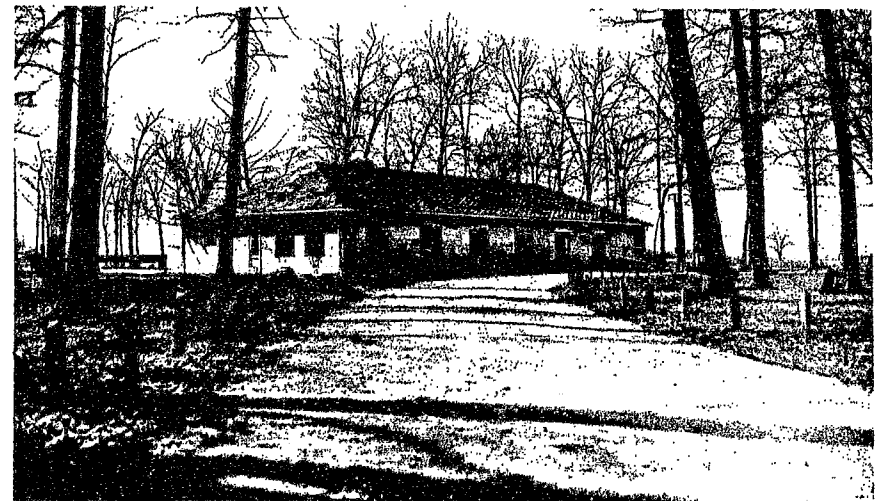


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White County Agricultural Association Inc.

(Source: W. J. Emerson's 1949 Annual Narrative Report)

This non-profit corporation was formed in 1940 to receive and handle the County Appropriations for Agricultural extension work, especially 4-H Club Exhibit premiums, trips and awards. The association's constitution and bylaws provide for its perpetual existence. Each township selects or elects its director.

Articles of Incorporation of White County Agricultural Association Inc.

The Articles of Incorporation of the White County Agricultural Association, Inc. were approved and filed on July 30, 1942.

The purposes for which it is formed are as follows:

1. To further the use of better agricultural practices by the farmers of White County, Indiana;
2. To promote the Co-operative Extension Work in Agriculture and Home Economics in White County, Indiana;
3. To sponsor the 4-H Club Work among the boys and girls of White County, Indiana by supplying certain premiums and awards.

The Incorporators were:

George Ruemler, Chalmers
Wm. H. Carter, Brookston
Leslie H. Paschen, Monticello
Ralph Nogle, Buffalo
Glenn Wright, Idaville
Mrs. Florence Wynkoop, Wolcott
Mrs. V. L. Huey, Monticello
Ernest Conder, Wolcott
Carl Tatum, Brookston
John Wagner, Chalmers
Chester Broughton, Burnettsville
Mrs. Lowell Goss, Wolcott

Members of the first board of directors were:

George Ruemler, Chalmers
Wm. H. Carter, Brookston
Leslie H. Paschen, Monticello
Ralph Nogle, Buffalo
Glenn Wright, Idaville
Mrs. Florence Wynkoop, Wolcott
Mrs. V. L. Huey, Monticello

Permanent 4-H Club Ground Site Selected

On December 8, (1947) the White County Agricultural Committee, county agent and home agent toured several spots in the county which were prospective 4-H club fairground sites. Sites were in Monon, Reynolds, and Brookston. After the tour, the committee met in the County Extension Office and approved the 16 acres in Reynolds. A finance, building and publicity committee were appointed.

In January, the Reynolds Lions Club turned the deed for the Fair Grounds over to the White County Agricultural Association.

White Co. Ag Assn. To Inspect Proposed Fair Sites

(Source: Monticello Herald Newspaper Article December 1, 1947)

Members of the White County Agricultural Association, Inc., will meet next Monday, December 8th, at the office of County Agent W. J. Emerson in the post office building. They will leave at 9 o'clock for a tour of the county where they will view proposed sites for the 4-H club fair grounds. Proposed sites are: the Monticello City Park, Lake View Home, Monon Park, Mayfield land at Reynolds, and Brookston. Several other places have also been suggested. Anyone having any suggestions or places to be inspected for such proposed fairgrounds are asked to get in touch with the county agent before next Monday.

