

YULA COUNTY
CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL 4-H CLUB NARRATIVE REPORT
1957 - 1958

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SUMMARY

GENERAL

This report covers the period of December 1, 1957, through November 30, 1958, and is inclusive of work done by Extension Agents in Yuma County regarding the 4-H Club program.

Yuma County is large, approximately 6-1/3 million acres. It is the most southwestern County in the United States. Irrigated agriculture, either under a gravity system fed by waters of the Colorado River or by pumps in certain areas, is the main occupation of many of the people located there. Its Summer temperatures are severe and do curtail extensively activities at that time.

4-H Club work centers in eleven communities ranging from the Bill Williams River and the Parker Valley to the Mexico border nearly 200 miles south. The easternmost community in Roll centered in the Wellton-Mohawk Valley extends more than 80 miles to the east. In the north central part of the County, 4-H work is found in the communities of Salome and Quartzsite. Here agriculture is a small factor and the population is highly transient.

There are at least two trends which have continued to have an influence on the 4-H program. They are: First, the trend for agriculture to become a larger and larger corporation type of organization. This has left us with fewer and fewer truly rural-farm boys and girls. The second trend is for our Club program to move more and more into the urban areas. The first mentioned trend has certainly had some part in effecting the second. However, the trend has been toward that for several years and is moving at a faster rate than the corporation farms.

Several factors had a major influence on the 4-H Club program during the period covered by this report. Fortunately, most of these factors were for the betterment of the program. These factors were as follows:

STAFF

There was a minimum of changes on the staff during this period. This has allowed the Agents and clerical help to become more familiar with the 4-H Club program. Perhaps one of the biggest influences on the staff not directly concerned with 4-H Club work was their part in the Summer camping program. Through this activity, they have become more and more interested in the 4-H Club program.

July 1, 1958 found a long-time Yuma County Extension worker and 4-H Club enthusiast, Miss Mariel Hopkins, retiring from Extension Service after nearly 23 years of service to Yuma County.

COMMUNITY CLUB WORK

The acceptance of the community type of Club work and, consequently, better organization of local clubs was most certainly a favorable factor.

CONTINUANCE OF JR. LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

The Committee kept the same membership of the year previous and certainly contributed to the next favorable factor.

SUCCESSFUL FAIR AUCTION SALE

The public has for some time used the success of our Fair and the Auction as a measuring stick of the success or failure of Club work. This fact is for the most part erroneous judgement. Nevertheless, a successful event is always desirable. This year's Fair and Sale were most successful.

PROGRAM PLANNING

More time than in the past was spent on the subject this year. It included many phases of the program. There is evidence that would lead one to believe that program planning is time well spent. There appears to be a more stabilized 4-H program as a result of extra time being spent on the planning of events.

P. S. & L. CONFERENCES

October of 1958 marked the second year to do extensive and specialized training of officers and leaders of clubs. The final analysis of the training done early in the past Club years was the response noted in individual Club programs. There was marked improvement.

For these reasons, the training was again offered this current Fall with every reason to believe it will be equally effective.

4-H CAMP

July marked the second operation Maycosa. The program comparable to that of the first year of its inception sans the rough spots was even more successful. 4-H Camp has become one of the most important 4-H activities in Yuma County.

RECORD BOOKS

This criteria for measuring 4-H work reverted back to an almost nil status at the close of the 1957-58 4-H Club year.

Very positive steps will be taken locally to work out a different approach to the problem of members reporting their 4-H Club accomplishments. In the instance of livestock, it is an exceptional 10, 11, or 12 year-old 1st or 2nd year member that can actually understand the record sheets required. Even in the instances of older Club members who do a comprehensive job of completing the required record sheets, there seems to be a lack of information and definitely a lack of systematically recording the information. Work on record keeping will be a definite goal for the 1958-59 Club year.

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP

The junior leadership program which was revitalized last year made some

progress during this Club year. Change is slower whenever implanted notions must be replaced than where it is attempted with no preconceived ideas.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

The adult leader situation has progressed tremendously again this year. More progress is anticipated with the system of a Board of Directors from the Leaders Association to do most of the business of the group. This will release valuable time at regular leader meetings for leader training.

The tenure of 4-H leaders show a definite upward trend in Yuma County. This is usually considered to be a healthy situation.

Nevertheless, the 4-H Club program in Yuma County for 1957-58 could be determined as a very successful one. Facts and figures reflect favorably upon attendance and participation at events and activities and the community interest and support shown.

More difficult to measure but far more important in the mind of an Extension worker was the personality and character growth noted in many of the 4-H Club members. Regardless of the experience a 4-H member obtains through his or her membership, it has been of little value unless it has helped that individual to become a better citizen, to gain some worthwhile technical skills, to understand and regard the rights of others and to brighten his or her outlook on the future.

In this report, the various events and activities of Yuma County's 4-H Club program will be covered mainly by facts, figures, dates, names and places. It is believed that this is the most readily available information and it is the most widely understood form of reporting. It would be a good thing to keep in mind that while there was a large participation in many instances and that there were some mighty fine awards won, there were, at the same time, many other human factors influenced, we trust, for the better.

Since so many of the activities, meetings, sessions, or what have you pertaining to 4-H Club work, are varied and so comprehensive, it is a very difficult task to category the time spent on the various phases of the 4-H program.

ORGANIZATION AND PLANNING

This phase of the program includes two main phases; Extension and 4-H Club work. This report shall deal, in main, with the 4-H Club phases; that is State, County and Local programs.

