

ATTENDANCE AT BINGHAM MEETING

JUNE 19-20, 1954

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DELEGATES NAME</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
3 8-	Harry Walker H. H. Barlow	Warren
4 14-	Mrs. Henry Crutcher Wayne Priest	Daviess Ohio
5 12 13	Mrs. Stella Wethington William Earl Netherland	Casey Taylor
6	H. Von Gruenigen Mrs. Varner Lester	Lincoln Mercer
7	Zuma Sims Jesse Penn	Jefferson Franklin
8	Esther Kalb William Tackett	Bracken Owen
9	Glenn Clay Mrs. William Edwards	Nicholas Jessamine
11	Mrs. Arthur Eversole Arthur C. Eversole	Perry

The following attended from the State 4-H Club Department:

J. W. Whitehouse, State Leader  
Miss Margaret Gulley, Field Agent  
Boyd E. Wheeler, Field Agent  
Ralph Ramsey, Dept. Rural Sociology

STATE 4-H CLUB COMMITTEE

State Committee met at Camp Bingham June 19th and 20th, 1954.

Minutes were read by Mrs. Varner Lester and were approved.

Mr. Whitehouse gave out copies of the By Laws.

There was a discussion on incorporation.

Motion was made by Mr. Earl Netherland and seconded by Mr. Jesse Penn, that we let the incorporation go until we see a time when it is needed.

Mr. Tackett said he thought a lot of our problems were district instead of stato.

The program was turned over to the program committee, Mr. Glenn Clay, Chairman, Mrs. Varner Lester, and Mr. Jesse Penn.

Each delogate gave two of the most important problems they want to work on in their district. The following were brought before the group:

1. Vo-ag (FFA) 4-H relations.
2. More active leaders and Junior Leaders.
3. How to get more parent cooperation.
4. More things on stato level for younger members.
5. Move 4-H Club show later in the week at State Fair.
6. Uniform road signs.
- (a)7. Getting Ky. 4-H Fat Calf Show back to Louisville.
- (b)7. Keep Fat Cattle Shows on district level.
8. More projects for boys.

The group divided up into buz groups, and came back as a panel and discussed the problems, one at a time, with the group asking the questions.

1. 4-H & FFA RELATIONS:

The following points were brought up: (a) 4-H gives the ground work because they begin at a younger age; then FFA gets the results. (b) In some places, young people are told they cannot belong to both. (c) In some places, both cooperate. (d) FFA presents a better program for several reasons. They are as follows:

- (1) Part of school work.
- (2) Workshop there at school.
- (3) Results show on report card.
- (4) To take Vo-Ag, they must get in and compete.

4-H & FFA RELATIONS Continued . . .

- (5) A paid group to work with them is definite advantage.
  - (6) Those who are higher up are keeping some from helping 4-H students.
- (o) Public relations not as good as it should be; there is a lack of understanding between them. (f) Put the superintendant on the Council; sell 4-H to principals and business men. (g) All Agents are not sold on 4-H work; some feel they do not have the time for it. Assistant Agents should have some 4-H experience and training. (h) Some do have project work at school; club work can be carried on in school. (i) Leaders don't have time but should be impressed with the importance of doing their part. (j) Try to get the Ag teacher and the Agent not to fight each other. (k) All goes down to jealousy among personal; each of groups wants glory. (l) Think whether we want numbers, quality of work, to help them or recognition for ourselves.

A letter from Dean Welch was read to the group, stating that he is formulating plans to improve conditions. Drs. Donovan, Dean Dickoy, and Dean Welch, will meet with a committee.

A resolution is to be sent Dean Welch to say, we of the State Committee approve -- State 4-H Club Committee is willing to have a committee meet with them and prefer that the members be from several different places.

Motion was made by H. H. Barlow to contact Dean Welch on better relations between 4-H and FFA seconded by Wayne Priest; motion carried.

