

Extension Report
—for 1960—

'Better Meals
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In October, extension club members compared high and low cost foods in nutritive value and numbers of servings per pound.

Leaders of Extension clubs gave the lesson to 875 members of extension clubs over the county.

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**4-H Grows in Depth of Program,
Number Enrolled in Nebraska**

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A total of 6,400 volunteer 4-H club leaders in Nebraska are making a real contribution to the personal development of the 32,817 boys and girls who were members of over 3000 4-H clubs in 1960. These dedicated leaders spark the 4-H educational program that uniquely and effectively supplements the training received in the home, church and schools.

In the past decade the number of active (10 to 20 years of age) 4-H members in Nebraska has increased 27.2 per cent — from 20,096 in 1950 to 25,580 in 1960. Since 1952 associate members 8 and 9 years of age have been enumerated. A total of 7,257 associate members also participated in 1960.

Based on a projection of the 1950 census, 16 1/2 per cent of all rural farm and non-farm 8-20 year olds were enrolled in 4-H club work in 1960. Some 10 per cent of all 8-20 year olds in the state participated, while nearly 11 per cent of all 10-20 year olds were active 4-H club members.

The 1960 census figures on the basis of age, sex and location are not available at this writing.

The primary aim of the 4-H club program carried out through the Nebraska Agricultural

Extension Service is to provide additional opportunities for mental, physical, social and spiritual growth that will assist boys and girls in developing into the best possible individual and citizen each is capable of becoming. As a part of the informal educational program of the University of Nebraska, the 4-H club work in the county is under the supervision of county Extension agents, who work with the volunteer 4-H club leaders.

Four-H originated to help meet the needs of rural boys and girls. This educational program continues to be primarily rural. In 1960 there were 22,780 members living on farms, 6,021 in towns under 2500 population, and 4,036 in urban areas. However, there is a growing demand for 4-H club work in urban centers. The opportunities provided for personal development are equally valuable to city youth.

The 4-H club member finds three areas of opportunity open to him — the project, the club, and activities.

Projects Core

The project is the core around which the program is developed. Nebraska club members carried 65,322 projects in 1960. It is through the project that the club member enjoys a useful work experience, together with the responsibility and satisfaction of personal accomplishment.

He develops skills in the production and management of livestock or crops. He learns to keep records, to appreciate the values of research, to learn scientific methods of making decisions and solving problems.

In Home Economics, the member's project develops knowledge and a skill in clothing selection and construction, in foods and nutrition, or in home living.

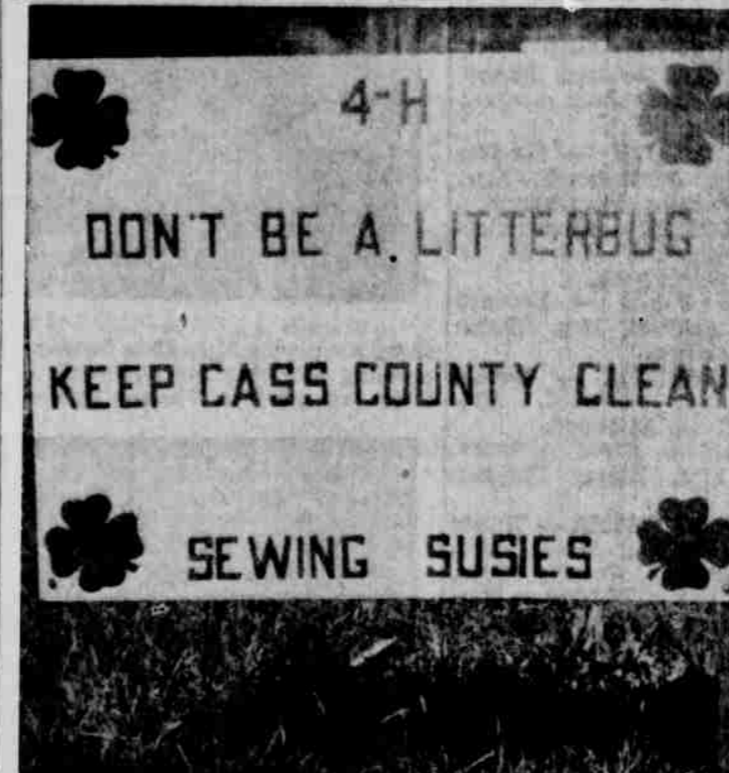
There are 86 different projects from which a club member may choose. The project should be fit personal capabilities and needs of the individual member. It also needs to be adapted to the farm or home situation.

The most popular project areas in 1960 as shown by enrollment were in foods, 15,454; clothing, 12,960; beef, 6,324; home living, 5,163; engineering, 3,490; dairy, 3,036; and horticulture, 2,591.

Other projects included 1,724 in sheep, 1,396 in swine, 1,334 in riding horses, 1,612 in junior leadership, 2,551 in conservation of natural resources, 882 in Agronomy, 437 in entomology, 484 in forestry, 361 in poultry, 722 in health, 1,858 in safety, 1,071 in baby sitting (child care), and 588 in photography. Specific projects such as tailoring, tractor, purebred swine production, and automotive safety and care are challenging to the older teen-agers.

Projects in home economics are equally adapted to farm and

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GOOD ADVICE—The Sewing Susies, a 4-H club of girls from near Plattsmouth built and erected the sign above which is good advice for all residents and visitors.

urban girls and boys. Agricultural production projects have limited application for urban boys. Projects in yard beautification, garden, entomology, photography, electricity, automotive, birds, and dogs have proven practical in these situations.

