

INTRODUCTION

Activities of the two 4-H Club Specialists for 1952 have been carried out in cooperation with one hundred seven County Extension workers. There were fifty-five Home Agents and Assistants and fifty-two County Agents and Assistants in fifty counties. In all the 4-H Club work, the cooperation of State Extension Staff and several agencies outside Extension was solicited. Organization of activities served as the center of the 4-H Specialists efforts.

Before planning the work for the year, the 4-H program was discussed with the State Agent, District Supervisors, the State 4-H Club Leader, Extension Specialists, the State 4-H Club Committee and representatives of other agencies. A review was also made of the last year's work. Achievements and progress for the year were noted. Problems and weak links in the chain of activities were also studied. After giving consideration to the major problems and needs and sources of help that the 4-H Specialists could bring to bear in support of the 4-H program for 1952, the following activities became a part of the plan and program for the year:

1. To help agents in counties find ways of improving 4-H organization techniques and to inject new interest in the total youth program.
2. To help County workers understand the purposes of the county 4-H Councils and work out procedures to make them more workable and useful.
3. To help county workers get common understanding of procedures for increasing the 4-H enrollment and get higher percentage of completions.

4. To keep County Extension workers informed about 4-H activities on State level and work out means for fuller participation. These included 4-H and N.F.A. Corn Contest, 4-H State Fair Tobacco Grading Contest and Educational Exhibits, 4-H Camp, 4-H Club Week Program, Four-H Awards Program, 4-H Savannah Sugar Canning Contest, 4-H Foundation Program, State participation in Regional Camp Program, other 4-H Project Contest and Activities.

5. To assist County Extension workers with training leaders in understanding how to organize and carry out 4-H activities in neighborhood groups at county and district levels. These included: 4-H Church Sunday Programs, 4-H picnics, 4-H Achievement Day Programs, 4-H Sweet Potato Shows, Eliminations in Awards Program, increasing efficiency of regular 4-H meetings, training 4-H leaders, District 4-H Federations and Collegiate 4-H Club Activities and spring Four-H Week Programs.

6. To help other agencies understand the 4-H Club program and solicit their cooperation in areas not supported by statutes governing the Extension Program.

7. To publicize through press and radio some of the major activities and accomplishments of 4-H Club work throughout the State. To help county workers understand some of the areas for publicity at the local level.