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111. SUMMARY OF INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES

Days in field.....	78
Days in office.....	206½
Days annual leave.....	21½
Days sick leave.....	0
Days leave without pay.....	0
Legal holidays taken.....	7
Number home visits made (adult).....	724
Number 4-H Club members visited.....	75
Total number different homes visited.....	277
Number office calls.....	251
Number telephone calls.....	105
Number news articles or stories published.....	62
Number individual letters written.....	1 424
Number different circular letters written.....	25
Number meetings attended.....	323
Number miles traveled.....	12,272

IV. THE COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE

Greene County is located on the Southeast side of the Blue Ridge Mountains about one hundred miles southwest of Washington, D.C. The County is bound by Albemarle, Orange, Madison, Page, and Rockingham Counties. The nearest towns of interest are Harrisonburg and Charlottesville.

About twelve square miles of the mountainous area of the County has been taken over by the Government as part of the Shenandoah National Park and hundreds of families have been moved out of the mountains. However, there are still several hundred families living on small rocky farms that are too steep and too poor to be cultivated profitably. These people have intermarried until there is an astounding amount of feeble-mindedness, epilepsy and other physical defects.

66% of the farm workers have marginal incomes. The assessed value per capita, real estate, and personal property is \$196. At the foot of the mountains is a fairly rich valley consisting of good farming land. There are enough forests and streams for good pastures. The land is rolling and well drained.

One of Greene County's most abundant natural resources is rocks. There is a sufficient supply for road construction and any type of masonry. The streams are harnessed to operate many small grist mills which make the finest grade of corn meal. They also are a drawing card for bringing in tourist to fish. The pasture land of blue grass furnish feed for beef cattle which bring top prices on the market.

The people are mostly descendants of some Hessian soldiers who remained in America after the Revolutionary War. The mountain dwellers

are a rather thriftless type of people. The more energetic men have brought their families out into the valleys and have been able to make most satisfactory livings and accumulate small estates.

The homes are about the same as we would find in any section of the country. The poorest families live in two or three room huts made of logs or very inferior lumber. They all have plenty of ventilation. As the standard of living improves the people find better and larger homes, which are either frame, stucco, cinderblock, brick or rock. They range in size from five to twelve rooms.

The chief sources of income are beef cattle, hogs, sheep, poultry, tourists, trucks, general merchantile businesses, garages, filling stations and hatcheries. Home demonstration work has made several important changes in the County. The standard of living has been raised, many conveniences have been placed in the homes and on the farms.

The soil conservation program has improved the land and increased the farm income. More electricity is being placed in homes to lighten the work of both farm man and woman.

V. FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF WORK

Home demonstration work is supported by a County board of supervisors which consists of three men who are elected every four years, one from each district, at the general election. The amount of the appropriation was increased in 1936 and again in 1938.

The county officers have been most cooperative in helping the agent secure a satisfactory office that is large enough to hold meetings in, and is also light and airy. The County Homemaking Board which will be described fully in the next paragraph raises a small amount of money each year to supplement the County appropriation.

VI. WOMEN'S WORK

The women's work in the County is directed by an organization called "The County Homemaking Board." It is made up of the professional home economists and the officers (president, vice-president and secretary) of each club and a few women who are chosen from "at large" because of their interest in the work, their progressive influence and ability to help plan for better rural life and then in executing the plans.

This board serves as a clearing house at which the various agricultural agencies explain their programs and adjust them so as to eliminate duplications. The professional workers meet a few weeks before the date set for the Meeting of the Homemaking Board and discuss the general County needs, so as to have definite problems to submit to the board to be worked on. At the general meeting these county needs are presented and the women discuss them with the professional workers to complete plans and find ways of carrying out plans for the advancement of the county's welfare.

This board gives the various agencies an opportunity to understand the program being conducted by each group. It is a very efficient clearing house. This organization meets twice a year. Once in the spring to weigh needs and formulate plans for the next year. The subject for major emphasis, the campaign topic and federation goals are chosen. Then after the members have presented the tentative schedules and the clubs have passed on them the board meets again in the fall and adopts the program and works out ways to present the program in the various communities. The chairman of the board presents

this plan at the State meeting.

There is a county homemaking committee, consisting of the chairman of each club in the county, the chairman of the Homemaking Board, the professional worker and the state specialists. This committee met in the fall with the chairmen of the various clubs, the county home demonstration agent, and the state food specialist and made out a county program, month by month, designating what each demonstration in the project for major emphasis would be and when it would be given. The chairmen then presented this program to their clubs along with the campaign plans and federation goals selected to be adopted.

The women attending the meeting had discussed the needs of the community with the club women prior to the planning meeting so were ready to speak up and ask for things that would be a very definite help to the people. The home demonstration clubs are made up of the women of the county who are progressive enough to feel a desire to better their conditions. The homes they come from range from the very low or submarginal to those of very high standards. There is also a wide range in their capability and advantages. These clubs meet regularly each month. The largest club has thirty-eight members and the smallest about eight. In all but two cases the women live close enough to the community center to walk to the meetings. In one of the two the agent has to go from home to home and gather up the women and take them to and from the meetings. The other club is composed of women who own cars and can provide their own transportation.

Each club is organized with a president, vice-president, secretary,

(some have treasurers, others do not,) a reporter, and two leaders.

The duty of the reporter is to write articles about the club and its meetings and see to having them published in the local papers. The leaders are appointed to attend the four leader training meetings which are held to give training to these women so that they can give the demonstrations at the club meetings.

A club program is made out and adopted in November. This year the plan called for a Christmas party in December to which either the whole community or just the family of the members are invited according to the size of the place in which the party is to be given. January was devoted to a discussion of gardens, which was our campaign topic, February, March and September were reserved for demonstrations on the major project, April to the Federation Goals, May to flowers and flower arrangements and two clubs held small flower shows in June, the other clubs had special demonstrations on clothing. Each club had an outing in July or August. Some picnicked on the Skyline Drive, others visited historical points of interest. The clubs that picnicked in July devoted August to fall gardens and those who went on outings in August devoted July to fall gardens. The October meetings, canning contests or club fairs were held to select the canning displays for Achievement Day. November is reorganization month.

The clubs usually have a community project which they work on during the year. Some of them for this year were--a clean-up campaign to get all the rubbish hauled out of town. Six clubs sponsored hot

lunches in the schools. Two assisted with community fairs to raise money to help equip schools in their communities.

The president, vice-president, and the secretary become members of the Homemaking Board and the president of the County Home Demonstration Committee.

There are approximately one thousand white homemakers in the county. Home demonstration work is reaching two hundred thirty-eight homemakers directly and five hundred seventy-three indirectly.

The enrollments in clubs for the last three years are shown in the table below.

Year	Number Clubs	Membership	Number Reached Indirectly
1937	10	179	468
1938	10	231	473
1939	9	238	573

There are three magisterial districts in Greene County, Monroe with four clubs, Ruckersville with one and Stanardsville with four.