STATE PROGRAM

Agents participated in Agent training sessions and served as committee members to plan Statewide 4-H policy. Some extensive changes are beginning to be evidenced in the Arizona 4-H Club program.

COUNTY PROGRAM

Agent session, leader meeting and junior leader groups are the main planning groups utilized. In certain areas, such as the livestock projects, a special committee is employed. The goals for the 1958-59 Club year are perhaps the foundation of all other programs of work and other phases of planning. They are brief. They are injected into each phase of the program wherever possible. From the experience of using these goals as guideposts, they actually are a more effective and workable program of work than the required, detailed plan of work submitted.

Goals for 1957-58 included emphasis on leader training, the junior leadership group, P. S. & L. and camping. The results were almost 100% effective.

The goals for the 1958-59 Club year are:

1. Put fun in 4-H, emphasize the recreation activity.
2. Plan a revised crafts program with definite requirements.
3. Additional leader training in leader meetings and at other times.
4. Have a quarterly 4-H newsletter.
5. Increase enrollments.
6. Reorganize record keeping.
7. Continue P. S. & L. and related activities.
8. Route 4-H Agent contacts with members through the 4-H leader.

In the first two months of the 1958-59 4-H Club year, each of these goals have been worked into the club program.

These goals were selected as areas which needed special emphasis in the Yuma County 4-H Club program. If programming and planning includes these goals wherever possible, there should be favorable results effected.

Yuma undoubtedly will always be a slow Summer County. By the virtue of our weather making Summer vacations the usual, all community activities, including 4-H Club work are slowed to a near standstill.

LOCAL PROGRAM

Examples of Agent participation in local programs is formally done through the P. S. & L. Conferences. Club visits are likewise utilized for this purpose.

In the case of the Parker community where much of the 4-H Club work is on Indian Reservation, the Extension Agents and Indian Agency personnel sat down to map out areas of responsibility. It was determined the responsibility of Extension, Agency and leaders. This programming was deemed necessary after an undesirable amount of confusion during the preceding years.

In areas where key 4-H leaders leave a community, Extension Agents realize the real value of these people to the program. When this happens, as it did in the Wellton and Roll communities, a considerable amount of time is demanded of Agents in putting 4-H Club work back into the community affairs.

PROJECTS-TRAINING, ACCEPTANCE, EFFECTIVENESS

AGRICULTURE

BEEF

This continues to be a popular project, as is other livestock projects. The Junior Livestock Committee arranged for more than half of the beef projects this year.

SHEEP

Numbers wise this is the favorite of the agricultural projects in Yuma County. Along with the feeder lambs, a bred ewe project was introduced this year. Demonstrations were given on docking and castrating. The owners of the bred ewes had a good insight into the sheep business. All sheep with the exception of those locally raised lambs in the Parker area were arranged for by the Junior Livestock Committee.

SWINE

The lack of local interest in swine was reflected in the 4-H Club program. It was necessary to go outside of the County to pick up good quality feeder pigs.

OTHER PROJECTS

The other fourteen agricultural projects continued as usual with none of them creating the interest in or out of 4-H Club work that livestock projects seem to attract. Undoubtedly, the attractive prices received for fat animals at the Auction Sale is responsible for this.

The lack of general interest in these other projects made it very difficult to plan and conduct effective leaders training.

CHANGES IN PROJECTS

CRAFTS

The crafts project had new requirements written for it for the 1958-59 Club year. The materials for crafts paralleled the crafts programs which we have had in the camping program for the past several years. Two phases are available—a major phase where one item of at least \$20.00 value would be required and a minor phase where at least five items be made of a value of at least \$1.00 each. Special aids for leaders will be developed as the Club year progresses.

WEEDS

The weed project was introduced during the Summer camp program. Early enrollments showed very little interest in this project.

DOGS

The new dog project was introduced through a local kennel club. It was received very enthusiastically by the Club. What comes of it as a 4-H Club project remains to be seen.

HOME ECONOMICS

Yuma County Home Economics members carried projects in clothing, food preparation, food preservation, home furnishings and outdoor cookery. The largest enrollments were in clothing and food preparation.

Most of the formal subject matter training during the first half of the year was handled by specialists during their scheduled field visits to the County. This training was conducted for the adult leaders in February by Miss Helan Church, Clothing Specialist and in May by Miss June Gibbs, Nutrition Specialist. To supplement this specific information, the Agents worked with individual clubs as the occasion arose, but primarily assistance was given with project selection, subject matter techniques and project related activities.

Beginning with the 1958-59 Club year, leader training sessions covering subject matter, activities, and teaching methods were held in the various project fields. These meetings were presented by the Agent in both the southern and northern part of the County.

4-H Project leaders in Yuma County are not accustomed to receiving their training in such meetings and the percentage of attendance was poor. Because of the geography of the County, however, the Agent realized that most effective training can be done by scheduling three separate sessions — one for the Yuma-Somerton-Gadsden area, one in the Wellton-Roll area, and one in northern Yuma County.

Emphasis has been placed in working with the leaders of the clubs rather than directly with individual members. When the latter is necessary, group work is done insofar as possible.

New project guides were available and utilized in food preparation and home furnishings this past year.

4-H members and leaders have been encouraged and are being urged to adapt a more rounded project program by including demonstrations, judging, tours and other member-participation-activities in their year's program.

The weakness in Yuma County's 4-H Home Economics project work lies in the few clubs who meet just minimum requirements and keep the emphasis on construction or preparation rather than on the 4-H Club program as a whole.

Some special work has also been done on outlining work for girls enrolled in the food preservation project since many of the requirements are not easily adapted to Yuma County.