The local 4-H club provides an excellent framework for developing skills in parliamentary procedure, democratic action, citizenship, and getting along with people. Learning to live, work, and play with others is one of the important skills needed in our complex modern society. In the club, the members conduct meetings, elect officers, plan programs and execute plans, with the benefit of guidance from the volunteer leader. They learn by doing.

Activities Motivate Members
Activities are many and varied. They are offered to provide opportunities for the development of needed skills, attitudes and understanding — and to provide additional motivation for learning.

These activities include public speaking, judging, demonstrations, talent contests, camping and community service. The wise leader guides the members into participation in those that will help meet special needs of the membership.

The demonstration not only teaches approved practices to others, but is an excellent tool in developing the member's confidence in himself and his ability to speak before others.

Participation of teenagers in worthwhile community activities offers a real opportunity for developing an acceptance of community responsibilities. Teenagers are eager to grow up. Participation in work and service is one of the clearest hallmarks of adulthood.

Camping may hold the secret in helping some boy or girl reach out for a degree of independence—a necessary step in reaching maturity.

Some 3,800 4-H club members attended one of the 26 district 4-H camps in 1960.

In addition, 279 participated in the state 4-H conservation camp. A well-planned camping experience provides training in getting along with people, develops initiative, generates real leadership, and can be an important factor in developing good citizenship.

The need for these opportunities has sparked the drive for funds to establish a State 4-H Club Camp. The camp is now rapidly becoming a reality with some 2/3 of the money raised and actual construction work started on the site in the Bessey Division of the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey.

Farms are becoming larger in size and fewer in number. The best estimates indicate that only 10 percent of the boys and girls now growing up on a farm will be able to obtain economic units that will permit them to make their living on a farm.

What of the other 90 per cent? They are making and will make the change from farm to city living. 4-H club leaders are adapting their club programs to provide experiences that will aid in this transition.

With 40 per cent of all jobs in the United States still relating to agricultural production, manufacture and sales of supplies services, or processing, etc. the agricultural project provides a good background of understanding.

Learning to work, how to solve problems, to keep records,

to get along with people, to express one's self, and to live in a democracy are especially valuable to a person moving to a new location in a different situation.

Among project activities for teenagers is a new emphasis on careers—types of work, personal capabilities, educational needs, and job opportunities that may be available.

The 4-H club work is a family—and a community—activity. Parental interest and understanding of the objectives is basic for a successful educational experience. When this occurs the family is drawn closer together with mutual interests and respect. Volunteer leaders and the support of many friends outside of the immediate families make it a truly community affair.

Each year through 4-H clubs, thousands of Nebraska boys and girls are meeting many of their needs for belonging to a group, acceptance, recognition, and new experiences. Through developing their Head, Heart, Hands and Health, they are better prepared to meet their responsibilities as adult citizens in this ever-changing world.

Robert J. McCracken, pastor of a New York church:
"The weakness of much modern Christianity is its concept of Christ as meek and sweet and winsome..."

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**Junior Leaders
Attend Conference**

Five Cass County 4-H'ers attended the District 4-H Junior Leaders Conference.

Attending were: Sandra Stappert and Thelma Kettelhut of Nehawka; Judy Stohlmann and Cheryl Streeter of Louisville; and Weldon Stoehr of Plattsmouth.

Martha West, County Agent, accompanied the Junior Leaders to Fairbury where the conference was held.

**Market Hog
Show March 11**

FREMONT—The 9th annual Midwest Market Hog Show will be held at the George A. Hormel Livestock Yards here, March 11, 1961.

"Hog producers in Nebraska and surrounding states planning to have entries in the Show should select meaty animals," said Archie White, of the Hormel Co., show superintendent. "Entries in the Show last year came from South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Nebraska."

"Purpose of the Show is to further interest and knowledge of desirable type, weight and finish of market hogs," White said.

There will be two weight divisions: 190 to 214 pounds and 215 to 240 pounds. Any combination of barrows and gilts—purebred, crossbred or grade—may compete in their respective weight classes.

Each family will be limited to exhibiting one pen of three market hogs in the 1961 Show. In addition, 4-H and Future Farmers of America members with bonified swine projects may exhibit one pen of three hogs per member.

Producers interested in entering the show should contact county Extension agents or the Livestock Department, George A. Hormel Co., Fremont, Nebr. for show rules and application blanks. Application blanks must be postmarked not later than March 4, 1961.

The Agricultural Extension Services of the University of Nebraska and the Iowa State University are cooperating in supervising the Show.

Youth Falls 55 Feet
Niagara Falls, N. Y. — Wayne Ganesworth, 18, tripped and fell through a guard rail along the Niagara River gorge below Niagara Falls and plunged 55 feet into a snowbank.

Using ropes and a basket, police got him back to the top in a little more than an hour's work. Hospital doctors examined him and found leg scratches to be his injuries.

**4-H Conservationists
Give Farm New Look**

Two farms, had a "face lifting" on July 30. Two clubs held their annual conservation field days on this balmy Saturday. The Tractor Savers 4-H club completed several terraces on the Otto Peterreit farm near Plattsmouth. Lyle Sparks and Frank Bierl are the club leaders.

members operated the equipment in building the terraces. These two clubs through the years have built many terraces and waterways and have been instrumental in getting conservation work started on many farms in their communities. Several interested spectators observed the construction at both farms.

The Trouble Shooters 4-H club led by Forrest Engelkemier and Glen Kraeger did their terrace construction on the Engelkemier farm, near Louisville.

Charles de Gaulle, President of France:
"For myself, you are well aware of what a blow it would be — preventing me from continuing my task."

Twenty 4-H conservation club



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