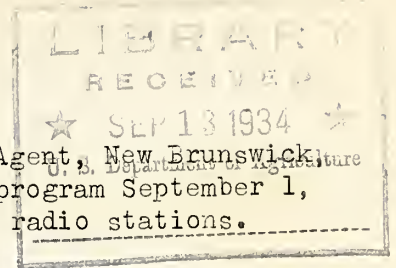


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TEAM DEMONSTRATIONS INFORM THE PUBLIC



A radio talk by B. F. Ramsburg, District Club Agent, New Brunswick, New Jersey, delivered in the National 4-H club radio program September 1, 1934, and broadcast by a network of 58 associated NBC radio stations.

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When speaking of 4-H Team Demonstrations, I do not think only of two, three or four 4-H club members demonstrating how they carry on a certain practice such as grading eggs, producing quality milk, canning vegetables, cooking or any of the numerous other practices 4-H club members carry on in their projects.

I think also of the many other ways 4-H club members as groups demonstrate to the public what they are doing. These may include regular teams demonstrating a practice; public club meetings; a show or fair put on by 4-H club members; or some other medium by which they demonstrate as groups to the public what they are doing and how they are doing it.

One instance of a regular demonstration team that certainly showed how a particular practice is carried on by 4-H club members was the work done by a team of 4-H poultry club members from Cumberland County, New Jersey. This team consisting of two club members, gave a clear cut exhibition of the correct way to grade eggs before the Convention of the South Jersey Poultry Association at Vineland last fall. The poultrymen who saw the work done by these boys learned the correct way to grade eggs if they did not know how before, judging from the number who commended the performance. The boys later repeated this demonstration at meetings of the various Granges in their county, where again it was enthusiastically received. These two club members not only know how to grade eggs themselves, but through their demonstrations have been able to give many other people the benefit of their knowledge.

Two interesting instances of how 4-H club members showed many of the people in their communities how they carry on their club meetings as well as their projects were programs given by the Rhode Hall 4-H poultry and forestry clubs of Middlesex County at a meeting of the Pioneer Grange of Dayton, and by the Friesburg 4-H dairy club of Salem County at a meeting of the Friesburg Grange.

Each of these clubs held a regular club meeting at the Grange meeting, explaining as well how they carry on their various 4-H projects. Grange members who were not familiar with how 4-H agricultural club work is carried on in their respective communities and with what 4-H club members are doing certainly got a good idea of it from the demonstrations put on by these clubs.

Another thing which was clearly shown was how the individual club members cooperate with each other. The members of both of these clubs made most of the plans for the programs. They, of course, had the help of their leaders, but these acted in the main only in advisory capacities.

Other instances where club members in even larger groups exhibit what they have accomplished by cooperation are the 4-H shows and fairs put on in

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several New Jersey counties where there are no county fairs. These activities are also planned and put on almost entirely by the club members themselves. Leaders and club agents help, of course, but the bulk of the work is done by the boys and girls.

The exhibits of livestock, poultry, vegetables, and forestry material sent in to the shows and fairs by 4-H club members are indicative of the type of club work that is being carried on in the various counties. The people that see these exhibits see the high type of dairy animals, swine, poultry or vegetables club members are raising. Many have commented that the animals exhibited by these boys and girls compare favorably with those exhibited by adults at many fairs.

The largest demonstration the 4-H club members give of the high type of livestock, poultry, vegetables and flowers they raise is, of course, the State 4-H show at Trenton Fair. Here they cannot take as active a part in planning and putting on the exhibit as they do in their local shows, but they do prepare their exhibits. The interest they arouse is shown in the capacity crowd that has filled the Colosseum for the past several years when the dairy animals have been judged.

I am sure that no one could see these different demonstrations of the high type of club work carried on by 4-H club members, and the high type of livestock, poultry, vegetables and flowers they raise, and not feel that the future of agriculture in New Jersey is in safe hands.

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