Ruckersville District is more thinly settled and more women drive cars so they can come from longer distances to a club meeting, therefore, there is not a need for as many clubs as in the other districts. In Stanardsville and Monroe Districts practically all the women walk to and from meetings. This necessitates having smaller clubs and more of them.

When the committee met to plan the program for this year they took into consideration the fact that the women had worked on house dresses,

work clothes and children's garments. Thus the results indicated that the women would profit by having another years work in clothing. The plan was worked out so that women in the low income bracket could continue making inexpensive dresses but do them better, and the women of higher incomes could go into more difficult work.

After the county program was worked out each club selected the two women who were the most skilled in sewing and could be of most assistance to the agent to be leaders. Four leader training meetings were held to give the leaders special training in leadership. These all day meetings were held in the Home Demonstration Agent's office. The state clothing specialist was present at three of them and gave the demonstration, the home demonstration agent gave the other. In two of the clubs the leaders gave two of the demonstrations. In all the other clubs the leaders assisted with the demonstrations.

In several clubs it was necessary to begin right down at the very beginning and explain the patterns and how to lay them on the materials, because new members had joined the group or because the women did not have confidence enough in themselves to go on and cut into their materials. To spoil the dress would have meant a great loss to them.

For these clubs, special all day meetings were held at homes where several tables could be provided to use for cutting out garments. In some cases as many as four women were cutting out dresses at the same time under the supervision of the leaders and the agent. To be sure that the garments fitted and that the women could go on with them, the women were urged to baste the garments so that they could be fitted before the meeting adjourned.

One meeting was held on accessories. The agent and leaders made up a large number of different kinds of collar and cuff sets, vests, belts, false fronts, etc. At the meetings these articles were used to show how a foundation dress could be changed to fit various needs. One meeting was held on remodeling dresses and coats. In several cases, the women were able to go to mission clothing bureaus and buy dresses and coats from the missionaries that were made of beautiful material and then remodel them. When finished the dresses looked like expensive garments. One hundred ninety-two new dresses were made at an estimated saving of \$245. One hundred twenty other garments at a saving of \$145. One hundred sixty-five garments were remodeled at a saving of \$350. One hundred sixty-five women reported improving their grooming and forty-eight improving the type of shoes worn.

The REA is working on extending a line through Greene County. This effort has spurred the Madison Power Company to greater activity. As a result, eight homes with which the agent works installed new light systems, fifty-eight better lamps were secured, seven lamps were made from oil lamps, jugs, etc. Thirty-six small appliances were bought.

Two demonstrations were given in converting oil lamps into electric lights. This was done late in the year, therefore, only a few women had an opportunity to convert their lamps before report time.

This has been a year of unusual home repair. Forty women reported improving the treatment of walls. One woman had tried for several years to get her dining room and kitchen painted without results. This year without saying anything to her husband she purchased the paint from a mail order house with money she had secured from her poultry. The first

day her husband left home for all day she started painting. She placed two chairs on a table and used a plank across the chairs to make a platform to stand on. When the husband returned, he found a large part of the room painted. He was so pleased with the results that he wanted to hire the rest done, but she stuck to the job and finished it, putting two coats on each room. The money saved in labor bought paint for a third room.

Late last year a demonstration was given in making slip covers and reupholstering. This year sixty-six pieces were refinished, two reupholstered, forty-one slip covered and sixty-eight chairs and stools were reseatd at a total saving of \$758. Forty-one homes were repaired on the outside. The repairs included painting houses, mending roofs, fixing chimneys and repairing windows and porches.

A small handicraft shop has been opened in the county by one of the missionaries. It has furnished a market for small articles which can be sold for from ten cents to one dollar. A few things of higher price handled, but did not go so well. Demonstrations were given to groups in making corn shuck mats, weaving mats from yarn or rags. One woman became so enthused over her mat which was intended for a hot dish mat that she made it large enough for a hearth rug. She wanted to sell it, but her daughter would not let her.

Poultry is becoming quite an economic item in this county. There are two hatcheries which buy eggs from flocks that are certified and reach their standards. This market has increased the price and to have the hens produce more and better eggs, the general feeding and breeding

methods have been adopted. Among those reporting, seventy-eight are following improved breeding plans, eighty-nine purchasing baby chicks, eighty-nine following feeding recommendations and one hundred nine sanitation recommendations in disease and parasite control. Fifteen farms had improved equipment. Greene County is near Charlottesville which provides a good market for chickens and eggs.

Food preservation is one of the largest household activities of the homemakers in Greene. They take pride in canning a very large part of the food supply. The canning done is a very high quality. Last year exhibits taken from the pantry shelves won a placing in the state canning contest. This year the women reported canning 11,576 quarts of tomatoes, 27,808 quarts of other vegetables, 19,840 quarts of fruit and fruit juice, 9,480 quarts of meat, 9,323 quarts of preserves, jellies and jams, making a total of 77,826 quarts valued at \$16,728.90. The emphasis that extension work has placed on canning of fruits and vegetables has increased the amount of them canned and decreased the pickles, jellies, jams and other highly seasoned products. Six clubs held club canning contests to show the type of work they had done, and to have the three best exhibits chosen for the County contest to be held at Achievement Day. The exhibits would do a credit to any group of women. The women made canning budgets at the April meeting of the clubs and estimated the amount of food that would be needed by each family for the month in which the gardens did not supply the needs.

In each case checked on by the home demonstration agent, the homemaker had canned more than the budget called for. Some of the women explained that they had exceeded their needs because they wanted to contribute to the hot lunch project at the schools, others that they expected to give canned goods to needy families and others for Christmas presents. Some said, "Well you never can tell what kind of a season we will have next year so I thought I had better save what I had."

This year the clubs have put most of their community effort on hot lunches for the school children. Six clubs voted to sponsor the hot lunch project in the school in their communities. They canned food to be served, bought dishes and equipment, and supplied other needed assistance. They gave lawn parties, suppers and plays to raise money for which to buy three cook stoves, enough pots, pans and kettle for preparing the meals.

WPA supplied workers to do the actual cooking and serving. The children in the schools were asked to bring canned food, potatoes, dried vegetables such as peas, beans, etc. The home demonstration agent supervised the planning of menus and as often as convenient the serving. All the children in the six schools were served without additional cost to the pupils. Usually the children were served soup and bread or a plate lunch consisting of a dried and a green vegetable such as cole slaw and navy beans, string beans and mashed potatoes, kidney beans and dried fruit, and bread. The children improved in conduct, amount and quality of work done and in weight. In one school the teachers had the children weighed

before they started serving lunches and then again at the close of school. The children had gained so much weight the teachers thought that their scales must be wrong and took the children to a country store to check the weight gained. At several of the schools the teachers worked untiringly this summer to see that food was brought in to be canned.

