

NARRATIVE REPORT

I. SITUATION

At the beginning of 1962, thirteen months had lapsed since the idea of following the Community 4-H Club method of doing 4-H Club work in North Carolina had been presented to all extension personnel. Much had been done by way of informing the public about the idea and procedure for implementing it. From the time 4-H Club work started in North Carolina up through 1960, most of the club meetings and group activities had been carried out in school facilities. Seventeen counties were still in schools and had not started any Community 4-H Club work. Twenty-three counties were in schools and had started Community 4-H Club work. Twelve counties were not in schools and had started some Community 4-H work. The counties with Community 4-H Club work were in varying stages of development.

All agents had received training in two district meetings. These had been followed with conferences in counties. Some organization materials planned for use in community 4-H work had been given agents for their use in training leaders, 4-H members and parents. However, other organization materials were needed. Very little had been done in getting subject-matter material developed

for agents, leaders, and 4-H members as related to Community 4-H work.

II. PROBLEM

On the basis of the situation there existed:

(1) A lack of full appreciation and understanding on the part of the public and some extension workers for doing 4-H Club work by the community method, (2) a lack of understanding of literature and teaching aids developed for implementing the Community 4-H Club idea, (3) a lack of sufficient quantity and quality of literature and teaching aids developed by subject-matter specialists and use in doing Community 4-H Club work, and (4) a lack of developed and organized ways to keep in touch with 4-H members who were not in organized Community 4-H Clubs.

III. PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Based on the problems the following objectives were set forth.

- A. To develop in extension agents a fuller appreciation and understanding for Community 4-H Club work and necessary knowledge and skills to develop leaders to do it.
- B. To develop in extension specialist an appreciation and understanding for the place and need of subject-matter literature designed for Community 4-H Club work.