leaders and 56 junior leaders (older club members who are interested in helping with club program and in advising younger members.)

Leadership is one of the important factors in a successful 4-H Club program and the success or failure of any one club depends much upon the local leaders—the time, effort and patience she or he is willing to put forth for working with 4-H Club members. Too much cannot be said in praise and appreciation for the fine job being done by 4-H Club leaders.

An attempt was made to contact every eligible boy or girl between 10 and 21 years of age in the County to give them an opportunity to join a 4-H Club in their community.

Schools were contacted by mail, explaining the 4-H Club program. In schools where there was sufficient interest in organizing a club, a representative of the Extension Office visited the school and explained the club program in detail. If the group was interested in organizing a club they selected a leader and project leaders and a club was organized. Most of the new clubs in the County were organized by this or a similar procedure.

Now members and particularly young members were encouraged to take only one project and complete it rather than start several and fail to complete any or all of them. To complete a project a member must do all of the required work specified in the project material, send to the County Extension Office a complete record of all projects, make a public exhibit at the County Fair or local club tour, attend at least five meetings during the year and send in a filled out health report and a second mile report.

All clubs were organized and enrollment was completed before May 15th at which time all enrollment blanks were returned to the club leaders for a final check-up and any necessary revisions.

HOW THE CLUB WORK IS CARRIED OUT

I. Meetings.

1. Organization meeting. A member of the Extension staff meets with
WOOD COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

1. Arbutus
2. Altdorf
3. Arpin
4. Auburndale
5. Clark-Wood
6. Cranmoor
7. Dexterville
8. Ebbe
9. Franklin
10. Golden Glow
11. Green Eln
12. Hewitt
13. Hillview
14. Lincoln
15. Lone Maple
16. Lynn Creek
17. Mac Arthur
18. McKinley
19. Maple Grove
20. Mara-Wood
21. Milladore
22. Mill Creek Busy Bees
23. North Hansen
24. Plank Hill
25. Pearl
26. Pleasant Corners
27. Pleasant Valley
28. Richfield
29. Riverview
30. Shady Nook
31. Sherry
32. Stopping Stone
33. Sunnyside
34. Two Mile
35. Vesper
36. Wallace
37. Waasecha
38. Wittenberg
a group who wish to reorganize an old club or organize a new one. The club program is explained and any new changes clarified. If a new club is being organized a thorough explanation of the 4-H Club Program is given—it's aims, goals, and purposes. Each project and its requirements are gone over so each club member knows what is expected of him before he enrolls. At this meeting officers—president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and reporter and the general leader and project leaders are elected by the members themselves. A leader may be any public spirited man or woman who is interested in the welfare of the children of the community. Members fill out enrollment cards and indicate on them the project they wish to enroll in. Project material and other necessary material is sent out to leaders and members before their next meeting. Wood County 4-H Club members were enrolled in the following projects in 1946: Garden, Field Crops, Canning Crops, Dairy, Pig, Sheep, Poultry, Forestry, Handicraft; Soil Conservation, Clothing, Food Preservation, Foods and Nutrition, and Junior Leadership.

2. Regular Meetings. After a 4-H Club is organized, regular monthly meetings are held by each club either at a home or some community center. Some clubs choose to hold meetings every two weeks. A total of six club meetings must be held by a club and attended by members during the club year. At these meetings progress of the projects are reported. Any questions and new business that come up in the club are discussed by the members. A period of time is given over to recreation usually in charge of the recreation or program committee. Some clubs choose to serve refreshments at meetings and others do not. Regular parliamentary procedure is practiced at meetings so club members learn to conduct themselves in a business-like manner.

3. Project Meetings. Project Meetings are held for each different project in the club providing there is a need for it. At this time all of the members of any one project meet with their project leader to receive
advice or instruction on the project. A member may need help in carrying out his or her project or in filling out record books. The number of project meetings depends on the particular project, as some need much more project instruction than others.

4. Leaders Meetings. The leaders of the clubs meet together twice during the year. Once in the spring to formulate and adopt plans, policies and goals, and again in the fall in the form of a leader’s banquet to give recognition to leaders for work done. An executive committee consisting of five leaders in the county meet when necessary to form new policies.

In order to reach more leaders and give better assistance to leaders the executive committee formulated a suggested constitution for a Wood County Leaders Federation, the federation to consist of delegates from each of three districts into which the county will be divided. The proposed constitution will be presented to the leaders for their approval at the annual fall recognition meeting in November.

II. 4-H CLUB CAMPS.

1. District Leadership Training Camp. In June 38 Wood County 4-H folks attended a District Leadership Training Camp at Wausau which was conducted by a staff from the State 4-H Club office to benefit older 4-H members, junior leaders and adult leaders. Each of the clubs were given an opportunity to send one delegate who was obligated to make an oral report to his or her local club and a written report to the County 4-H Club office.