One club sponsors a general clean-up of its neighborhood which happens to be the County seat. A date was set for the housewives to have all their rubbish ready and trucks were sent from door to door to collect and haul it off.

The club women have felt for a long time that the young folks in this county do not have enough recreation so one home demonstration club planned and organized a recreational club which met twice a month. Two members of the home demonstration club attended the meetings and directed the games. The agent was only present at two of the meetings. The club worked up a play and lawn party combination and raised some money with which to build a outdoor fireplace next spring.

Other clubs planned at least two events at which they entertained the 4-H club girls. The events were usually a summer picnic and a Christmas party.

The home demonstration clubs elected two women from each club to serve as leaders. These women were chosen because of their ability to sew and their position as leaders in the community. At the time of election they were told that they would be expected to attend three

leader training meetings and then either give the demonstrations or assist the agent in giving them.

The leaders were notified when the training meeting would be held at least two weeks in advance. The meetings were held in the home demonstration agent's office and lasted all day. Either the state clothing specialists or the agent gave the demonstrations to the leaders that were to be given at the next two club meetings. The leaders were asked to bring materials suitable for the demonstration that they would like to work on. The specialists and the agent assisted the women with their problems and tried to show them how they could present the information gained to the women of their respective clubs.

The leaders showed marked improvement in their ability to either give the demonstration or assist the agent with it. In two of the clubs the leaders were able to give the entire demonstration, in the others the leaders could only assist. The agent felt the progress made by the leaders in their increased confidence in themselves, their ability to stand up and talk, and in handling the materials was well worth while. And in some cases quite an accomplishment.

The County campaign for 1939 was "A Year Round Garden." The organization of the campaign consisted of a county chairman and a committee in each club and two demonstration gardens. The goal set was to reach at least five hundred homes. To do this, enrollment cards were placed in the hands of the committees. The cards read as follows: I wish to enroll in the garden campaign and will try to carry out the

suggestions checked below:

1. I will plant my garden early enough to be using at least six vegetables by the 1st of July.
2. I will plant at least 18 vegetables in the garden.
3. I will make plantings in July and August for Fall and Winter garden. (Suggested plantings: snaps, corn, kale, spinach, carrots, beets, turnips, etc.)
4. I will have vegetables in my garden the year round.
5. I will try to can at least 40 quarts of vegetables for each member of my family.

The chairman contacted all the women working on WPA and as many of the wives of men on WPA as possible and had them sign up. The club members were all asked to enroll and to get some other woman in the community who was not a club member to enroll. The agent visited as many of the homes as she could and gave timely helps. A letter was sent to each person enrolled each month with suggestions of things to do at that time. The club women visited women they enrolled to keep them encouraged and up to date. The agent requested the assistance of the state garden specialists, but because of his heavy schedule was able to get him for only one afternoon.

Five hundred and seventy three people were enrolled. At the close of the year a report was asked for to find out how effective the campaign was. 68% had gardens with six vegetables ready for consumption by July 1. 5% did not. There was no reply from the rest. 54%

had eighteen vegetables in the garden; 5% had more; 14% had less than eighteen vegetables; 58% made plantings in July and August for fall and winter gardens. This low percent was due to a very dry season during July, August and September. 36% had vegetables in the garden the year round. The families averaged canning over 228 quarts of vegetables per family.

The Episcopal Mission Board has opened a handicraft shop on the Spotswood Trail which leads to the Sk, line Drive. This shop handled any articles the women from Greene would make and send to it. Sixteen women sold at the shop. However, the income from it was not so good this year because the tourist trade fell off to such a low number. This decline was caused by people going to the World's Fairs and the opening of another link in the Skyline Drive which took the people on through to Waynesboro and Front Royal.

Although there is a very definite need for more and better recreation in this county it has been hard to do anything about. The home demonstration clubs have endeavored to hold at least two recreational events during the year to which the members of the families in the community are invited. They have been in the form of outdoor picnicks held in the summer at which dinners were cooked on grills in picnic grounds or trips to historical points of interest. The other was either a flower show, tea or party. These events have helped add to the community spirit and club interest. One club organized a children's recreational club which met twice a month for supervised play.

Each club devoted about fifteen minutes of the club meeting to recreation, in the form of games, contests and stunts. Several clubs have put on small carnivals using games suitable for home recreation. As a result of these, families have either made or purchased some of the equipment for home use.

Achievement Day is the one big county day that the women look forward to all year. It is held in the County Court House. Prior to Achievement Day the clubs all hold club canning contests to select the exhibits to be brought to the court house for the county contest. Each club anxiously waits to see if any of the county prizes will come to its members. The canning was displayed in the front of the room so everyone could see it. It was judged before the program began.

The program consisted of singing by the women, reports of work done by the different clubs and a most inspiring talk by the assistant director of extension work. After which the women who were wearing dresses modeled in them to show the type of work done by the club members in their major project.

The awarding of prizes for canning, lamps made from jugs and oil lamps and club having largest percent of club members wearing dresses they made preceded the Tea which is a part of the program everyone looks forward to. The attendance this year was the largest it has ever been.

This year the women attended the District meeting of the Federation that was held in Fredericksburg. Sixteen women attended. The women were delighted with the program and the trip. It was a day long

to be remembered by some of them. After each of the meetings of this type there is always an increase in membership in the home demonstration clubs. Six women attended the State meeting of the Federation. They divided their time and took in part of each section, thereby, hearing the discussion on topics they were most interested in. The delegates were shown the points of interest on the way up and back which they seemed to enjoy. All the women who attended the meeting have accepted responsibilities to help with the club program for the coming year.

The clubs worked on two Federation Goals. One was "Library" and the other "Health." In their efforts to encourage reading, books were placed in six different communities at places where they could be exchanged easily. When a large proportion of the books had been read a new supply replaced the read ones. The agent working with the Welfare Department helped stock and start a small library at the County Seat which is kept open every day from One to Four P.M. NYA girls assigned to the Welfare Department and home demonstration agent keep the library. The special phase to be emphasized under health was school lunches. This project was carried out in six schools. The work done was described under community work page 16 and 17. A minor effort was made on corrective health habits for the women. 66 women had physical examination, 69 reported improving health habits and adopting preventive measures. These preventive measures were regular rest periods, special diets, and corrective shoes.

The Ruckersville Home Demonstration Club carried out the best club

program. At the December meeting it had planned for a Christmas Party but due to the death of the mother of one of the leading members the party was not held. However, at a meeting held later in December the club presented the agent with a lovely picture. The club elected two very efficient women club leaders. They attended the training meetings and gave two of the four demonstrations in the major project themselves and assisted with the other two. The club held a Flower Show in June for the purpose of learning more about flower arrangement and to interest others in the work being done by the club. One of the members won third place in the State Canning Contest which gave the club twenty-five dollars. This money was used to send four members to the meeting of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. In July, the club invited the 4-H Club members to attend a picnic on the Skyline Drive and provided transportation for them. The club members all signed up in the Garden Campaign and each one took an outsider to work with. The president reported that she just sat right with her woman who was a tenant on her farm and broke down every excuse the woman presented for not having a garden. Later the woman told the landlady that she never had had such a fine garden before or had appreciated what a garden would mean to her and her family.

