too late to recover all of the lost ground. The group should give a better account in 1951-52.

Chino Valley Future Farmers

This group also lost its leader through moving at mid-year. This made it necessary for the new agent to find a new leader. The club, with the agent's help, voted on a leader. Mr. Joe Dobler was elected, with Tom Roden as assistant. However, new leaders will be appointed for the new club year.

This club earned many honors at County Fair, but the club's educational program lacks balance and the leader did not know how to give subject matter at the meetings. Demonstrations were not used at all. Beef projects dominated the club program at expense of the other projects.

Skull Valley Livestock Club

This group was led by Ross Perner, Jr., a very fine and capable man, who is limited in the amount of time he can give to the club. However, the group had an interesting program for the year. Beef projects predominated but other projects such as rabbits were not neglected. Demonstrations were not used.

Prescott 4-H Agricultural Club

This club has had the best balanced club program of any club in the county. Their leader, J. Carrington Brown, Jr., has done an excellent job with the group and club spirit is high. The success of this club can be attributed to the following:

1. Trained person as a leader.
2. Leader has time to devote to club.
3. Members live rather close to one another; therefore, it is easier to gather the group for a meeting.
4. Parent cooperation is excellent.

Cottonwood Tractor Club

This club was not active during the year. The leader was unable to get the group together. He plans to start another club as soon as his personal affairs are such that he will have time to devote to a club program.

Evaluation of County 4-H Agricultural Program

Yavapai County, in the opinion of this agent, has several undesirable features in its 4-H program. These are:

1. Beef projects dominate local programs at expense of other projects.
2. Members with fat beef projects have become more interested in making money than in

learning approved agricultural practices.

3. Parents tend to do too much of the club members project work.
4. Agricultural demonstrations are practically never used at club meetings or elsewhere.
5. Agricultural subject matter is not being properly presented at club meetings.

The County Agent plans to attempt correction of the above undesirable trends during the coming year. Program planning will be aimed at correction of these faults.

Recreation and Community Life

County-wide

The Yavapai 4-H Leaders Association sponsored a county-wide 4-H picnic on Mingus Mountain during May, 1951. Games were played and a picnic lunch served.

Local

Each club in the county had at least one 4-H club picnic, dance, pot-luck supper, swimming party, or similar recreation during the year. Several clubs held two or three such events.

The leader and the junior leader of the Prescott 4-H agricultural club attended the 4-H Leaders' Conference in Flagstaff during 1951. Recreation planning and execution was greatly improved in this club as a result of this conference.

The Camp Verde 4-H clubs presented their second amateur show. Proceeds went to assist 4-H club delegates to State Roundup. About one hundred and fifty people attended.

The Sunbonnet Sues, Prescott, made layettes for the County Hospital. This club and the Prescott 4-H Agricultural Club combined their efforts and collected food, clothing, and money to rehabilitate a burned-out family in their community.

4-H ACTIVITIES

4-H Division of the County Fair

All Home Economics and Agricultural club members exhibited 100% at the County Fair. Both judging and demonstration contests were held in the Home Economics division. Since time was so limited and interest of members in agricultural demonstration so poor, it was deemed advisable to drop this event from the fair. Judging contests in beef, swine, poultry and rabbits were held but greatest interest was in the beef judging.

The 4-H beef exhibit and auction were two highlights of the County Fair. Thirty-eight fat steers were shown and auctioned at prices ranging from 36 to 50½ cents per pound. Interest in the beef showmanship contests was high and rivalry was keen.

The 4-H Poultry and Rabbit show was very poor and this phase of the club program will be impressed during the coming year.

The Northern Arizona Light and Power Company for the second year cooperated with the 4-H Home Economics program at the County Fair. They provided a stage and auditorium in their exhibit building for the demonstration contests, judging contests and awarding of 4-H Home Economics special awards and prizes.

Achievement Programs

Six 4-H Achievement days were held in September and October of 1951. Clubs holding such events were Camp Verde, Chino Valley, Skull Valley, Humboldt, Bridgeport and Prescott. Both Skull Valley and Prescott agricultural and home economics clubs earned charters.