2. Conservation Camps. Two State Conservation camps were held, one at Eagle River in July and another at Green Lake in August. Eight Wood County boys attended. The purpose of these conservation camps is to instill conservation of soil, forest and game in the minds of these members who will in turn stress the importance of conservation to the local and neighboring 4-H Clubs.

III. NEWSPAPERS.

The daily and weekly newspapers of the county were used at every
opportunity for promotional, educational and informative purposes. Each 4-H Club in the county has a club reporter as an officer who sends news items of interest such as meetings, social events, prize winnings, etc., to their respective newspaper.

IV. RADIO.

The radio was used by the Club Agent to portray information of educational and informative value. On several occasions club members were included in the radio programs.

V. DAIRY QUEEN CONTEST.

A dairy queen contest was conducted in July in cooperation with the State Dairy Queen committee. This contest was open to any girl who now lives on a farm or has a farm background. The queen contest was held in conjunction with a County-wide 4-H picnic at the North Wood County Park at Richfield. Formal crowning of the County Dairy Queen took place before the grandstand at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield.

VI. CLUB TOURS AND PICNICS.

Every 4-H Club in Wood County was given the opportunity to have a club tour at which each club member's home was visited and at which time each member had an occasion to show and tell experiences of his or her project. Those who did better work had a chance to realize it and those who didn't do the best with their projects had a chance to see when and how improvements could be made.

A schedule was worked up whereby a member of the Extension Staff could be present at each tour and visit homes and projects, making it possible for more personal contact with members and parents which seems helpful in creating and maintaining member and parent interest. Most tours were ended with some social function such as a picnic lunch.

A county-wide picnic was held in July which more than 500 club members, leaders, parents and friends attended. A noon-day lunch was had by club
groups, after which a program and the County Dairy Queen Contest was held.

VII. JUDGING AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

A county-wide judging, demonstration and style revue contest was held at the Arpin Community Hall in August. Twenty-eight 4-H Club demonstrations were given, one of which went on to win the District Contest at Wausau and then to place in the Blue Ribbon group at the State Contest at the State Fair.

Eighteen girls participated in the style revue contest which consisted of 4-H girls modeling the dresses made by themselves in their Clothing project. Another dress revue was held at the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield which is always a feature attraction and was participated in by sixty-nine girls.

VIII. EXHIBITS.

The 4-H Club exhibit was the largest exhibit at the Central Wisconsin State Fair and was larger than that of years in the past. This chance to exhibit is an inspirational opportunity for 4-H folks to compare their work and projects with that of other members. It gives those that don't win, a chance to see where improvements can be made. The quality of the exhibits was high.

Several joint club 4-H fairs were held in the southern part of the county, as many of the members in the southern part of the county don't have an opportunity to exhibit at the Central Wisconsin State Fair.

IX. FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY.

Fire inspection sheets were sent out to all club members in the early part of the club year. These were to be used in their own homes and farms or on neighboring farms, and suggested checking and correction of such items as chimneys, roofs, heating units, electric wiring, lightning protection, smoking and matches, proper storage of gasoline and proper use of power machinery, etc.
A County Safety Speaking Contest was held in early June. The winner, Ellen Brey, represented the County in the District Contest at Wausau where she placed in the top five. Her talk also was used in several appropriate public occasions.

Clubs were urged to set aside one meeting to be devoted entirely to safety talks by club members. The MacArthur 4-H Club did an outstanding piece of work on safety by all of the members participating, keeping useful scrap books and by having an excellent educational booth on safety at the Central Wisconsin State Fair.

X. TRACTOR SCHOOL

Two Wood County boys attended a tractor Maintenance School at the University of Wisconsin, College of Agriculture in March. The expenses of the course were paid by the College. These two boys were obligated to put on similar tractor maintenance courses in their local communities. These two boys in cooperation with the County Club Agent put on five evening classes which covered all of the material given at Madison.

XI. RECORD BOOKS, HEALTH REPORTS AND SECOND MILE REPORTS.

In September 4-H Club members send their completed record books, health and second mile reports to the County Extension Office where they are all read over individually and are given individual consideration for County Awards.

The record book is a record of the member’s project, expenses, income, time spent on project, story of accomplishments, etc.

The Health report is in the form of a score card which is checked twice during the club year by the club member—once for good health habits already in practice and at the end of the club year for health habits improved on. Each club member is encouraged to visit a doctor at least once a year and a dentist twice a year. One 4-H Club meeting is also to be devoted to Health.
The Second Mile Report is a record of the club member's work in the home or on the farm other than that required by the club project. This extra work includes such tasks as gardening, food preservation, milk production, egg and poultry production, livestock production, home cooperation (caring for the home, meal preparation, washing dishes or clothes), home grounds improvement, and community service (helping with church and school groups, red cross, salvage, bond sales, etc.)

