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4-H CLUB WORK

HIGHLIGHTS

Santa Cruz County's 1957-58 Club Year was another highly successful one. Enrollments were up some from last year, but fairly stable. It is well to know that in spite of a fairly small total enrollment, that every rural community in the county is reached by 4-H Club Work. Another point which deserves much mention and is a credit to the fine 4-H leaders working in Santa Cruz County, is the high percentage of 4-H youngsters completing their projects. Completion percentage in the County runs very close to 100%.

Once again, the County Council has continued as the governing and guiding body for the County's 4-H Program. The Council consists of the 4-H leaders, parents and interested community leaders. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are elected each year at the Kickoff Banquet. The Secretary-Treasurer position has been filled by Mrs. Blake Carrington of Sonoita and Bill Willcox of Nogales. As of this year, Mrs. Carrington has assumed both positions. Council Chairman this year is Mr. E. W. McFarland, Nogales; Vice-Chairman is Mr. Wagner Schorr of Sonoita.

The 1958 Santa Cruz County 4-H Fair was the largest and most successful in history. 4-H members participation in the Fair activities was 100%. The quality displayed, particularly in the livestock entries, was by far the best ever. Again, this year, the various Fair Committees and their Chairman did a whale of a job in preparing for, and conducting the Fair proper. This year's Fair was highlighted by a Barbecue dinner for which the beef was donated by rancher, Ralph Wingfield. Tickets were pre-sold for the barbecue which helped increase attendance. More than 1200 persons watched the days activities at the County Fair Grounds at Sonoita.

It should be noted that the lamb sale at this year's 4-H Fair was probably without exception, the best ever in the State of Arizona. Not a single lamb sold for less than \$1.00 per pound with the Grand Champion Lamb bringing more than \$2.00 per pound.

COUNTY SITUATION

Club Work in Santa Cruz County is just entering its 10th year of existence. Though its overall history is relatively recent the County is very active in all 4-H activities. The County's enrollment is not large, though stable; and completion is extremely high. Every rural community within the county is now active in 4-H Club Work. There is one or more clubs in Amado, Tumacacori, Calabasas, Nogales, Patagonia, Sonoita, Elgin and Canelo.

Club leadership is well taken care of with experienced leaders at the helm of each club. The exception is in the Patagonia area. Here again, with the loss of Mr. Fred Ambrose, the leader position is again vacant. This club has had leader problems for several years. They have been utilizing one of the High School teachers, and with the movement of teachers, so goes 4-H leadership. This club is made up primarily of older 4-H members who are capable of carrying their own club when necessary.

The 4-H Leader's Council continues to be an active organization which sponsors, plans and assists in conducting the county 4-H program. Because of the limited time Extension personnel are able to devote to Santa Cruz County, the Leader's Council has had to take over much of the supervisory work that a full time county office would normally do.

LEADERSHIP of 4-H CLUB WORK

1. Sources of Leadership

There are generally several sources of 4-H leaders for club work in the county. All of the club leaders this past year, with the exception of Mrs. Pearl Clark, were parents of 4-H members. A source of previous leaders has been the local schools. As leaders drop out, or move away, parents of remaining 4-H members generally step forward and volunteer their services. It is rare when a 4-H club in Santa Cruz County is without a leader for any period of time.

Whenever leadership problems have arisen, the Leaders' Council has always been helpful in suggesting new leaders as replacements. Of course, the suggested persons have to be approached by the County Extension Office and get their reactions to taking over a 4-H club. Often people are willing to assume the position but feel that they don't have the time to contribute to the club and do a good job. If this is the situation, likely the person should not be pushed too hard, because, unless the person can contribute certain allotted time, then the club program will suffer.

The Junior Leadership program is strong and an excellent opportunity for boys and girls to assume responsibility and obtain leadership experience. Here is a potential source of leaders--after the members have completed their education and remain in the community.

2. Leader Training Program

Because of the few clubs and the great distances between clubs, the Agricultural leaders receive the majority of their training on a personal contact basis. Because of varied interests in the Agricultural clubs, this personal contact is often desirable.

At various countywide get-togethers, there are opportunities to talk to all of the leaders about various problems. At judging workouts the leaders have an opportunity to receive training in that phase of club work.

LOCAL 4-H CLUB PROGRAM

The general 4-H Club Program in Santa Cruz County is planned and formulated through the cooperative efforts of the County Extension office and the County Leaders' Council. Extension personnel and the Leaders' Council meet periodically throughout the club year and plan for various events in the near future. Each club plans its own club program, and these are as variable as the individuals in the clubs. All of the clubs work on a written program basis--that is, they pre-plan their club program and have it writtendown as a guide. This program is a result of club members preferences and is generally variable and subject to change.

The Leaders' Council has been responsible for planning all countywide 4-H activities with the assistance of the County Agent's Office. Such events as Achievement Day, Demonstration and Judging Day, and the Kickoff Banquet, and the judging workouts were planned by the Council. Local clubs plan such club activities as movies, bake sales, raffles, and club judging activities.