Members of the Association who will make the tour are: Big Creek, Paul Yoder; Honey Creek, Adlai Wolf, Jr.; Jackson, Chester Broughton; Liberty, Ralph Nogle; Lincoln, Glenn Wright; Monon, John Brown; Prairie, Harold Wesner, Brookston; Princeton, Joe Trachsel; Union, Leslie Paschen; and Ernest Sanbloom of West Point. Members from Round Grove and Cass townships have not yet been selected. County Agent Emerson will accompany the group.

Transfer of Deed for Land

The deed to the land for the 4-H Fairgrounds at Reynolds was transferred by Clifford H. Mayfield and Anne Mayfield to the White County Agricultural Association, Inc. on February 19, 1948 for "One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations".

The Graves Abstract Company of Monticello prepared the abstract of title to the following tract of land: S 1/2 - SW 1/4 - SW 1/4 27-27-4 for a sum of \$34.00 on February 24, 1948.

White County 4-H Club Grounds

(Source: 1954 Reynolds Centennial Book publication)

The Reynolds Lions Club promoted, and, through popular subscription in Reynolds and surrounding communities, collected the funds used in the purchase of the first parcel of ground, consisting of 14.5 acres, from Dr. C. H. Mayfield, for \$2,800.00 in the fall of 1948.

In 1952 an additional 5 acres were purchased from Frieda Heimlich, for \$2,500.00.

Building construction started in May, 1949.

Just in connection with this, at the early date of 1858, we are told the citizens of Reynolds and vicinity, organized what was called "The People Agriculture Society" the first of this nature in the County. The purpose being to promote better practices, in Agriculture, Horticulture, and Stock Breeding.

Just a thought: What a surprise would be in store for them, if these early settlers could return and see our present up to date 4-H Club Grounds, dedicated to carry forward and promote the ideas they had inaugurated, at that early date.

After receiving the above bit of information, we feel assured that locating the 4-H Club Grounds, in Reynolds is nothing more than a dream come true.

First White County 4-H Fair

The first White County 4-H Fair held in Reynolds was from Wednesday, August 10, 1949, to Friday, August 12, 1949.

4-H Fairgrounds Dedication

(Source: County Agent W. J. Emerson's 1949 Annual Narrative Report.)

A crowd of over 3,000 people was in attendance Wednesday night, August 10, 1949, for the impressive dedicatory program for the new White County 4-H Fairgrounds, located at the northeast edge of Reynolds. Taking part in the ceremonies were a large part of the 782 4-H boys and girls in the county, who were recognized when they came to the platform carrying their individual township banners; the White County Agricultural Association officials; the White County Home Economics Club Chorus; R. D. Hull of Purdue University, designer of the grounds; and L. E. Hoffman, Purdue Associate Director of Agricultural Extension.

County Agent W. J. Emerson presided at the opening program, and introduced the various clubs of the county as they came to the platform. After the 12 townships made their entries and took their places in front, a 13th banner carrying the clubs' motto, "To Make the Best Better," was brought to the platform and Miss Patricia Mahin of Chalmers led the assemblage in the pledge to the American flag, after which the 4-H'ers gave the pledge to the 4-H flag and sang their song.

The program was then turned over to Leslie H. Paschen of Monticello, president of the Agricultural Association, who presided at the dedicatory ceremonies. Mr. Paschen stated the grounds had been deeded to the Agricultural Association for the betterment of 4-H youth, and that the project was achieved by the combined efforts of the people of the entire county. He told how the 14 1/2 acres of grounds had been made available by a gift from the residents of Honey Creek township, \$10,000 had been appropriated by the county, and citizens had given \$12,000 in cash together with countless donations of materials, services and manpower totaling thousands of dollars.

The White County Home Economics Club Chorus, directed by Mrs. Arthur Anderson, with Mrs. Robert Carter as accompanist, rendered two numbers.

Miss Joy Wolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adlai Wolf, of Reynolds, delighted the audience with two numbers, and was accompanied by Mrs. Burdell Wolf.

R. D. Hull of Purdue University, who was architect and designer of the grounds, said, "The spirit of the old barn raising days is not gone. It is exemplified here tonight with the dedication of these grounds. It also gives promise of greater things to come for White County."

L. E. Hoffman lauded the citizens of the county for the splendid fair project. "You did not go to Washington for help, you did not ask the state legislature for help, the citizens of White County did it themselves! You got so much more out of it. This park will never be completed, for the citizens will be continually improving it for a greater 4-H and development of White County."

Invocation on the program was given by Rev. Herbert Petrich, pastor of the St. James Lutheran Church at Reynolds.