The club held a community fair in September at which they invited the 4-H Club members to exhibit their clothing and canning work. There were exhibits in breads, cakes, pies, canned vegetables, canned fruit, quilts--old and new, center pieces, embroidery and crochet work. Four of the members put up farm exhibits showing the different things pro-

duced on their farms. The exhibits were put up and judged in the afternoon. That night a small entrance fee was charged. Games were arranged for amusement and profit. The proceeds from which went to the school to meet the State Board of Education's Appropriation for library books. The proceeds from the cake walks went to the club. The prize canning exhibits were taken by the home demonstration agent to be entered in the county canning contests where two of them won first place. The club contributed \$12 toward paying for some boxwood bushes that were planted around the foundation of the school. It bought pots and pans for the school to use in serving hot lunches. One member loaned a stove. It had four members attend the State Federation meeting and two, the district meeting.

The outstanding achievement was accomplished by a young homemaker who lives with her mother-in-law. She has two small children, one six and the other four. She reported making over fifty garments this year. Among the garments made, a complete wardrobe for herself consisting of 7 undershirts, 8 house dresses, 4 street dresses, 4 church dresses, remodeled coat and made one coat suit. She remodeled dresses and made clothes for her niece, sisters, mother and mother-in-law. Her summary read 50 dresses at a saving of \$100. 30 other garments at a saving of \$15. Thirty garments remodeled saving \$15. She canned 481 quarts of fruits, vegetables and meats. Improved four rooms, refinished four pieces of furniture saving \$12, raised poultry according to recommendations and had a splendid garden. She won second place on her canning at the county contest.

VII. 4-H CLUB WORK

The county council consists of the presidents, vice-presidents and secretaries of the various 4-H Clubs. The council is organized with a chairman, vice-chairman, a secretary and a reporter.

The council has held two meetings. One at which the county project was selected. The officers carried back to the clubs a report of the work done and helped the individual clubs make out their programs. The council planned for Achievement Day and helped carry out the plans. The council is made up of such young club members that it is difficult for it to do work that will compare with councils in other counties. However, it appears that the council is better ready to function in 1940 than in 1939.

There are sixteen 4-H Clubs in Greene County. The clubs are organized with a president, vice-president, secretary, reporter, song leader, cheer leader and club leader. The clubs met during the winter in the schools and during the summer at homes or at some designated place chosen by the club members. The teachers and the School Superintendent are anxious for the work to continue in the schools so give the agent all the time she needs, usually an hour and a half. If the demonstration requires more time it is always given.

There is no club agent and the farm agent has been so busy with the farm program he has not started any 4-H Club work, therefore, the home demonstration agent has the whole 4-H program to carry. The project work is organized around a "Family Activity Program" which is

intended to enrich the family life and give the club members a sense of responsibility to the family and its activities. Each club member is helped to analyze the work to be done in the home and to see how much falls on each member at present. Then she is encouraged to select definite home responsibilities that she will assume. She understands that she is to perform these chores without mother having to remind her. Clothing was selected as the project for major emphasis then each club member selected something that she wanted to help the family with. Seventy wanted to work on some phase of home improvement. They improved selection of furnishings in seventy rooms, arrangement of furniture in seventy-six rooms, arrangement of pictures and accessories in seventy-four and color schemes in nineteen. Improved thirty-eight storage spaces for clothes and five for other things. 169 girls shared the task of taking care of their rooms. They made and bought 198 articles at a saving of \$149.14. 161 helped with the family garden with 125 of those having leafy vegetables. 162 stored vegetables for winter use. 168 grew flowers, 158 helped with the poultry, 29 kept farm records and 78 culled the flocks. 90 girls helped with the canning, assisting in putting up 27,606 qts. In the major line the girls made 152 dresses, 265 undergarments. They helped with the mending and laundry. Most of the boys and girls are members of large families and, therefore, have lots of work to do and were interested in making it a part of their club activities.

Audrey Dickerson has been a club member for eight years. This

year she had right many difficulties to surmount in doing her work. There was a lot of sickness in her family so she had to take hold and do most of the housekeeping which made it hard for her to get to the summer meetings, but she attended nine during the year, attended Achievement Day and won six ribbons on her exhibits. She is a 5-pointer. She reported that she improved in her personal cleanliness, the type of work and school shoe she wears, her posture and corrected food habits. She improved the selection of furnishings, arrangement of furniture, pictures and accessories, color scheme in two rooms. She made ten articles for these rooms. Helped care for the yard and garden. Raised fifteen birds, canned 352 qts. of fruits and vegetables, made four dresses, one undergarment, mended, cleaned 325 articles and made over 20. She had her hopes set to go to the State Short Course again this year, but sickness prevented.

The 4-H Clubs here have not undertaken community work here because the more progressive boys and girls leave as soon as they finish high school. This cuts down leadership and decreases the possibilities for doing constructive community work. The club members have been most interested in helping to push the hot lunch projects. They have given lawn parties, bingo parties and box suppers to raise money for it.

Part of each club program is devoted to recreation and fun. The club members are taught new games which they can play indoors and which can be carried home and played there. In one club a recreational leader was appointed and at each meeting she took charge of teaching

the members a new game. After each meeting during summer, the club members were taken on a trip to a picnic ground or to someone's home where refreshments were served.

The money raising events were lawn parties, game nights and May Day events at which refreshments were sold or admissions charged. About \$95 were raised. This money was used to buy three stoves for use in connection with hot lunches, supplement the State Library Funds, buy cooking utensils and other necessary equipment.

In most cases the local leaders were community women who had gone away to school long enough to get certificates to teach on and had come home to teach school. They were very much interested in the club activities and helped as best they could.

Six leader training meetings were held during the year. The State Clothing Specialists helped with two and the agent conducted the others. They were held in the home demonstration agent's office and lasted from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with an hour out for lunch which was served in the office by NYA girls working under the agent.

The results of the meetings were increased interest in 4-H Club work in the part of the leaders. Fifteen meetings were held without the presence of the agent. The leaders gave the demonstrations at them. It is believed that these training meetings will make the attendance at next years better.

The county home demonstration agent assisted with the 4-H Conservation Camp held at Jamestown 4-H Camp in August. This group was composed mostly of older boys and girls. The agent had charge of the girls and assisted with handicraft or any place she was needed. The

making of pocket books, bill folders and looper bags and mats was the most interesting work assisted with by her. The club members purchased the material from the camp and the leaders directed the making of the chosen articles.

