This attempt showed the following results - 7 new clubs organized, and an increase of 297 members over 1947-48. A total of 85% of the members completed their work and became achievement members. This shows an increase of 2% over 1948.

4-H CLUB LEADERS ORGANIZATION

The executive body of the 4-H Club Leaders Organization is the 4-H Club Council. The Council members were elected to three, two, and one year terms last year. This year the new members will receive three year terms. These members are chosen from each of the four centers throughout the county, and help to decide upon the changes and policies of the 4-H Club Program. A more active part has been taken by the leaders in the 4-H Club Program since the start of this organization. A group of committees were also appointed last year to help plan events and assume responsibility of a certain phase of the 4-H Club Program.

ORGANIZATION

Four definite types of 4-H Club meetings are held during the year. The organization meetings, regular meetings, project meetings and leadership training meetings.

The organization meetings are held usually in the winter and spring months to help the club get started for the new year. In the case of a new club the Extension Agent attends and explains the club aims, and goals. Help is given in planning a program and electing officers and leaders. Projects are fully explained and the requirements clarified to each member. The members then indicate in what projects they wish to enroll on their membership enrollment cards.

The regular meetings are held after the club is organized. These meetings are held once a month and for the purpose of conducting business and general instruction by the General Leader. All meetings are conducted by the use of parliamentary procedure. A committee of members is usually responsible for the entertainment and refreshments. Six such
meetings are a minimum for each club.

The project meetings are conducted by the project leaders and the primary purpose is for instructions in the individual projects. Help is given and questions clarified for each member. These meetings are very important, - it is here that subject matter is learned.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In January a series of leaders meetings were held to get the 4-H Club Program going for 1949. The meetings were held at Pittsville, Wis. Rapids, Arpin, and Marshfield. The meetings were held in four places to cut down on driving for the leaders.

The annual spring leaders banquet for adult and Jr. leaders was held March 19 at the Marshfield City Hall. The banquet was served by the ladies of the 1st Methodist Church at Marshfield. The business of the day was a discussion of the 4-H Club Program for 1949, election of 4-H Club Council members, report of committees of the various activities to be carried on during the year. Wakelin "Ranger Mac" McNeel represented the State 4-H Club Office on program development and delivered a very inspirational address to the leaders present.

Another series of leaders meetings were held in August prior to Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield. These meetings served the purpose of clarifying changes in the Junior Fair, instructions on how to better prepare exhibits and a general discussion on the improvement of the annual Junior Fair - held in connection with the Central Wisconsin State Fair at Marshfield.

OFFICERS TRAINING

For the first time in several years a series of officers training schools were conducted to help the county 4-H Club officers. Three days prior to the school a group of local adult leaders were trained to carry on the training schools. The Extension Agents and Marshall Post of the Marshfield News-Herald served as the instructor for the leaders training