ACTIVITIES-TRAINING, ACCEPTANCE, EFFECTIVENESS

Activities in Yuma County 4-H Club work are quite varied. Home Demonstrations, Agricultural Judging, Showmanship, Parliamentary Procedure and Dress Revues are the most popular. The recreation activity will be stressed in the 1958-59 Club year.

DEMONSTRATIONS

The Parker community requested and received assistance in demonstration training. Other areas apparently relied on previous training to manage their demonstration training. It was an experiment this year in not having a County-wide demonstration help day. The reason for not having one was the already too crowded calendar of 4-H events. Not only were Agents crowded for time but more so the leaders and members who had not only County and community 4-H activities but local activities as well.

The County demonstration contest held March 22 at the Somerton Grammar School—approximately forty demonstrations were in the competition. The majority of them were Home Economics demonstrations. Judges were Graham P. Wright and Sarah Harman from the State 4-H Club Office, along with Ellenore Face and Margaret Pritchard of Yuma.

Some time was spent in clearing demonstrations for 4-H Roundup. In some instances, members were eligible for State competition in more than one contest. They were assisted in making a decision.

Yuma County's reputation for demonstrations was upheld in State contests with championship plaques coming home for three contests. Mary Uhl and Patty Perry, Dairy Foods—Ann and Linda Michener, Clothing—Dwayne Peck, Electricity.

JUDGING

This activity is most popular with agricultural members. However, the Home Economics members are becoming more enthusiastic about it as they receive more opportunities for practice.

A County-wide agricultural judging workout was held late in December. All communities were represented by the 53 attending.

Two classes in poultry, three in vegetables and four in livestock were offered to the youngsters. Juniors and seniors were divided for scoring purposes. The results of the beef judging among the seniors was used in selecting teams for workouts for the Arizona National Livestock Show.

Seven members were selected to represent the County at the Cattle Show in Phoenix. Further workouts were held on five occasions. Local registered Angus and Herefords were used in training members as were slides and other prepared information.

Participation in the Arizona National Livestock Show found Yuma County's two teams ranking fifth and sixth. These results were satisfactory, especially considering the fact that one of the teams was an inexperienced

group of judges.

Since judging was on an individual basis at Roundup, it was possible to have representation by one or two individuals whereas we would not have been able to work up a team.

The livestock judges from Yuma County distinguished themselves at Roundup by place 1, 2, 3. Other judges did a commendable job in their competing.

4-H Home Economics judging training was met in two ways:

1. During the time that State specialists were in the County, training meetings were held or training meetings were outlined by them for use with local 4-H project leaders. Miss Helen Church, Clothing Specialist, taught standards. June Gibbs, Extension Nutritionist, presented formal foods judging rings and Miss Grace Ryan, Home Management Specialist, held an Agent Conference to discuss methods of presentation.

2. Agent training of leaders and members--some of this type of training was done during the Pre-Fairs.

The formal Home Economics Judging Contest was held in July, 1958. This year the girls were asked to register prior to the Contest. A total of 54 junior and senior age members registered to judge in clothing and foods. None registering were eligible to judge home furnishings.

Junior members judged rings of aprons, blouses and skirts, table settings and muffins. Senior members judged blouses and skirts, 4-H dresses, wardrobe plan, table harmony, yeast breads and market basket.

The girls to participate in the judging contests at Roundup were chosen from the senior members taking part in this County Contest.

In addition to the Contest, emphasis has been placed on the idea of incorporating judging as a part of the project programs of the individual clubs throughout the entire Club year. This idea was presented to the leaders at leader training meetings in the Fall of 1958, stressing the value of judging both as a teaching and learning technique.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

As a follow-up of officer training held in the Fall of 1957 and in an attempt to emphasize better organization and conduction of business in 4-H Club meetings, a 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Contest was held in February. This marked Yuma County's first efforts along these lines.

Because of the extreme distance between all the clubs, six area elimination contests were scheduled throughout the County prior to the County Contest. Nearly 75% of the clubs participated in these area contests. Most of those who did not were project clubs. Each club was allowed a maximum of ten members and ten minutes of time to conduct a mock 4-H meeting. Regularly elected officers were required to preside. Performances were scored on organization, member participation, and parliamentary procedure. One club

from each area was selected to participate in the County Contest.

The 1958 winner was the Somerton Junior Farmers and Homemakers Club. This team later presented a demonstration of their parliamentary technique at Roundup for the Roundup delegates.

It was encouraging to note the enthusiasm for the event since it was of a new nature to everyone, especially in that it was a club activity without emphasis on project work. The effect on the County program was that better organization of and conduct of regular meetings were achieved.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Individual clubs undertook various community service activities during the year. There is no uniform method for these to be reported to the County Office. Consequently, no specific details may be reported here. Some examples, however, were aid to the hospital wards, donations to funds, serving barbecues, signs, roadside clean-up and such.

The Agents themselves, and in some instances 4-H Club members, were scheduled to appear at civic clubs to talk on 4-H Club work.

DRESS REVUE

The Dress Revue held during the County Fair was varied this year as compared with previous years. In previous years, a Revue has been held Tuesday evening before the Fair officially opened on Wednesday. This has been for the purpose of scoring the girls and deciding on top awards. Then either Friday or Saturday night, a public Dress Revue has been held at the Fair Grounds. The latter has always been difficult to do because of inadequate dressing room facilities. This year, the 4-H Leaders' Association voted to omit the Revue at the Fair Grounds.