The club members were very capable young people and carried out their programs with very little urging or assistance from the leaders. The usual camp program was followed. There were classes in Wild Life Lore the first period. Then Forestry followed by a free period. Next came handicraft or swimming, then lunch, after which the club members retired for a rest period of an hour. This period was followed by a general assembly and committee meetings. Next the boys and girls could choose between swimming and games or going on historical tours. After supper, Vesper services were held on the lawn. From Vespers until bed time everyone met in the recreation hall for games.

Two girls and a leader attended the State Short Course. One of these girls later took unto herself a husband, but is continuing her club work. The leader had wanted to go to the State Short Course for many years, but it never suited her to leave home. This year she just broke loose and went. She thoroughly enjoyed the trip and commented on how much the Short Course had improved since she was a 4-H Club girl.

The 4-H Club Achievement Day brought an unusually large number of boys and girls to the County Seat. There was a beautiful new plaque to be won by some club and all wanted it. Arrangements were

made for school busses to haul the club members to town and back so that everyone could come who wanted to.

The program began at 10:30 in the Episcopal Parish Hall where a small carnival of homemade and dime games had been set up. The club members played the games in couples and the one in each couple scoring the highest was given a charm.

The exhibits had been set up in the Court House and the judging was done while the members played. After lunch, everyone assembled in the Court House for the formal program which consisted of reports from the various clubs and songs and stunts worked up by leaders and 4-H Club members. The exhibits consisted of dresses, slips, bonnets, aprons, vanity sets, canning, and displays of vegetables.

The Ruckersville 4-H Club won the plaque for being the best 4-H Club. At Achievement Day last year, it was announced that there would be a new trophy for the best club in 1939. So when the clubs started out in December the leaders and club members of the Ruckersville 4-H Club decided to win it in 1939. The leaders held two meetings that month without the agent. One for election of officers and the other for a demonstration in Christmas gifts so that the club members could give their mothers a Christmas gift made at a club meeting. The club held all of its regular meetings. The leaders took a keen interest in seeing that the club members brought materials for making the required garments. The club members assisted in obtaining food for hot lunches. They were invited by the home demonstration club to a picnic on the Skyline Drive. Went on a picnic

historical tour of Charlottesville where they saw Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson, and the Workshop for the Blind. They cooked their dinner on the grills in one of the public parks then went to a picture show, after which they went back to the park for supper and then went home. The Ruckersville Club invited the Ridge Club to go with them.

The club put up a booth at the community fair at which they displayed dresses, aprons, slips and fancy work made by them and canned goods. When it came time for Achievement Day the leaders brought down their exhibit and put it up. This is the first time leaders have done that.

The club members turned in reports--complete reports at the end of the year.

VIII. PROGRESS MADE DURING THE YEAR

The progress made during the year is the hardest part to sum up, as the first and most important progress should be noted the improvement in the prestige of the home demonstration clubs and the addition of thirty-eight new members, most of whom are young women. The women have taken a more active interest in their club program and the attendance has picked up about 25%. In one club, the only absences were caused by illness.

Leadership has improved. Although the leader training meetings were not as well attended as they should have been, they were better than in 1938 and the leaders gave more of the demonstrations than ever before. The 4-H Club leaders took charge of more of the meetings than they have in any other year. The attendance and exhibits, at both Achievement Days, was better than last year.

The last meeting of the 4-H Officers Council was the best that has been held in the last five years, and the officers did more to collecting reports than ever before.

IX. HISTORY AND APPRAISAL OF HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

The first appropriation for home demonstration work in Greene Co. was made in 1922. Miss Bane Hiter began work May 16, 1922 working half time in Madison and half in Greene and continued until April 1, 1923 under State and Federal funds. From April 1, 1923 to Nov. 15, 1925 she worked in Greene only. She was followed by Miss Agnes Maupin who served Greene from Dec. 1, 1925 to July 31, 1934. On August 1, 1934 Miss Virginia Swink became agent and is still serving.

During the past seventeen years the county has gone forward in many ways. Miss Hiter started the organization of clubs and did most splendid work in developing a vegetable garden program which has continued to function. Miss Maupin took up the garden work and added canning of the vegetables and fruits. The women and girls who worked under her won national recognition for their excellent products. Miss Maupin also conducted a kitchen improvement campaign, the results of which are evident in nearly all the homes touched by it. Shelves, racks, sinks, conveniently arranged kitchens, and raised tables are a few of the outstanding improvements. She also worked with women and girls in refinishing and improving furniture. Now very few antiques are for sale they are being used.

During the past five years the amount of money appropriated by the county has been increased twice. While there are not as many clubs as there was at one time, the organization, membership and attendance at the existing clubs has improved. Gardening, poultry, canning, clothing and home improvement work has been carried forward with increased production and better management.

X. PLANS AND GOALS FOR 1940

The women and girls are planning to major in food preparation in 1940. There will be an effort to increase membership in the woman's work 50 and increase attendance at meetings 25%. To conduct a Year Round Garden Campaign that will reach at least 75% of the homes in the county. To strengthen the organizations now established and make the programs better. To assist in extending the REA lines in the county so that more women may have electric power in their homes. To work to develop a stronger Homemaking Board. To develop better leaders and use them to better advantage. To push hot lunches in the schools and see that they are successfully carried out this year. To keep the library open and increase the number of books read. To develop a stronger 4-H Officers Council and use it to better advantage. To develop at least one older youth clubs. To continue the 4-H Clubs already organized and see that they do better work.

Stanardsville H. D. Club Meets with Mrs. Blakey

The Stanardsville Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Bane Blakey, Wednesday, Nov. 5, with 23 ladies present.

Plans were completed for the annual club Christmas party and the following committees appointed:

Entertainment, Mrs. Ledford Vaughan, Mrs. Nellie Blakey, Mrs. W. P. Stephens; refreshments, Mrs. Mary Deane, Mrs. Frank Marks, Mrs. J. W. Bray; decorations, Mrs. Thomas Elkins, Mrs. Finks Early, Miss Frances Douglas.

The club voted to accept the year's plan of work as outlined by the advisory board.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ledford Vaughan; vice president, Mrs. T. P. Moyers; secretary, Mrs. H. C. Arthur; musician, Mrs. Bane Blakey; recreation leader, Miss Julia Perry; club leaders, Mrs. R. C. Powell and Mrs. C. F. Deane; publicity agent, Mrs. John Wise Bray.

The club gave Mrs. R. C. Powell, the retiring president, a rising vote of thanks for the splendid work she has done during the past two years.

Mrs. Blakey had planned two very interesting contests for the entertainment of the club. Mrs. John Wise Bray won the prize for completing the most "Old Sayings" and Miss Perry won the spelling match.

Miss Julia Perry, Miss Mary Alice Bristow and Mrs. Jesse Sims joined the club. This gives the club an enrollment of 40 members, twenty of whom have joined within the past two years.

