

Cooperative Extension Centennial Celebration
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As Cooperative Extension marks 100 years of working for Wisconsin, the following is an excerpt from Cooperative Extension in Grant County – The First Forty Years by Wilfred Pierick, written in 1963.

First Camp Held at Wyalusing

The first 4-H camp held in the southwest Wisconsin area was held in 1940 at Wyalusing State Park in Grant County. Sixty 4-H members from Grant and Crawford counties participated. Wakelin McNeel and Grace Rowntree of the College of Extension staff assisted on the camp staff this first year.

In 1941, the camp was held again at Wyalusing, having a total of eighty campers. The three day camp program included tours, nature study, handicraft, weed study, soil erosion, health, forestry study and demonstrations.

Other Events

A WLS sponsored Amateur Barn Dance Show was held in Lancaster in 1936 and again in 1937 for the purpose of raising money to pay 4-H expenses to State Fair.

On November 13, 1938, the Teacher's College at Platteville sponsored a district meeting for 4-H leaders, county agents, vocational agriculture teachers and older 4-H members from Iowa, Lafayette and Grant counties.

A 4-H Rally, for the purpose of teaching games, music judging and demonstrations, was held at Platteville on June 29, 1939.

Leaders Recognized

Thirteen 4-H adult leaders were recognized for five or more years of service to Grant county 4-H at the annual Grant County 4-H Achievement program held on October 26, 1940. T. L.

Bewick, state 4-H club leader, gave a short address at the event. The thirteen leaders were:

- 1 . Philip Bausman, Busy Brownies, Fennimore
- 2 . L. A. Benseid, Platteville
- 3 . M. W. Cooper, Fennimore
- 4 . Mrs. Fred Eisele, Busy Brownies, Fennimore
- 5 . Charles B. Finn, Patch Grove Handy Helpers
- 6 . Mrs. Ora Govier, Merry Mixers, Lancaster
- 7 . L. L. Griswold, Merry Mixers, Lancaster
- 8 . Wayne Jenkins, Badger Builders, Platteville
- 9 . Virgil Loy, Stitzer Go-Getters
- 10 . Mrs. C. O. Manuell, Smelser Boosters, Platteville
- 11 . Peter E. May, Cuba City Cardinals
- 12 . Milford Munns, Rising Sun, Fennimore
- 13 . Mrs. Charles Wieland, Hurricane Hustlers, Lancaster

County Board Appropriates for 4-H

The Grant County Board of Supervisors, at their November, 1940 session, appropriated \$600 for 4-H—\$100 to be used for the purchase of achievement pins and \$500 to assist with State Fair expenses and for 4-H fairs in the county.