The 1958 Revue, while satisfactory to a certain extent, definitely needs improvement. The Optimist Club of Yuma offered the use of their Youth Center Building and the members of that organization put in a portable stage and special lighting.

There were approximately 120 girls in the Revue with a total attendance of 250. For the judging, girls were grouped as follows: 2nd year skirts and blouses, 3rd year dresses, advanced best dresses, sports outfits, school outfits (all were squaw dresses), party dresses, tailored outfits.

Finalists from the above divisions were:

2nd year Sweepstakes - Kathy Harrison, Up and Coming, Junior Club
3rd year Sweepstakes - Lucinda Consaul, Hem & Ha! Club

Senior girls (Roundup winners)

Carole Barry, Hem and Ha! - a best dress and coat ensemble in gray violet brocade.
Margaret Holtsoi, Parker Pitch Patch Club - a black squaw dress with silver and turquoise trim.

Janie Rushin, Busy Women Club - a party dress in shades of violet.
Margaret Schott, Busy Women Club - a navy linen dress and gray wool coat with white accessories.
Christine Sibley, Stitch and Cackle - a best dress and coat ensemble in shades of brown.

Make it Yourself with Wool

The district "Make it Yourself with Wool" Contest was held at the Arizona Public Service Auditorium on Saturday, January 14. Outfits were delivered to the County Agent's Office on the day prior to be judged for workmanship. Judges were as follows:

Mrs. Lillie Smith
Mrs. Esther Whitman
Mrs. Margaret Pritchard

There were thirteen costumes, all of which were done by senior 4-H Club clothing girls who were classified in the Junior Division of the Contest.

Sandra Neese of the Busy Women Club of Yuma and Anna Lou Michener of the Somerton Junior Farmers and Homemakers were the two girls selected to participate in the State Contest. Sandra's suit was made from scotch plaid wool, a short jacket with interesting detail and a pleated skirt. She chose brass buttons for the jacket and her accessories were navy blue. Anna Lou's suit was of gray wool. She had a bright red wool jersey blouse of attractive design. Her hat was made from a combination of the gray wool and the red jersey.

These girls, together with Mrs. Ellenore Face, District Supervisor, and Mrs. Margaret Pritchard, made the trip to Phoenix for the State Contest on January 11. While they were not winners, they both placed in the upper half, and, from reports, made a good showing.

SHOWMANSHIP

This activity pertains to livestock projects, primarily at the time of the Yuma County Fair.

A person has only to go back to some of the old films of earlier livestock shows in this County to fully appreciate the tremendous improvement that has been made on this activity.

The Pre-Fairs of this year can be credited for influencing this more than any other thing.

A new series of awards were made available this year for individual showmen in beef, sheep and swine. A Club trophy was awarded in Beef Showmanship.

Along the same lines of showmanship is Yuma County's Herdsmanship Contest. This is a hot contest where the livestock clubs are judged on the kind of a presentation they make to the public at Fair time.

An award of a show box is made by the Livestock Association. The 4-H clubs receive many compliments on the good manner in which they present their livestock at the Yuma County Fair. This was not the case prior to this Contest.

ENROLLMENTS AND COMPLETIONS

The statistics of a 4-H Club program are interesting and quite useful in understanding trends if they are not used as a cure-all. They do not always give a true picture of the program.

For example:

An early enrollment check accounted for 441 members with more cards coming in later.

Final enrollments accounted for 392.

Materials, time and effort were spent on more than fifty 4-H members for which no credit is taken.

The type of records kept by members, clubs and Agents are not compatible with the type of records needed for annual reporting. Some work was done towards this year with just fair results. This plan will be continued for another year in the hope that it will eventually come of universal use.

New types of individual club member reports will be tried during the 1958-59 Club year that will have a direct correlation with Club reports and, consequently, County reports.

Leaders were mailed copies of their club enrollments and asked to return a corrected copy to the Extension Office. The use of this system was established two years ago, not used last year and brought back into service this year. It provides the Office and the leaders uniform records with a minimum of effort.

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In order to make parents more aware of the membership situation, a circular letter was mailed to the parents in each of the eleven communities where 4-H is an activity in the County. Each letter carried a three-year summary of the enrollment by boys and girls for their area. As well, comments were made about the Club program in each respective community. The only part of the letter which was duplicated from community to community was the opening and closing paragraphs. These dealt with the importance of parents' interest in 4-H Club work.

Considerable time was spent in obtaining final enrollment reports from several leaders. Again, it was vacations that usually caused the delays. However, the final figures were tabulated and following will be a summary:

Eleven communities, 29 clubs, 79 leaders, 391 members (248 girls--143 boys), 733 projects.....

Project Breakdown

Clothing	- 178	Home Beautification	- 18
Food Preparation	- 155	Goats	- 2
Food Preservation	- 9	Poultry	- 9
Girls Jr. Leader	- 19	Rabbits	- 3
Home Furnishings	- 33	Sheep	-111
Outdoor Cooking	- 16	Bees	- 1
Beef	- 56	Horses	- 5
Boys Jr. Leader	- 12	Swine	- 19
Crafts	- 27	Tractor	- 5
Crops	- 12	Dairy	- 2
Electric	- 22	Garden	- 11
Entomology	- 8		

A further breakdown and comparison is made below:

Age of 4-H Club Members

	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17 and above	Total Enrollment
1957-58	98	89	82	50	33	18	12	10	392
1956-57	93	90	86	73	36	26	18	10	432
1955-56	100	100	89	59	39	24	14	10	425
1954-55	93	117	98	88	53	24	21	11	504
1953-54	134	99	87	69	53	37	18	19	513
1952-53	75	72	74	61	42	25	16	19	384
1951-52	88	74	74	65	49	30	27	32	439

You can obtain some idea of losses by reading the ages for one year as against one year later. Example (1956-57) 93 - 10 year olds, (1957-58) 89 - 11 year olds; the next group of figures will show this again.