4-H ACTIVITIES

4-H Club Fair

Prior planning of the 1958 Fair and the selection of the various Fair Committees with their Chairmen well in advance of the Show, facilitated the actual functioning of the Fair. A major change this year was noted in the Food Stand operation. (Ralph Wingfield, Nogales rancher, donated a beef for a barbecue style meal to be served at lunch; local leaders and parents supplemented the menu with beans, salad, bread, coffee and desert. Elmer Gatlin donated his time and Know-how to the actual barbecuing of the beef). Prior to the Fair, tickets were sold for the barbecue at \$1.00 apiece.

The Fair publicity this year was under the guidance of Mr. Fred Ambrose of Canelo. The Asst. Agent prepared material as a guide for Mr. Ambrose for his pre-fair publicity and from this, Mr. Ambrose prepared his materials for the local papers and radio stations. The pre-fair publicity for this year's Fair was excellent. Local 4-H Clubs prepared posters announcing the Fair and barbecue. These were placed in the various communities to further promote the Fair.

This year's Sales Committee has as co-chairman Mr. Walter Kolbe, Mr. Tom Noonan and Mr. William Wilcox. These gentlemen, as well as the other members of the committee, were responsible for contacting the various local business houses and promoting interest in the 4-H livestock auction. Mr. Freeman also acted as a member of the Sales Committee as did many of the parents and 4-H members themselves. Whenever possible, the 4-H Fair and its sale were mentioned.

The following donations of time and services were instrumental in the efficient functioning of the Livestock Auction:

Mr. Gene Payne of Payne's Livestock Auction, Tucson, contributed his time and talent as auctioneer.

Mr. Payne, Sr., Walt Kolbe, Bill Holbrook and Tom Noonan served as ring men during the auction.

Mrs. Blake Carrington, Mrs. Walter Kolbe, and Mrs. Emma Mae Frazier served as sale secretaries during the auction.

Mr. Dick Jimenez and Wagner Schorr for their efforts in keeping the livestock moving at all times.

4-H ACTIVITIES (continued)

4-H Club Fair (continued)

Gene Payne did a wonderful job in selling the livestock during the auction. The beef prices were good, averaging around 37¢ per pound. This year's lamb sale was the best ever and certainly one of the best ever in the state. Twenty-six lambs were sold through the ring and not one sold for less than \$1.00 per pound. The Grand Champion lamb sold for \$2.25 per pound for a new high.

The Grand Champion Beef was shown by Fred Alegria of Tumacacori and the Reserve Champion by Albert Gastelum also of Tumacacori. In Beef Showmanship the top three places as follows: Herbert Wisdom, Rex Haverty and Rosalino Vega.

Kenneth Wright of Sonoita showed the Grand Champion Swine and Andrew Mellor of Canelo showed the Reserve Champion. Showmanship honors went to Joe Vega, 1st; Fernando Alegria, 2nd; and Abelardo Alegria, 3rd.

Frankie Fuentes of Amado showed the Grand Champion Lamb, and Ernesto martines also of Amado, showed the Reserve Champion. In Showmanship it was Richard Maddox, 1st; Jovel Kane, 2nd; and Jesse Wisdom, 3rd.

Bosie Mellor of Canelo and David Borsett of Amado split honors in the rabbit entries, and Colleen Thomas, San Rafael Valley, walked off with poultry honors.

In Stock Horse competition, it was Patty Maloney, 1st; Kaye Kemmer, 2nd; and Sue Van Gorder, 3rd.

The Record Book Contest was won by the Apache Club of Patagonia.

Rock collections were entered by 8 members and Michael Palmer of Amado walked off with first prize.

This 1958 Santa Cruz County 4-H Fair was the biggest and best one ever. More than 1200 people took in the day's events.

National Livestock Show

The 1958 Santa Cruz County 4-H Livestock Judging Team placed 3rd high at the Arizona National Livestock Show held January 1, at Phoenix. This was an extremely high placing considering the inexperience of two of the team members.

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4-H ACTIVITIES (continued)

National Livestock Show (continued)

The team consisted of:

James Kolbe	
Rex Haverty - 8th individual	3rd high team
Glenn Schorr - 14th individual	

This team was in competition with 30 other 4-H and FFA teams from throughout the state. The team members were selected on the basis of composite scores during local judging workouts.

OUTLOOK AND RECOMMENDATIONS

At present all rural communities have 4-H Club Work and expansion in these areas is unlikely. The Nogales area likely could support additional clubs, particularly Home Economics clubs. On a County-wide basis, Club work will continue to expand, though with any great expansion there is the possibility of sacrificing quality for quantity. There are many new 1st and 2nd year members who will continue their club work and new members will be added yearly so expansion of the county program is evident. With expansion, leadership can become a problem--so prior to any great movement to increase enrollment, adequate leadership must be available.

A major problem occasionally arising in leadership is that of replacing an experienced leader who is stepping down. Those leaders now active are extremely capable and very interested in their work. A new leader will have to be found for the Patagonia, Apache Club, as Mr. Ambrose, this year's leader, will no longer be with the community the coming club year.

The Leaders' Council continues as the governing body for the County 4-H Program. This Council has always been a strong, independent group with only the benefit of the 4-H members in mind. The independence of this Council is a healthy situation as the 4-H program becomes a community and family affair.