Nancy Blakey represented the 4-H club and told about the program her club has planned and asked that the home demonstration assist her group to secure some cooking equipment. Money was voted to purchase the needed supplies.

Delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served from a beautifully arranged table.

RUCKERSVILLE

The Homemakers club met on last Thursday night with Mrs. M. L. Watson as hostess. At the close of the business meeting Miss Swink led an informal discussion about places of interest visited during her recent trip to Kentucky.

Delightful refreshments were served consisting of sandwiches, hot coffee, fruit cake and pickle.

Ruckersville Home Demonstration Club

The Ruckersville Home Makers consider this their most interesting and progressive year. They chose clothing as their major project. The restyling of coats and dresses proved most helpful and economical. In fact, some of the women made entirely new costumes from used articles. They learned how to make house dresses more attractive, durable and better fitting. They exchanged apron patterns among club members and had quite a few made in the club. They learned from the demonstration on collars, cuffs, gadgets and flowers how to make one dress do for several occasions by simply changing accessories. The demonstration on slip covers made the members dress up their furniture for the summer even if most of the members were too busy to make them.

The campaign of better home repair was well carried out. Many rooms were brightened with paper and paint, doors cut for convenience and better lighting, houses and roofs painted and many other minor improvements made. The club had its style review and flower show at the same time. In the style review 18 dresses were modeled, showing different types of dresses. There was a good display of cut flowers, flowering and foliage plants. At the annual Christmas party there was so much fun and merrymaking the club decided to have another one in April. This proved equally successful with ladies from 6 to 60 playing postoffice and other games. At the picnic in August the club had 46 guests and club members. The picnic was held at the South River Picnic Grounds on the Skyline Drive. For a money making project in the club the members exchanged cakes or pies among club members which netted \$7.50.

The club paid its federation dues for the first time this year. It sent one delegate to Blacksburg and another one of its members was sent by the Home Making Board. The club gave \$3.00 to the Ruckersville school to buy boxwood to improve school grounds. It gave one of its club members who had moved into a new home a console set. Two brides in the community were remembered by showers. A basket of fruit was sent to a sick member. The federation goal was health.

The club's aim was to have every club member have a physical examination. A local physician co-operated by examining those who went to him for a very small fee. Other members had their family physician do the examining. Nearly all club members were benefitted. A club exhibit was held along with the school exhibit in the form of a community fair. The clubs exhibited quilts, bedspreads, aprons, house dresses and fancy work underclothing. In foods it exhibited cakes, pies, biscuits and rolls. The club members gave the cakes for a cake walk and it heads squalls of delight as persons drew the lucky number for a prize-winning cake. The best of the clothing and canning exhibits were sent on to Stanardsville for Achievement Day. The club had an increase in membership and an unusually large average attendance.

Ruckersville H. D. Club Holds Its Flower Show

The Ruckersville Home Demonstration club held a successful flower show at the school Friday, June 9, from 3 to 5 p.m. Ribbons were awarded as follows:

Mrs. N. B. Early, first on rabbit's ear, cut hydrangea, basket of roses, basket of larkspur, black bowl of pansies, basket of galardios, and second on sweet pea arrangement.

Miss Lottie Herndon won first in larkspur and baby's breath, larkspur and sweet peas, potted hydrangea, second on mixed bouquet and third on roses.

Mrs. R. N. Early won first on mixed sweet peas and potted begonia, second on basket of larkspur, arrangement of petunias and third on pansies.

Mrs. Jane Fitzhough won first on wild flower collection consisting of sheep weed in large arrangement and in miniature, first on miniature sheep weed, second on daisies and sheep weed in large arrangement.

Mrs. Anna Watson won first in petunias and first in sweet peas.

Mrs. Minnie Dawson won first on potted plants, first on cactus arrangement and first on fern.

Mrs. Emma Dawson won first on potted lee plant.

The judges were Mrs. O. L. Carpenter, Mrs. W. L. Carpenter and Mrs. J. C. Clore of Madison.

After the judging had been completed the judges spent some time explaining to those present the good and bad points they found in each arrangement.

Local Homemakers Club Holds a Flower Show

A pretty flower show was held in the parish house last Tuesday, June 13, by the Stanardsville Homemakers club. The arrangements of the flowers for the home were unusual and beautiful. Most all the entries received red, white or blue ribbons.

The club appreciated the presence of Mrs. Albert Fray and Mrs. Mack Marshall, who gave interesting talks on flowers. During the evening a style review was given by little Misses Shirley Deane and Marion Deane, who were daintily dressed in organdy with hand embroidered rose buds.

Brick ice cream and homemade cakes were served by Mrs. John W. Bray, assisted by Mrs. Bane Blakey and Mrs. Frank Marks.

Greene County Demonstration Clubs Invited to District Meeting April 13

Home Demonstration clubs of Greene county are making plans to have every club represented at the annual meeting of the Northern Virginia District meeting to be held at the State Theatre, Falls Church, Fairfax county on April 13.

Mrs. Nimrod Early, chairman of the Greene County Homemaking Board announces that she has received an announcement from Mrs. Christine Buckman, chairman of the hostess Home Demonstration Advisory Council of Fairfax county extending a cordial invitation to every home demonstration member to be present.

The program includes special features of entertainment. Miss Grace E. Fryinger of the United States Department of Agriculture will address the afternoon assembly. Miss Maude E. Wallace, assistant director of extension in charge at Blacksburg and Mrs. Malcolm Perk of

Fincastle, Va., president of the Virginia Federation of the Clubs are on the morning program. Mrs. R. N. Harris of Bumpass, Virginia district president of Northern Virginia will preside. Miss R. Belle Burke, district agent, who has assisted in arranging the program will also be present.

There was a called meeting of the Ruckersville Homemakers Monday, February 26, to make plans to sponsor hot lunches for the school.

Stanardsville H. D. C.

The Stanardsville Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Mary Neal Blakey Wednesday, March 8. The meeting was opened at 10:30 by Mrs. R. C. Powell, president.

The meeting was planned for an all day affair so the members could cut out dresses for themselves and have them fitted during the day. Five dresses were worked on.

The hostess served a most bountiful and delicious dinner which was supplemented with covered dishes brought by those attending the meeting.

The club voted ten dollars to be used in the purchase of a range for Monroe high school which was supplemented with covered dishes brought by those attending the meeting. The school where it could be used for the cooking of hot lunches.

H. D. C. MEETING

The Early's Grove H. D. club met with Mrs. Aretta Collier Wednesday evening, Nov. 15.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. Clark Bickers, president; Mrs. Aretta Collier, vice president; Mrs. Sam Haga, secretary; Mrs. Lullie Lamb, reporter. Club leaders are Mrs. Minnie Bruce and Miss Elizabeth Bruce.

Our program was made out for the coming year and one new member added.