There is more continuity between the age brackets of 10 and 11 years than any other comparison. This is the age span when most 4-H members first join the 4-H Club program.

Years of Club Work

Year	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1957-58	167	96	60	28	24	17
1956-57	167	104	70	48	15	28
1955-56	173	97	77	39	15	24
1954-55	227	131	73	35	21	17
1953-54	260	96	64	42	18	23
1952-53	184	72	53	29	22	24
1951-52	202	103	40	43	34	17

For example: Of the 167 enrolled in 1st year Club work last year (1956-57), we have only 96 coming back into 2nd year Club work this year (1957-58). It's with these younger Club members that we need more help.

Percentage of Re-enrollment

The following figures when compared to the preceding charts (Years of Club Work) lead one to believe that periods of high enrollments are quite often followed by lower enrollments.

Years of Club Work	Percentage of Re-enrollment by Years of Club Work		
	1957-58	1956-57	1955-56
1st to 2nd	57	60	42
2nd to 3rd	55	72	58
3rd to 4th	40	62	53
4th to 5th	52	38	42

There is no apparent reason for the change in figures other than the trend that follows years of high 1st year enrollments.

LEADERSHIP-TRAINING, ACCEPTANCE, EFFECTIVENESS

JUNIOR LEADERSHIP

There are two phases to our Junior Leader program in Yuma County.

1. The Junior Leaders - numbering 31 for the 1957-58 Club year--aid and participate in County planned activities in addition to regular project connected work.

This past year these activities have included serving as consultants for younger members at our Summer camp as well as part of the camp teaching staff. Too, six Junior leaders attended the annual 4-H Leaders' Conference held on the University Campus in June. There they were in charge of presenting the Candlelighting Ceremony on the last evening of the session.

These boys and girls have done a splendid job of assuming responsibility and executing their programs.

2. The Junior Leaders have a regularly scheduled monthly meeting at which time they gather for business, program, and recreation. Because of the distance, the Northern Yuma County Junior Leaders and those in the Southern half have separate organizations.

These leaders were utilized by the Agents and members as training sessions to prepare the Junior Leaders for their participation in assisting the clubs in training for County contests in parliamentary procedure, demonstrations, judging and camp.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

In Yuma County, the 4-H Club program as in any other area gets its backbone from its adult volunteer leaders.

The following figures tell a picture of the leadership story in Yuma County:

	<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1956-57</u>	<u>1955-56</u>
Number of Leaders	79	80	66
Average Tenure	2.43	2.125	2.34
Number of Clubs	29	33	36
Average members per leader	4.9	5.40	6.43

In future explanation or interpretation of the above figures:

Number of Leaders - figures reported later herein will pretty well explain this partially. The community type of club also has produced more leaders than the smaller project clubs produced.

Average Tenure - This figure fluctuates by the number of 1st year leaders, but it does show a tendency to increase.

Number of Clubs - All areas served by Club work in the past were served again this year. The decrease in the number of clubs came about through the consolidation of several project type clubs into the community clubs introduced this year.

Average members per leader - This is simply a matter of dividing total members by the number of leaders. The small figure here comes again from the community clubs whereas a leader may have only one or two members to be concerned with. It is a good plan from the standpoint of results.

The continuity of 4-H leadership in the County shows a trend toward improvement. Not only are we getting more and more leaders but we seem to be keeping them with us a little longer.

This had undoubtedly resulted from both a greater interest on their part in the entire program and from increased training in preparation for their jobs as 4-H leaders. Thus creating with them a desire to remain upon the scene.

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The following figures make a comparison for this year and the past two years:

Yuma County 4-H Leaders by Years of Leadership

Years of Leadership	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58
1	35	31	29
2	13	21	21
3	6	5	18
4	2	2	3
5	4	2	2
6	2	2	1
7	2	1	1
8	0	2	1
9	1	0	2
13	1	1	0
14	0	0	1
	66	67	79

More emphasis has been placed on leader training during the past year. The figures in the Statistical Report will verify this. There seems to be a more certain air of sureness among our leaders than in years previously. It is sometimes a bit discouraging to note the attendance at special leader training sessions. We have never had a total miss so it can be assumed that leader training meetings are always effective to some degree.

COMMITTEES, ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS

The three groups worked with most were the Junior Livestock Committee, the Leaders' Association and the Junior Leader group.

The Junior Livestock Committee is an outside group of farmers, ranchers and business men who are doing a great service to the Extension program and 4-H in particular.

The Junior Livestock Improvement Committee met weekly during April to spearhead such major improvements on the Fair Grounds as a small animal barn, converting the beef barn back from horse stable, a 40' X 90' show ring, a Junior Livestock Office building, a cement block wash rack and shades over show bleachers and judges' stand. In addition to these improvements, the Committee also handled the contacts and all the book work on a \$44,850.53 Junior Livestock Auction Sale. Perhaps no one quite appreciates the efforts and results of this Committee as the Agents who have had to see to many of those details by themselves in the past.

It is interesting to note that there are two former County Extension Agents serving on this Committee. This could possibly account for some of the fine organization that this Committee represents.

The Leaders' Association showed a gain in strength during the year. Their reorganization with a Board of Directors for 1958-59 is expected to improve even more.