XII. ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

One County-wide Achievement program was planned for the County at which special recognition was given to members for outstanding work.

The Achievement program was held at the Palace Theater at Wisconsin Rapids on October 26. Members, parents, leaders and friends attended. Achievement certificates were awarded to members completing their projects. Premium checks for those receiving prizes at the Central Wisconsin State Fair were also awarded at that time.

A pageant entitled "Guide Posts to Tomorrow" was presented in which the following 4-H Club members were honored:

1. DEVELOPING TALENTS FOR GREATER USEFULNESS.

   Clothing Achievement Member – Beulah Thomas, Sherry

   Dress Revue:
   Dolores Olsen, Richfield
   Lillie Belle Minor, MacArthur
   Beulah Thomas, Sherry
   LuVerne Plockham, Shady Nook
   Elaine Becker, Richfield
   Glenna Clark, Vesper
   Chloe Brody, MacArthur
   Louise Tyler, Vesper

2. JOINING WITH FRIENDS FOR WORK, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

   Five Honor girls:
   Betty Rae Warner, Wazeecha
   Shirley Debevec, MacArthur
   Dolores Olsen, Richfield
   Ellen Urban, Wallace
   Ramona Hause, Arpin
   Five Honor Boys:
   Carl Breheim, Ebbe
   Carl Thedens, Pleasant Corners
   Herbert Seefeldt, Riverview
   William Dibble, Pleasant Corners
   Charles Ward, Maple Grove

3. LEARNING TO LIVE IN A CHANGING WORLD.

   Outstanding Home Economics Member – Lois Schmidt, Auburndale
   Outstanding Agricultural Member – Gilbert Getlinger, Hillview
4. CHOOSING A WAY TO EARN A LIVING.

Members Graduating from club work:
Glen Bubolz, Harra-Wood
Harlen Zubke, Arpin
Lois Egland, Wittenberg

5. PRODUCING FOOD, FIBER FOR HOME AND MARKET.

Outstanding Orchard Members:
Beverly Kobs, Riverview
Wilmer Nengelin, Richfield
Joan Heckel, Ebbe
George Thomas, Sherry

Outstanding Crops member - Leonard Lobner, Sherry

Outstanding Livestock member - Ralph Tremmel, MachArthur

Outstanding Poultry Members -
Harlen Zubke, Arpin
James Gardner, Pleasant Corners
James Lang, Mill Creek
Norbert Albrecht, Auburndale

Outstanding Dairy Member - Bob Gardner, Pleasant Corners

6. CHEATING BETTER HOMES FOR BETTER LIVING.

Handicraft award - Vernon Schmidt, Franklin

7. CONSERVING NATURAL RESOURCES FOR SECURITY AND HAPPINESS

Soil Conservation Award - Richard Elson, Lynn Creek

Conservation Camp Trip Winners:
Karl Brechein, Ebbe
John Krzykowski, Green Elm
Bruce Brockman, Cranmoor
Charles Ward, Maple Grove
Donald Husted, Plank Hill
Robert Gardner, Pleasant Corners
Donald Maher, Pearl
Richard Elson, Lynn Creek

8. BUILDING HEALTH FOR A STRONG AMERICA.

Leader of Outstanding club with Health Improvement Program -
Mrs. Harold Blenkor, Milladore

Outstanding County Foods Preservation Member - Jeanne Dix, Richfield

Outstanding County Foods & Nutrition Member - Betty Cepress, Auburndale

9. SHARING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT.

Outstanding girl Junior Leader - Lois Egland, Wittenberg

Outstanding boy Junior Leader - George Thomas, Sherry

Outstanding Safety Members -
Ellen Brey, Richfield
Irene Kiesling, MachArthur
Patsy Nickel, Lynn Creek
Outstanding Club for Safety Work – MacArthur Club

Outstanding Secretary's Record books:
Laurelda Tremmel – – – – – – – – – MacArthur
Chloe Brody– – – – – – – – – – Richfield
Lois Egland– – – – – – – – – – Wittenberg
Carol Rayhorn– – – – – – – – – – Ebbe
Beverly Kobs – – – – – – – – – – Riverview

10. SERVING AS CITIZENS IN MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE.

100% Achievement Clubs:
Auburndale
Ebbe
Hillview
Lynn Creek
MacArthur
Maple Grove

Pleasant Corners
Richfield
Shady Neck
Sherry
Wittenberg

4-H CLUB PLEDGE

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to larger service,
And my health to better living.

For my home, my club, my community and my country.