At 10:30 o'clock the Buccaneers from WLS, Chicago, who entertained during the afternoon, gave their final performance, which was witnessed by a big crowd.

Wednesday afternoon the Beef show was held with John Flora of Chalmers winning the grand championship with his Hereford, and Orville Ponto of Chalmers winning reserve championship with his Angus. Sixty-two calves were shown.

Many farmers assisted with the construction of the huge livestock shed, 48' X 156'. Although many believed it was too large, it could not hold the livestock entries brought in by boys and girls. It was necessary to put the sheep in a separate big pen outside. The cattle section had 15 more head than the barn had been planned for, and the swine were doubled up.

A splendid show of home economics exhibits was arranged in the new women's building, which included clothing, food preparation, canning, and vegetables of the 4-H members and the township Home Economics project lesson exhibits. A part of the exhibits of clothing was left at the Reynolds school building on account of the women's building not being completed.

The thousands of visitors were very much impressed Wednesday night with White County's 4-H Fairgrounds, and made many complimentary remarks.

There was a splendid display of farm implements, automobiles, and appliances. A number of organizations operated eating stands and were enjoying a splendid patronage.

White County Agricultural Association Inc.

(Source: W. J. Emerson's 1949 Annual Narrative Report)

The group (Ag. Association) is now in the process of building permanent 4-H Club exhibit buildings and grounds. A fifteen acre wooded tract of land was secured near Reynolds. White County appropriated \$10,000 for this purpose. The townships raised a similar amount by donations.

This building is to be used by all agricultural organizations of the county for meetings, sales, exhibits and recreation.

This Association received from White County \$2500 to maintain and add to the 4-H Club Grounds during 1950. They also requested \$1200 for 4-H premiums trips and awards. Both requests were granted and the money was used.

1949 Agricultural Association Members

Paul Yoder, Monticello
Chester Broughton, Burnettsville
Ralph Nogle, Monticello
Glenn Wright, Idaville
John C. Brown, Monon
Harold Wesner, Brookston
Joe Trachsel, Wolcott

Leslie H. Paschen, Monticello
Alfred Hartke, Chalmers
Herbert Harmon, Brookston
Charles MacKinnon, Royal Center
Adlai Wolf, Jr., Reynolds
Maurice Erickson, Jr., Brookston

The White County 4-H Program...Then & Now

	1949	1998
Number of 4-H Clubs	26 (13 boys and 13 girls)	19 (4 Ag, 4 Home Environment, 5 County, 6 General)
Number of 4-H Leaders	26 (plus 72 advisors)	43 (plus 227 other adult volunteers)
Number of 4-H Members	782	803
Number of Girls	418	431
Number of Boys	364	369
% from Farm Homes	87.5	40%
% from Nonfarm Homes	12.5	60%
Number of Members Trained in Judging	452	107
Number of Members in Demonstrations	222	7
Officer Training Attendance	143	not held
Total 4-H Fair Exhibits	1,164 (701 girls, 463 boys)	2,712
Number of Different Projects	20 (6 girls' projects, 14 boys' projects)	95 (open to all members)
Junior Leaders	75	68
Girls' Projects		
Food selection, preparation, and/or baking	295	87
Food preservation (including frozen foods)	17	
Clothing	152	49
Home furnishings and room improvement	7	4
Boys' Projects		
Corn	51	4
Soybeans, field peas, alfalfa, & other legumes	11	4
Potatoes, Irish and sweet	18	0
Home gardens	72	16
Poultry	43 (includes 4,260 birds)	27
Dairy Cattle	36	16
Beef Cattle	51	75
Sheep	20	44
Swine	68	254
Horses and mules	0	60
Rabbits	3	56
Bees	2	0
Wildlife and nature study (game and fur animals)	2	7
All others	12	986

1949 Girls' 4-H Club Leaders

Mrs. Russell Reiff, Burnettsville
Mrs. Rosemary Marvin, Idaville
Mrs. Clarence Pherson, Liberty
Mrs. Vivian Myers, Chalmers
Miss Avis Rish, Brookston
Mrs. Francis Empson, Monon
Mrs. Lawrence Kendall, Princeton

Mrs. Norman Buss, Reynolds
Mrs. Roseland Clark, Union
Mrs. Basil Gray, Cass
Mrs. Dale Carson, Round Grove
Mrs. Sanbloom, West Point (East side)
Miss Mabel Griffin, West Point (West side)