The Junior Leader group carried on a great deal of service work this past year, and they received some valuable leadership training at the same time.

INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

The matter of getting information and publicity out to the people of Yuma County was no problem. The wonderful cooperation of the newspapers, radio stations and the television station has made this a comparatively easy job.

Adequate office equipment has also played a beneficial part in handling a large amount of publicity.

NEWSPAPER

Yuma County has had a very favorable working relationship with its two newspapers. The local weekly farm paper, "The Yuma County Farmer," publishes weekly column material. As well, it gives excellent and extensive coverage to other 4-H events.

The County Agent in charge of 4-H Club work writes under the column entitled "4-H Front." On occasion, the Agents have prepared the copy for feature articles but usually it is handled by supplying the reporter-editor with the information.

The local daily paper, the "Sun," has given more than the usual amount of space to 4-H activities during the past year. All of this material was prepared by the reporter who either attended the event or called at the County Extension Office and got the information from the Agents concerned.

RADIO

Wednesday, 7:20 AM, was the time for the 4-H Club radio program each week over Radio Station KYUM, up until September when the program was discontinued. The program was stopped due to unfavorable hours for the broadcast.

Several different approaches were employed to make the programs as interesting as possible. The interview type of program was considered to be the best. The members, leaders and parents at 4-H meetings, or other activities, always provided excellent sources for these interviews.

The programs were fundamentally designed to inform 4-H members, as well as the general public, about 4-H activities as they happened or in announcement of coming activities.

During the week of the County Fair, the Agent in charge of 4-H Club work was called upon to carry a 30-minute daily, live broadcast direct from the Fair Grounds. Other programs were usually made on a portable tape recorder supplied by the radio station.

TELEVISION

This media was used only on several occasions--no regular schedule was maintained. Fair time, after Roundup and on other occasions, T-V programs were

presented. The local T-V Station estimates we have 15,000 viewers on each of these programs.

CIRCULAR LETTERS

In a County so large as Yuma, the circular letter was relied upon perhaps more than normally. When distances and travel prohibited a general meeting, circular letters were used to get information to those concerned.

A good deal of trial and error methods were employed by the Agents in attempts to make circular letters have more eye catching appeal. Different weights of paper were used to establish that which gave the clearest printed page. Various colors of paper were used from time to time to add variety. Illustrations, cartoons, printing by hand, etc., were all used from time to time.

A new 4-H newsletter was started in October. It will be a quarterly publication going to each member and leader. It will review 4-H activities, announce coming events and carry suggestions for members and leaders.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TOURS

In October, 1958, the First Annual 4-H Foods Tour for Yuma County food's members, leaders, and prospective members and leaders was held. This all day tour was for the purpose of creating interest in the 4-H Food's projects, and of acquainting 4-H with business and business with 4-H.

Eighty-five persons participated--20 adults, 63 4-H members (56 girls, 7 boys) and 2 little brothers. Seven out of eleven communities in the County were represented.

Four businesses and food processors were visited during the day. Yuma Citrus Company's lemon packing process was viewed; Vincent Air Force Base permitted the group to tour their kitchens to witness quantity cookery and for a nominal fee served our lunch; Sunland Dairy opened their doors to show the youngsters the processing techniques involved with milk and milk products; and Southwest Meat Company directed us on a tour of their plant to show the 4-H'ers the steps in meat processing.

This first tour was indeed a success. It was well received and the participation was of a much higher percentage than the Agent anticipated. This particular activity will continue as part of the food's program each Fall.

Meanwhile, individual 4-H project clubs are being encouraged to arrange tours with businesses during the coming Club year.

PRE-FAIRS

Several clubs were given assistance with Pre-Fairs. The Parker Community was assisted in judging the 4-H section of their four-day community fair which has grown out of a 4-H Pre-Fair activity. Such things as falling

tents and what have you didn't seem to hinder the enthusiasm.

After a great deal of discussion among parents, leaders, members and Agents, Crane Community decided to go ahead with their first venture with a Pre-Fair. It was probably one of the best of the several Pre-Fairs of the year. The main desirable feature of the show was that there was no competition. The entire time was spent in training the members in fitting and showmanship of their animals.

Wellton conducted their third Pre-Fair. This is a joint affair--Agriculture Home Economics--one of the most complete of any of the Pre-Fairs. The main thing they lack is parent cooperation.

The Gila Valley Pre-Fair was a whole day long. 4-H livestock exhibitors brought their animals in the morning, during the forenoon they were weighed, washed, clipped, and feet were trimmed. At the same time, the Home Ec. and small Ag. exhibitors were putting their articles on display and having them judged. Following a lunch served by the Homemakers Club at noon, a tractor rodeo and livestock showmanship filled the afternoon.

The Quartzsite Pre-Fair was an evening event. In that isolated community, Home Economics and electric projects are most popular. The Agents worked closely with the members in judging and evaluating their projects. While this Pre-Fair was not as large as some of the others, it was very fine training for the members.

The Roll community had a sample of 4-H Pre-Fairs at the Annual Irrigation District Barbecue when several 4-H Club members exhibited their 4-H livestock for the people at the event.

COUNTY EVENTS

COUNTY FAIR

The Sixth Annual Yuma County Fair was held April 23 through 27. The largest single division of the Fair was the 4-H Club division.

The activities of those connected with 4-H Club work and the Fair certainly are not restricted to the actual dates of the Fair. This year there were several major material improvements made in the livestock area. The improvements included a new 120 head small animal barn, restoration of beef barns from horse stables, a new 10 head cement block wash rack, a new 40' X 90' illuminated show ring with a shaded judges' stand, a new Junior Livestock Office building, a 10' X 20' and 672 sq. ft. of shade over the bleachers around the show ring. These were projects which demanded a lot of Agents' time in their planning and completion.