County Awards Program

The Prescott Kiwanis Club again awarded prizes to the outstanding member of an Agricultural 4-H club and a Home Economics 4-H club in Yavapai County. In addition one award was given to the outstanding member from each of the other 4-H clubs in the county. Seven girls and three boys were awarded prizes at an awards luncheon on November 29, 1951. Forty club members and leaders were guests of Kiwanis at this luncheon.

The same score card that was used last year to select winners was used this year. The agents assisted the Kiwanis committee in selecting winners.

During the year the Kiwanis visited each 4-H club in the county.

Summer Camp

Twelve girls and two boys from Yavapai County attended 4-H summer camp at Groom Creek in August, 1951. Club members paid their own expenses at camp and parents provided transportation to and from camp. Three of the girls had their camp fee paid by the Yavapai Cowbelles.

STATE EVENTS:

Roundup

Twenty-two boys and girls from Yavapai County attended State 4-H club roundup in Tucson during 1951. Chino Valley rented their school bus for \$50.00. Each delegate was charged \$5.00 to pay for bus rental, gas and oil, driver's expenses and garage fee.

Leaders' Conference

One leader, J. C. Brown, Jr., and one junior leader, Charles Custer, attended the State 4-H Leaders' Conference in Flagstaff this year. The Prescott Agricultural 4-H club is expected to benefit greatly from this experience. In fact, improvement is already evident, particularly in leading of club recreation.

Arizona National Livestock Show

A judging team of three senior boys from Yavapai County competed in state competition at the beef judging contest held at the Arizona National Livestock show. The show was held in Phoenix in January 1951.

NATIONAL EVENTS:

4-H Contests Awards

Yavapai County winners (county level) of National 4-H contests were:

LuRean Pulsifer	Dairy Foods Demonstration
Darlene Williams	Food Preparation
Suevon Russell	Clothing Achievement
Charles Custer	Dairy Production
Dick Rezzonico	Wilson Meat Animal

Outlook and Recommendations

Enrollment in Yavapai 4-H clubs is growing. Total members completing in 1950-51 was one hundred and three compared to seventy-five in 1949-50. This represents a net increase of over 25%. However, this expansion has probably reached its peak. Further expansion is neither probable nor practical since the agents do not have time to do justice to a greatly expanded 4-H program. Emphasis will be placed on improvement of quality rather than increased enrollment.

The Prescott community now has a new 4-H poultry club which was organized in October, 1951. This club will be led by Dan Freeman and include members from suburban Prescott who have poultry projects only.

Leaders need a great deal of personal assistance from the agents and will continue to receive it as they have in the past. Leader training meetings will be used in Home Economics work but it is not often practical to use training meetings for leaders of Agricultural clubs since most of them work during the day and are reluctant to come to evening meetings. The agents agree that the personal interview with a leader is still a necessary part of the leader training program.

Pictorial Record of 4-H Activities

Our efforts at recording 4-H events have been aimed at building up our color slide file rather than taking black and white prints. Colored slides are used for organizational work and for project instruction. The following is a sample of 4-H photographs taken by the Extension Service Information specialists.



Yavapai County Delegates to 4-H Roundup



Top Four 4-H Steers and Owners at 1951
Yavapai County Fair

APPENDIX

<u>Name of Club</u>	<u>Club Leader</u>
Stitch and Mix, Chino Valley Chino Go-getters, Chino Valley	Mrs. Floyd Hawkins Joe Dobler Tom Roden
Lower Oak Creek Livestock Club, Cottonwood Verde Tractor Club, Cottonwood	Paul Adams Leo Pike
Sunbonnet Sues, Prescott Prescott 4-H Agricultural Club, Prescott	Mrs. J. C. Brown, Jr. J. C. Brown, Jr.
Willing Workers, Humboldt	Mrs. H. F. Hennigan
Verde Livestock Club, Camp Verde	Kenneth Wingfield Mrs. Gil Harris
Verde Future Cooks, Camp Verde	Mrs. Beth Ravis
Button and Bows, Skull Valley Skull Valley Livestock Club, Skull Valley	Miss Charlene Shiland Ross Perner, Jr. E. T. Potter