1949 Boys' 4-H Club Leaders

Richard A. Chitty, Chalmers
Mrs. Basil Gray, Idaville
Edward Brehmer, Reynolds
Raymond Skelton, Burnettsville
Clarence Pherson, Monticello
Forrest Nickler, Monon
E. C. Dykehuizen, Brookston

William Pender, Wolcott
L. Dewey Burham, Brookston
L. H. Paschen, Monticello
Robert Million, Monticello
Cecil Wilkerson, Chalmers
Paul Clauss, Wolcott

White County 4-H Club Committee

Morris Erickson, Brookston
Clarence Pherson, Monticello
Paul Yoder, Monticello
William Pender, Wolcott
Edward Brehmer, Reynolds

Mrs. Margaret Carson, Brookston
Mrs. Newell Timmons, Monticello
Mrs. Clarence Pherson, Monticello
Rev. Raymond Skelton, Burnettsville

The 4-H Girls' Clubs

(Source: Bonnie Macauley's 1949 Annual Narrative Report)

"The purpose of these clubs is to enrich girls knowledge of homemaking practices and to enable them to develop skills which will help them be more successful future leaders and homemakers."

The 4-H Corn Club

(Source: W. J. Emerson's 1949 Annual Narrative Report)

"The 4-H Corn Club is organized so as to be available to any boy or girl living anywhere in White County. The projects are supervised by local agricultural teachers or adult 4-H club leaders in each community. Records are required and either an exhibit or tour must be held or conducted. In 1949, 58 members were enrolled and 51 completed their club work. They grew a total of 982 acres using the best recognized corn growing practices. The corn club 4-H members exhibited a total of 106 exhibits at four local township and the County corn show, October 31. At these exhibits commercial classes were emphasized rather than the ten ear show exhibit.

The information obtained from the summary of this club as to rotation, cultural practices, fertilizers and varieties is used by the Extension Agents in the Extension meetings on Corn Growing and by the Agriculture teachers in the public schools.

51 boys were enrolled in the 4-H poultry club with 43 showing exhibits at the County exhibit. These members owned a total of 4260 birds. The scope of the 4-H poultry club work ranges from growing 100 baby chicks by the first year members to the keeping of complete records on the entire farm flock throughout the entire year.

In 1949, 76 were enrolled in the Swine Clubs with 68 members exhibiting 208 Hampshires, 156 Durocs, 132 Polands, and 120 Chester Whites. During the year, 6 judging teams were trained and exhibits were shown at the county fair. Four county pig tours were held in 1949. Eight township tours were held by local leaders, in which the rations, equipment, and management were compared and studied."

4-H Recommendations and Outlook

(Source: Alice Nickel Chitty's 1949 Annual Narrative Report)

4-H club work has grown this past year in White County. This has been due to a larger number of organized clubs, more effective local leadership, and the completion of a County 4-H Club Grounds. As more buildings are placed on the County 4-H Club grounds, interest, enrollment, and completion in 4-H club work should continue to rise. With the help of the County 4-H Club leader more supervision has been given to 4-H members and local leaders. Club work should continue to grow in White County.