Fair books were unusually late in coming out this year. This caused certain hardships in getting entries into the office and in getting them processed. A record number of entries were received this year as the following figures will illustrate.

1958 4-H ENTRIES YUMA COUNTY FAIR

Home Economics Entries

Clothing.....577
Food Preparation.....508
Food Presentation..... 50
Home Management..... 60

Total Home Economics.....1195

Agricultural Entries

Beef..... 65
Sheep.....113
Swine.....20
Horses..... 6
Dairy..... 7
Poultry.....43
Rabbits..... 4
Handicraft..... 9
Garden.....34
Home Beautification.....105
Insects..... 1
Crops..... 2
Electricity.....23
Miscellaneous.....138

Total Agriculture.....569

Total Entries.....1764

Figures on Agricultural entries for the past two years will illustrate the growth.

1956-236

1957-284

1958-569

The Home Economics Division began accepting articles on Monday before the Fair opened and began their judging Tuesday AM.

The Dress Revue was not held at the Fair Grounds this year due to the lack of adequate facilities. Instead, the Dress Revue was held in the Optimists Youth Center. The Optimists were most cooperative; consequently, it was a very desirable arrangement except there the Home Economics members did not have the opportunity to make quite as large a showing as could have been possible had the event been presented before the public at the Fair.

4-H Club leaders served as superintendents of the various divisions and served well. Some of them were not too experienced in their duties, but

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they did an excellent job just the same.

The livestock exhibits always demand the greatest amount of public attention in Yuma County. This year, they were deserving of attention not only were there more animals than usual, but they were good animals and most attractively displayed. The introduction of a herdsmanship contest four years ago has made a tremendous improvement on the type of display that the clubs present. Each club is in competition with the next for neatness of animals and equipment, neatness of pens, stalls and surrounding area, and courtesy to the public. Only 2 1/2 points out of a possible 1,200 separated the winning Crane Community 4-H Club from the two-time winner, Gila Valley Up & Coming 4-H Club. The Crane Club with the largest number of animals maintained a perfect score for four consecutive days. Twelve clubs competed in the contest. Only 71 points separated the high from the low to illustrate that all clubs were doing the best they could to make a good showing.

Comparable to the Herdsmanship Award is the Club Booth Award in the Home Economics Division. Here the Gadsden 4-H Club won with their very fine booth.

Showmanship and fitting was given special emphasis this year. Trophies were awarded for the outstanding sheep, beef, and swine showman. In addition, a trophy was awarded to the club which did the best job of showing three beef from their club.

Winners were:

Swine—Larry Lemke, Y-M Jackrabbits
Beef—Michelle Rice, Crane Community
Sheep—Wayne Meyer, Desert Herdsmen

Club Beef Award—Desert Herdsmen
(Showmen—John and Linda Nussbaumer and Gary Meyer.)

Other Awards from the Fair went to the following:

Senior Home Economics, Sweepstakes—Carole Barry—Hem & Ha!
Junior Home Economics, Sweepstakes—Karen Sue Carter, Comets
Home Economics Club, Sweepstakes—Busy Women (Leaders are Alice Rushin, Vanda Golden.)

Senior Agriculture Sweepstakes—Gary Meyer
Junior Agriculture Sweepstakes—Michelle Rice
Agricultural Club Sweepstakes—Somerton Junior Farmers & Homemakers,
(Leaders are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Salyer.)

Michelle Rice was also winner of the Cowbelle's Award and the Pacific Coast Women's Auxiliary of the Angus Association.

Purple Ribbon Livestock Winners were as follows:

Milk-Fed Lambs—Chris Price, Crane Community
Irene Brimhall, Desert Herdsmen

- Fat Lambs --Gary Meyer, Desert Herdsmen
 Marjorie Harrison, Desert Farmers
 Kathy Pusich, Desert Farmers
 James Sanders, Desert Farmers
- Fat Barrows --200# under, Ronnie Smith, Somerton
 201# over, Anna Lou Michener, Somerton
- Fat Steers --Angus, Michelle Rice, Crane Community
 Michelle Rice, Crane Community
 Hereford, Bruce Bradley, Crane Community
 Hereford, Tommy Taylor, Crane Community

The Junior Livestock Auction Sale is always good for conversation in Yuma County. Once again this year, it gave the people something to talk about. It broke records in every way you could look at it, the most animals, the highest average prices.

The following summary gives evidence of why the Sale was such a great success.

Beef

Average Sales Prices per Pound by Ribbon Grades

<u>No. Sold</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Purple</u>	<u>Blue</u>	<u>Red</u>	<u>White</u>
?	1955	44.18	46.43	42.51	25.62
77	1956	38.10	34.94	28.61	20.00
84	1957	41.50	37.31	36.93	23.65
83	1958	50.19	46.44	43.55	25.33

Sheep

?	1955	43.50	44.92	55.94	25.25
70	1956	42.50	45.83	48.74	25.00
86	1957	65.00	56.04	63.35	26.05
128	1958	61.20	88.15	79.00	24.30

Swine

?	1955	46.41	53.00	51.62	24.50
18	1956	None Sold	39.10	41.07	None Sold
22	1957	41.25	45.43	45.44	28.50
20	1958	45.00	40.00	45.00	25.00

The total 1958 Sale amounted to \$44,850.53--more than \$13,000 over last year's Sale. Anyway, a person cared to observe the 4-H participation in the 1958 Fair--it was an outstanding show and a credit to the organization and the people connected with it.