Mr. Max Fleischer gave a talk on the work of the FSA.

The hostess served delicious refreshments.

Our next meeting will be held at Mrs. Mae Estes' Dec. 12 at 7 o'clock. —Mrs. Lullie Lamb, reporter.

MRS. MARKS HOSTESS TO CLUB

The Stanardsville home Demonstration club met with Mrs. Frank Marks on August 9. There were 12 members present, all enjoyed the talk Miss Swink made about her last trip to Blacksburg.

Delicious refreshments were served at the end of the meeting. All enjoyed the evening in Mrs. Mark's delightful home.

The next meeting will be held at Irvin Deane's

Geer H. D. C.

The Geer Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. H. C. Via Thursday, March 9, for an all day meeting. Several dresses were cut out and fitted during the day.

The club discussed the hot lunch project at the Geer school and reported that lunches were being served there that day.

The hostess served a most delicious dinner to the club members present.

Fletcher 4-H Club

Ruby Lillian Taylor, the president, presided at our monthly meeting November 2. Billy Boy was sung.

The secretary called the roll. Sixteen members responded. The minutes were approved and recorded.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Ruby Lillian Taylor; vice-president, Lorene Wood; secretary, Margie Jarrell; reporter, Ella Frances Lamb; cheer leader, Hollis Jarrell; song leaders, Nelly Taylor and Martha Jarrell.

The state's contest game was played.

Miss Irma Fletcher, the retiring leader, made a short talk on future work and stressed the importance of growth for the winning of the county's banner for three more years.

The club reluctantly accepted Miss Fletcher's resignation.

Lorene Wood, Reporter.

STANARDSVILLE 4-H CLUB

The Stanardsville 4-H club called a meeting to order Friday, Nov. 10 in the school basement with 12 present. We elected new officers. They are as follows: President, Christine Berry; vice president, Nancy Blakey; secretary, Opal Snow; reporter, Jackie Gilbert; song leader, Janice Haney.

Our club has not had a leader for quiet awhile. We elected Virginia Haney.

We decided each should bring an apron to the next meeting which will be held the second Friday in December in the same place we had ours Friday.

Miss Nancy Blakey asked the Woman's Homemakers club if they would help us buy equipment for the club. They said they would.

We have two new members. They are: Apie Breeden and Thelma Snow—Jackie Gilbert, reporter.

CELT 4-H CLUB

Miss Swink met with the Celt club Tuesday, April 11, with 26 members present. The president called the meeting to order, the secretary called the roll and we sang two songs. Miss Swink helped make aprons and quilt.

Jamie War, Reporter.

Four-H Club Council Selects 1940 Project

A meeting of the 4-H club council, which consists of presidents and secretaries of each club, was held recently in Miss Virginia Swink's office. The council selected "Foods" as the major project for 1940. October 21 was set for Achievement Day.

The following points will be used in judging the clubs at Achievement Day: Attendance at club meeting, 15; attendance at Achievement Day, 20; number of garments or articles made by club members, 30; extra activities, 20; attendance at county council meeting, 15.

The council decided the morning part of the program should be devoted to reports, music and a speaker; the afternoon given over to stunts, plays and singing to be put on by the various clubs.

After the business was completed the following officers were elected: Lola Shiffett, Victor Hill club, president; Thelma Samuels, Resettlement 4-H club, vice president, and Mary Gertrude Garth, Geer 4-H club, secretary.

Stanardsville 4-H Club Meets

The Stanardsville 4-H club met at the school building on Friday, December 9, with 15 members present. Miss Swink gave a demonstration on Xmas gifts, which included attractive and useful aprons, crocheted mats, quilted hot dish mats and baskets. Some of the girls cast patterns from the articles shown in order to make presents like them.

Each club member was presented with a club pen.

Nancy Lee Blakey, Reporter.

Ruckersville 4-H Club

The Ruckersville 4-H club held its regular meeting December 2 with 22 members present. Most of the towels started at the last meeting have been completed.

We decided that each member shall make a Christmas present as her December work.

Several games and songs were enjoyed by the group.

Hazel Morris, Club Reporter.

Junior 4-H Club

The Junior 4-H club held its regular meeting and reorganized the officers for the coming year. They are as follows:

President, Christine Berry; vice president, Nancy Blakey; secretary, Opal Snow; reporter, Alice Taylor; club leader, Virginia Haney; cheer leader, Lorene Lawson; song leader, Janice Haney.

We have decided that at the next meeting we will make Christmas candles and we have decided to have a dance at the parish hall in order to raise some money to make our club room more attractive and better equipped.—Alice Taylor, reporter.

Senior 4-H Club Meets

The 4-H club held its meeting in the Stanardsville high school, Nov. 10. Ethel Taylor presided at the meeting. We elected our officers for the coming year: President, Ethel Taylor; vice president, Blanche Langley; secretary, Annie Lee Call; song leader, Maggie Morris; reporter, Audrey Dickerson.

We planned our work for the next meeting. We played games and sang songs—Audrey Dickerson, reporter.

4-H Club Picnic

Wednesday, April 26, the Stanardsville 4-H Club went on a picnic at the South River picnic grounds. Those attending were as follows: Ethel Taylor, Maggie Morris, Gladys Baugher, Madeline Taylor, Lorene May, Audrey Dickerson, Blanche Longley, Annie Lee Call, Bernie Baugher, George Collins, Jr., Tiny Breeden, James Hall, Eimer Baugher, Calvin Koontz, Junior Durrer, Randall Marshall and Miss Swink. Everyone reported having a very nice time even if it did rain.

STANARDSVILLE 4-H CLUB

The Stanardsville 4-H Club met at the schoolhouse with 12 attending. Miss Swink talked about material for dresses.

The club members and Miss Swink brought in samples of cloth obtained from local stores and others outside the town. The relative quality and price were compared and it was found materials from local stores compared most favorably with those from other sources.

Plans were made for the club to have an outing the third Saturday in April.

The Ruckersville 4-H club held its regular meeting Thursday.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Geneva Morris; vice president, Hazel Morris; secretary-treasurer, Barbara Jean Melone; reporter, Edna Watson; song leader, Violet Deane; cheer leader, Laura Ambrosini; game leaders, Beanie Sullivan and Doris Morris.

The club adjourned to meet in December. Miss Swink will give a demonstration on making Christmas candies at this meeting.—Kelsie Watson, reporter.

RUCKERSVILLE 4-H CLUB

The Ruckersville 4-H club held its regular meeting Thursday evening, April 6, with 22 members present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Nellie Deane. The club enjoyed playing a new game introduced by Ruth Monger. After the business and social sessions, Miss Swink, our leader, took charge. Three dresses were cut out and started.

Miss Swink is going to give the club an extra meeting Wednesday, April 12, to help others cut and start work on their dresses.

Hazel Morris, Reporter.

