

Annual reports are carefully examined

Reflections from ROS

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Maybe some of you (secretaries in particular) wonder what we do with the annual reports each institute is asked to send into the ROS Branch every year.

Well, I assure you, they are all looked at very carefully. We are especially interested in the centre section of the report which asks you to outline your participation and sponsorship of ROS branch programs in the preceding year.

This past year is the first time the question has been worded that way and I suspect some of you had a little trouble distinguishing the difference between sponsorship and participation. In the summer issue of Home and Country (p. 14), there is an article describing what is involved in sponsoring or co-sponsoring a program. If you have some doubts, please refer to that article.

I would like to share the response to these questions with you in chart form. It was interesting to me that an

average of 57 per cent of the branches sponsored a 4-H Club, and an average of 52 per cent participated in an adult program.

The number of branches co-sponsoring programs in 1984 was almost negligible at three per cent. You may be interested to see how your area stacks up against the average.

I was particularly surprised to see only half of the institutes participated in adult programs. Where were the other half? Are the programs not of interest? Is the timing wrong?

Please let your Rural Organizations Specialist know what program topics would be of interest to you. It is only with this kind of feedback that we can continue to offer programs relevant to your needs.

It is good to see many institutes continue to take an active interest in the 4-H program. If your community does not have a 4-H club, then this International Year of the Youth would be an opportune time to start one. Make it your IYY project.

Keep up the good work, ladies!

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AREA	TOTAL # OF BRANCHES	ADULT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION	ADULT PROGRAM CO-SPONSORSHIP	4-H SPONSORSHIP
OTTAWA	136	62%	7%	65%
KINGSTON	49	60%	6%	61%
TRENT VALLEY	75	71%	2%	53%
CENTRAL	135	63%	1.4%	50%
GUELPH	109	74%	1 branch	66%
SIMCOE	77	28.5%	1 branch	56%
GREY/BRUCE	112	45.5%	14%	67%
HAMILTON	115	63%	1 branch	59%
LONDON	120	45%	1.6%	75%
*SOUTH WESTERN	69	35%	6%	49%
NORTHERN	43	44%	—	42%
COCHRANE/TEM.	16	75%	—	19%
NORTH CENTRAL	52	15%	—	36%
*NORTH WESTERN	38	23.6%	—	23.6%
TOTAL/AVERAGE	1146	52%	3.6%	57%

* 1 district missing at time of printing