BARBECUE

This annual money raising event was sponsored by the 4-H Leaders' Association in March. Over 1,500 people were served and a net profit of over \$700.00 was realized.

Funds raised from this event are used for out-of-County trips, material needs and the likes for the promotion of 4-H Club work in Yuma County.

CAMP

Several planning meetings involving Yuma and Maricopa Agents were held to plan the second year of Maycosa.

4-H Operation Maycosa went into its second year July 21-26. Seventy-six Yuma County people were involved directly with the Camping program.

55 Campers
5 Agents
9 Leaders
7 Junior Leaders

Each of the Adults and Junior leaders had staff responsibilities. Yuma Agents had the major responsibility for menus, food and cooks, eight of the classes taught, five of the crafts taught (out of six) and three of the evening programs.

The Camp program was very similar to the revised program offered last year. The campers were handled in groups known as Mesas. Each Mesa had two Junior leaders who served as Mesa Consultants. Many of the activities of the Camp were competitive between Mesas. This system results in a very high spirit of enthusiasm among the campers.

Regular evening staff meetings were utilized to review that day's program and to evaluate its effectiveness.

The real true evaluation of a program is the reaction of the people it is planned for--the members. The comments received were all extremely favorable.

The only major problem was transportation. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain transportation for out-of-County trips without turning to the prohibitively expensive commercial carriers. The U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force came to our rescue but only as an emergency measure. The red tape involved in this method of transportation is too great for it to become a permanent arrangement.

A review of the Camping program following Camp dictated that Yuma should attempt its own County Camp for 1958-59. This was presented to leaders who sanctioned its support 100%.

RECOGNITION EVENT

November 22 marked the thirteenth time Yuma County has held an Annual Recognition Event. While a good crowd attended and the winners were pleased with

their awards there seemed to be something lacking.

A special committee of leaders evaluated the event with an eye towards possibly replacing this event with a series of community events in the future.

Two communities held such events this year, and each of them alone had more participation than did the whole County-wide event. The late date of the County event might have had something to do with this. It was, however, the first week-end when some major school or community event did not conflict.

The policy of inviting local representatives to make the presentation of the Nationally sponsored awards was continued. This is one of the good features of a County-wide event which would have to be approached differently.

STATE EVENTS

ROUNDUP

Roundup, this year held in August, was attended by 32 4-H Club members and four adult leaders from Yuma County. This number included the Parliamentary Procedure team from the Somerton Junior Farmers and Homemakers who presented their parliamentary work as a demonstration.

About the most serious difficulty encountered this year on the County level with the change of dates of Roundup was in the interval between the County contests, held for the most part in early Spring, and in Roundup. The calendar for next year has been revised to shorten this period of time. Because of the extreme weather in Yuma in the Summer, active participation in 4-H meetings as well as other organizations comes pretty much to a standstill. So it is unlikely that very much enthusiasm for a Fall Roundup will be generated in Yuma County. There will be interest but there is a question as to its size and scale.

Our Yuma County delegates made a very creditable showing this year. Their attitude was good and their performances excellent. Five Yuma County 4-H'ers were championship plaque winners: Vincent Schulte in livestock judging; Dwayne Peck, electrical demonstrations; Anna Lou Michener and Linda Michener, clothing demonstrations; and Margaret Holtsoi, Dress Revue.

Other individual contestants did very fine work in judging, showmanship, and demonstrations.

The attitude of the group as a whole and their keen interest in the activities was due, to a large extent, to the Roundup program this year. Mornings were utilized by contests, but each afternoon and evening special programs geared to the interest of the age level of youngsters there were presented. It provided a good healthy, relaxed atmosphere for participation and for learning.

LEADERS' CONFERENCE

Leaders' Conference was well attended by Yuma County Leaders and Junior leaders this year. Those in attendance were quite well pleased with the Conference as a whole. The Junior leaders were especially well satisfied with their separate sessions. Yuma Agents assisted with the program as chairmen of candlelighting and recreation.

ARIZONA NATIONAL

Yuma participated only in the judging event as reported in the activities under judging. However, the Agent in attendance did sit in on discussion meetings concerning the calf scramble. Another session on this was attended one noon hour during the Agent Training Conference.

NATIONAL EVENTS

CLUB CONGRESS

During 1957, Yuma County was represented by four very fine 4-H members. Vincent Schulte, Ronnie Smith, Betty Cumming and Sandra Neese. The 1958 winners were Cheryl Higgins, Anna Lou Michener, John Moody and Margaret Holtsoi.

It was learned during November that Margaret Holtsoi would not be able to attend due to illness.

NATIONAL CLUB CONGRESS

Yuma County was more than pleased to have Elva Warner representing 4-H Club work from our County at this event. We were extremely happy to learn that Elva had been selected to represent 4-H Club work for the President's interview. Elva has been a most enthusiastic 4-H Club member. She returned from Washington even more enthusiastic.

SPECIAL AWARDS AND SPONSORS

SHOWMANSHIP

An awards program has been established with sponsors to promote the showmanship at County Fair time. Trophies will be awarded for beef, sheep and swine showmanship and a special award to the club which has the best three beef showman.

FIRESTONE HOUR APPEARANCE

It was late in July that it was learned Elva Warner, delegate to National 4-H Conference from Yuma County, had been selected to appear on a Nation-wide television program as a representative of 4-H Club work. This was as big a thrill for those who had worked along with Elva in her 4-H activities as it was for Elva herself.