Some of the successful groups for older members were discussed. They were as follows: (1) Campbell County Teen-Age 4-H (2) Fayette County Clubs.

How to help organize a 4-H Club for those over fifteen years was discussed. One of the secrets being to get their interest immediately and another, having a junior 4-H Council. It was brought out that the majority of 4-H members are junior high students up to the ninth grade.

2. MORE ACTIVE LEADERS AND JUNIOR LEADERS:

After bus sessions again, the group assembled to discuss Leadership Training. The following points were brought out: (a) The literature needs to be revised and brought up-to-date. Some needs to be written so it is more workable. (b) The leaders are the ones who actually carry on the programs and mean whether it is successful or not--4-H is no better than its leaders. (c) General training meetings are needed--preferable two a year; fall meeting to help on project work, how to go about it and get it finished; spring meeting to know something of judging--this preferable prepare Rally Ray.

MORE ACTIVE LEADERS AND JUNIOR LEADERS

Continued . . .

- (d) Discussion on finding someone in state interested in sponsoring the leadership meetings. Also someone in state to sponsor an organization to recognize leaders.

Motion was made by Mrs. Crutcher that we, as a committee, request extension for help with leader training program on county and district level; seconded by Mrs. Edwards, motion carried.

Mr. Wheeler asked that each delegate take back to districts and counties, the information that leader training meetings will be held where requests are sent to the extension department.

Leadership training discussion was resumed. Sunday morning, after we had enjoyed an evening of fun Saturday night, had vesper services together on Sunday morning.

Mr. Penn first explained how, in his county, the Agents got together at first, 17 men; now there are 32--gave them help and information on boys project work and working with boys. Then, each man picked two or three boys that lived close to him to work with. After their project had been completed, they had a picnic. They're hoping it can be worked into Rally Day and finally into a fair. Now, they felt, don't often know what to do, need help with the girls.

All leaders, it is felt, really need more training. Financial support is needed to have the leadership meetings.

It was suggested that the group have a committee to see about getting a sponsor. For success we have to have a program; it is necessary to give recognition to leaders to keep them working for 4-H.

Mrs. Lester made a motion that the president appoint a committee to look into finding a sponsor to finance the leader training program; it was seconded by Mr. Barlow and motion carried. (Meetings of state, district and county levels).

Discussion of Assistant Agents leaving in middle of club year was brought out. Their leaving disrupts the program.

Motion was made by Mrs. Edwards that we recommend to the director of extension that the Assistant Agents devote full time to 4-H Club work; that they be placed permanently in counties assigned whenever possible, or at least until the completion of the club year and if possible, that these Assistant Agents be known as 4-H Agents. Seconded by Mr. Evorsole, motion carried.

### 3. HOW TO GET MORE PARENT COOPERATION:

No bus sossions wore hold as the group began to feel the prossuro of time. The following points wore brought up for disoussion:

(a) Visitation by Council and community loaders, brings about better relations and givo parents help. (b) Meeting in the homo helps. Organization of toon age clubs can often be accomplished by going to the parents and talking to them. Somotimes it is just a matter of asking for their help and getting their interost. (c) Gotting club members and parents together at the end of the year and Rally Day, planning pionics. Emphasis on radio and thru newspapers importance of parents. (d) Sell parents on idea that the child is to do the work, that ho is to boast them and load, not do it for him. Nothing is taught by the parents doing it. Givo the parents knowldgo, thon public roognition. (e) Tours, pionics, parent nights and rallies.

Mr. Tackott thon told something of how Owen County had sold the child to his parents. A jamboree is hold, for which a small admission charge is paid, each club has a five-minute program, high school and toon age have ten minutes. They competo for small prizes. Council has a full year round program.

All want to do their part. They've learned you must educate in other ways. There are no donations from business men--asked the council has a minstrel show to raise money. They try to pass around outstanding things that are done in any club work. This jamboree minstrel show, along with sponsored basketball games, raise their money.