4-H Fairgrounds Building Construction Dates

Arena - 1959 - 80 X 120

Exhibit Building - North - 1949 - 40 X 98

Exhibit Building - South - 1967 - 40 X 90

Sheep - 1949 - 48 X 156

Beef - 1953 - 56 X 108

Swine (1) - 1964 - 60 X 182

Swine (2) - 1985 - 36 X 80

Swine (3) - 1989 - 35 X 80 concrete slab; shell constructed 1994

Dairy/Goats - 1974 - 60 X 96

Rabbit/Poultry - 1984 - 48 X 64

Horse & Pony (1) - 1979 - 60 X 64

Horse & Pony (2) - 1989 - 60 X 64

Horse & Pony Addition to 1 - 1996 - 60 X 64

Horse Arena (1) - 1971 - 100 X 200

Horse Arena (2) - 1993 -

Horse Announcers' Stand - 1995

Stage

Extension Homemakers - 1985

Fair Office

Dairy Bar - 1984

Pork Producers - 1989

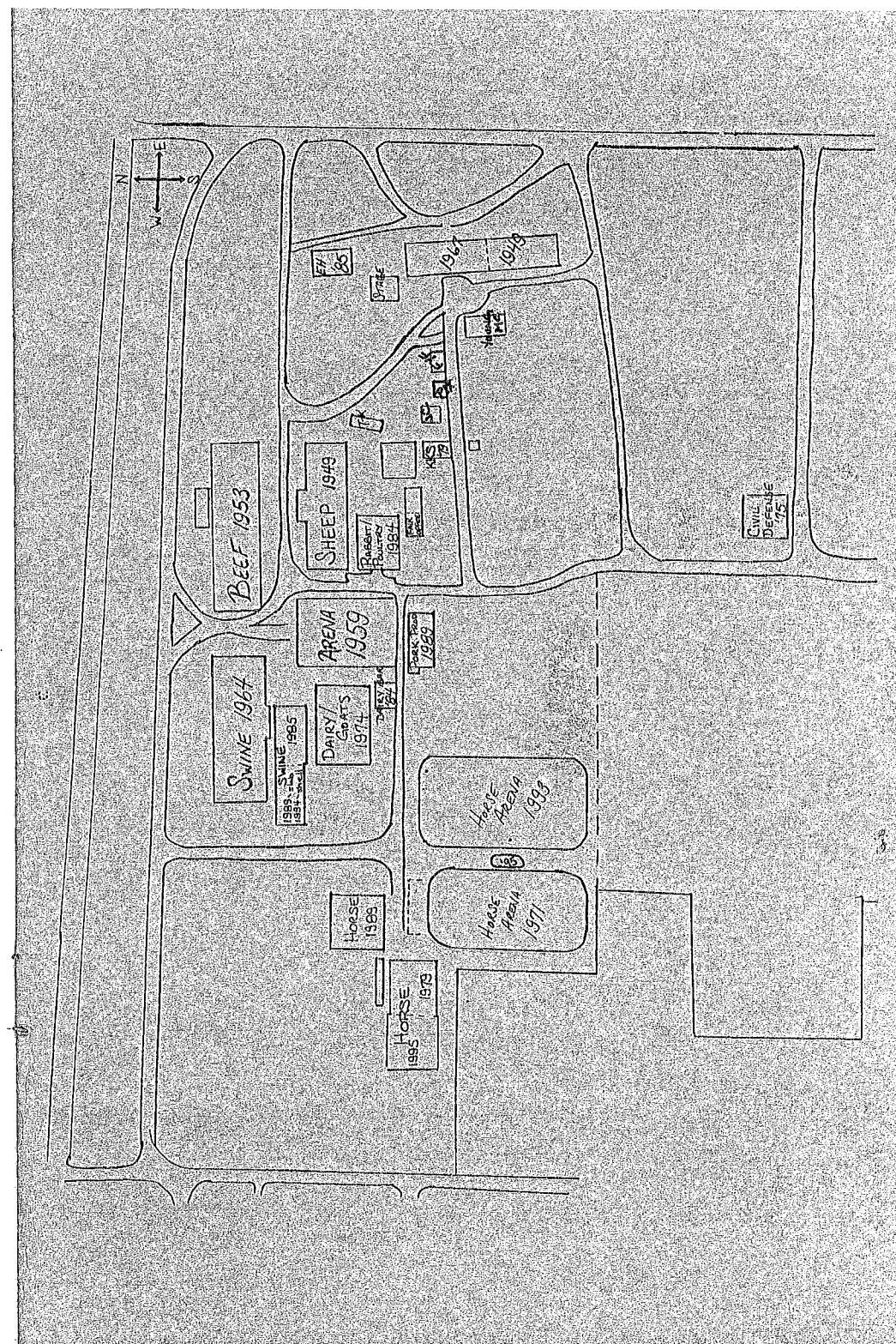
Tri-Kappa - Monon

Kappa Kappa Sigma - Chalmers Sorority - 1979 - 16 X 24

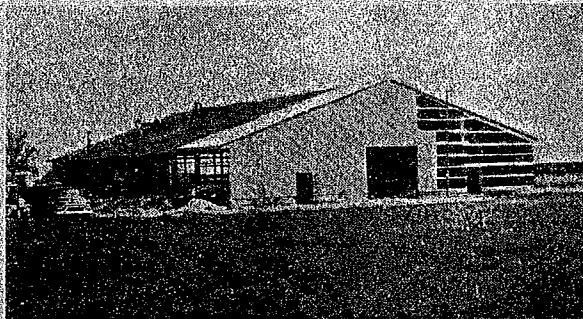
Brookston Sorority - 1997 - 13 X 18

Frontier Young Farmers - 1978

Civil Defense - 1975



White County 4-H Club Grounds



New Arena Building