Mr. Tackott agreed to send to all counties, a story of their workings.

(Parents part continued) (f) Good club work and good councils go together. A strong council helps bring good guidance. Getting interost of council by recognition, by getting the job done wore stressed--need in most counties for someone to create interost by several different means.

Mr. Clay moved that the chairman appoint a committee that will encourage the establishment and improvement of more and better county 4-H loaders organizations. Mrs. Edwards seconded the motion and was carried.

Mrs. Edwards made a motion that we ask Dean Welch to givo space to 4-H Club work in his quarterly Extension News and that copies be sent to all 4-H loaders in stato. Seconded by Mr. Eversole, motion carried.

### 4. JUNIOR COMPETITION:

At 4-H Week, each county has an allotment of five boys and five girls of agos thirtoon years or older, plus District Champions. Most awards at Junior Week are set up on national basis and they set the agos.

Starting this fall, each county is to select two champions, junior and senior, under fourteen years will be junior champion, over fourteen years will be senior. Either junior or senior champion can go to the district but only senior can go to stato. In camps, it is a district problem.

5. 4-H CLUB SHOW AT STATE FAIR:

Mrs. Lester made a motion that we appoint a committee to go to State Fair board and ask that 4-H phase of work be moved up into regular fair week. Seconded by Mr. Barlow, motion carried. It was brought out that parents can't often make the trip both times.

6. UNIFORM ROAD SIGNS:

Discussion was held on adapting the National 4-H Club sign (road sign) to be displayed along highways, District # 3 (South Central) has already begun to look into it, so they were delegated to see what can be done; then they will report back to the State Committee.

7. 4-H FAT CATTLE SHOW:

Miss Kolt moved that we keep baby beef shows on district level. Motion was withdrawn because the state department of agriculture has asked the legislative to appropriate funds to keep shows on district level for the next two years. This year, prize money will be distributed on a different basis to make prizes more equal.

The following is a summary that Mr. Ralph Ramsey of the Department of Rural Sociology gave at the end of the meeting:

Number 1 - Group decided incorporation was not needed at this time and so voted.

Number 2 - Question, what is state 4-H business? What is district business and what is county business? The question was not answered but as each problem arose and was discussed, it was designated as one of the three.

Number 3 - Problems: extension, loaders, merchants, parents and the youngsters. Interlocking, although stated in different words - role of the loaders (parents) in respect to extension service. Board of directors for a rural youth education. We are the hired hands who will execute the program.

Shake down - did not stay on subject, others here at camp--camping experience good, good place to meet, to work, to exchange problems, ideas, get action, Mr. Tackott to get committees to carry out these things.

A widespread participation of many people--talk, get help, not self sufficient - extension service not self-sufficient--not for only a few.

Number 4 - Solutions: (1) Make job definite; (2) "Doing the leadership job" can be learned; (3) Continuing education of all people. (4) Takes cooperation of extension, parents, loaders, merchants, organizations, and youngsters to do the job. (5) More than one method of killing the cat--not on either-or proposition.

RALPH RAMSEY SUMMARY REPORT Continued. . .

Number 5 - Clarification of how extension program operates and details of 4-H Camps, activities, camping and shows.

Mr. Tackett then appointed the following committees:

4-H AND FFA:

Glen Clay, Chairman  
Mrs. William Edwards  
H. H. Barlow

Sponsorship:

Wayne Priest, Chairman  
William Earl Notherland  
Mrs. Zuma Sims

Co- Op-

William Tackett, Chairman  
And one from each district.

STATE FAIR:

Mrs. Varnor Loster, Chairman  
Herb Von Gruenigen  
Mrs. Stolla Wothington

Legislative:

Not yet appointed

Be sure that dues from your district for each county are in by the end of October. Send to State Treasurer, Mrs. Varnor Loster, Rose Hill, Kentucky

Mooting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Secretary