Fifteen Greene Women Attend District Meeting

Fifteen women from Greene county attended the district meeting of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration clubs held at Falls Church, Thursday, April 13.

Miss Maude E. Wallace, assistant director in charge of home demonstration work, traced the history of extension work from its beginning in 1910 for boys and men to the present day.

Miss Grace Frysinger, senior home economist, extension service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, spoke on, "The Rural Woman Achieves Satisfactory Living." Miss Frysinger said that rural women learned to be willing to face life. They do not feel insecure, their family relations are not built on income; therefore the beauty of life is not built on the income. The rural woman has learned the grace of living and working efficiently, she said.

Miss Frysinger announced that the "Queen Mary" still plans to sail for London the last of May to carry a full load of American farm women to attend the meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World.

Those attending the meeting from Greene county were: Mrs. Robert Collier, Mrs. Robert-Marshall, Mrs. Willie Snow and Mrs. Everette Snow from Dyke; Mrs. R. C. Powell, Mrs. Herman Berry, Mrs. Clinton Moyers and Mrs. C. F. Deane from Stanardsville; Mrs. J. A. Bruce, Mrs. Clarke Bickers, Mrs. Clarence Bruce from Earlys Grove; Mrs. Charlie Garth from Geer; Mrs. N. B. Early and Mrs. R. N. Early from Ruckersville and Miss Virginia Swink.

4-H CLUB MEETINGS

The Victory Hill 4-H club will hold its regular meeting Friday, September 1.

After the business session the club will have a picnic and cook lunch outdoors. The Wyatt Mountain 4-H club will have a like meeting in the afternoon.

4-H Club Report

Miss Swink met with the Stanardsville club Friday, January 13th. As no one brought anything to work we talked about what the styles would be the coming year. Miss Swink gave us some personal account cards. She wrote us to fix them for one month and if we did it all right we would continue throughout the year. Next month we will talk on "The Trends of Fashion."

Annie Lawson, Reporter.

Blue Ridge 4-H Club Meets

The Blue Ridge Industrial School had its second 4-H club meeting in the home economics room Friday with twenty-three members present. The following officers were elected: President, Juanita Freeman; vice-president, Mayne Wood; secretary, Thelma Salyer; reporter, Gertrude Denn. After the business session there was a round table discussion on "Correct clothes for girls in High School." The program this year is to be a study of the girls clothing problems.

Lower Pocosan 4-H Club

Lower Pocosan 4-H club met with Miss Swink at the Mission on Friday, Feb. 24. Ten members were present. The meeting was called to order by the president and the secretary's report was read. A number of new songs were learned. We also enjoyed a few new games. Miss Swink gave a most interesting talk on "Spring Styles and Materials." A large number of samples were shown. We then went to work on our weaving looms. Some are making pocketbooks; others cushions and mats.

The meeting then adjourned.
Mary Alice Shifflett, Sec.

Celt 4-H Club

Miss Swink met with Celt Club Tuesday, Feb. 14, with 27 present. Miss Swink called a meeting with the parents to decide about hot lunch. Because we don't have a stove with an oven, she said she was going to Charlottesville to get a second-hand one. Then the president called the meeting to order and the secretary called the roll. We then sewed on aprons and our quilt.
Janie Ward,
Reporter.

The Home Demonstration club will give a benefit supper in the Parish Hall Saturday, January 21, from 4 to 8 p. m. A good meal will be served for 35c. The club believes the community in general will approve the purpose of this supper and it urges the largest attendance possible.

A very large crowd attended the showing of the picture "Under the 4-H Flag" in the High School auditorium Saturday night. This picture was sponsored by Miss Virginia Swink, County H. D. agent, and Mr. Jesse Ewell, Jr., County Farm agent. Sears, Roebuck and company took care of the expense of its showing. The county having the largest percentage of its population attending will receive \$1,000 to be used in aiding 4-H club work. Greene county residents turned out well and it is hoped they may be the lucky winner.

Community League Plans Fair at Dyke

The Dyke Community League is planning a small community fair in the new school building, Oct. 21.

The committee appointed to organize the fair consists of Miss Virginia Swink, home demonstration agent, chairman, Miss Eugenia Snow, Mr. W. C. Marbut, Mr. Clyde Knight and Mr. Charlie Beard.

The organization committee met and appointed the following committee to assist them: Farm exhibits: Messrs. Charlie Beard, Ephie Morris, William Chapman, Clarence Snow, Edd Vernon, Robert Collier and O. N. Davis; shop and handicraft, Mr. P. R. Little; home economics exhibits: canning, Mrs. Robert Collier, Misses Neva Snow and Stella Carter; handicraft and clothing, Miss Margaret Grant, Mrs. Carrie Snow and Miss Irene Snow; bread, cakes and pies, Mrs. Perry Morris, Mrs. L. E. Morris and Miss Ehes Scott; entertainment and refreshments, Mr. W. C. Marbut, Mr. Clyde Knight, Misses Eugenia Snow and Winona Morris, Mrs. E. G. Snow, Mr. O. N. Davis, Mrs. W. C. Marbut, and Miss Virginia Swink; school exhibits, Mr. Clyde Knight, Misses Winona Morris, Thelma Morris and Nellie Walton and Mrs. Ruby Ruebush.

W.P.A. Administrator Will Speak at Dyke

William A. Smith, W.P.A. administrator will be among the speakers at the dedication of the new school building at Dyke, Sept. 20. The dedicatory address will be made by Raymond V. Long of the State Department of Education.

Miss Elizabeth Barnes, representative of the D.A.R., Washington, D. C., will explain the work that group is doing in the school through citizenship clubs.

C. H. Knight, principal of Dyke school, will give the address of welcome, to which Rev. George P. Mayo, of Bris, will respond.

The afternoon will be devoted to entertainment in the form of mountain music, stunts and contests.

Members of the Dyke Community League and the Home Demonstration club will sell refreshments on the grounds. Ham and chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, pies, cakes, lemonade and coffee will be available. All proceeds will be turned over to the school to buy new seats for the auditorium.

Thirty-eight Co. Families Attend "Hot Lunch" Meet

Thirty-eight families were represented at the meeting at Monroe high school held to plan for hot lunches in the schools.

It was decided no free lunches would be served to children other than those recommended by the Welfare department. However lunches may be paid for by contribution of canned food, potatoes, flour or other staples. One quart of non-acid vegetables or fruits will pay for four meals; one quart of tomatoes, three meals. The valuation of other foods will be worked out later.

The speakers were Mrs. Evelyn Sneed, administration supervisor of school lunch program in Virginia, Miss Helen G. Ward, technical supervisor from State Board of Education, Mrs. Fred Parish, area supervisor. W.P.A.

Ninety Persons Attend Recent Electrical School

Ninety people from Madison and Greene attended the electrical school conducted in the War Memorial building at Madison.

Miss Nale of Washington, rural electric home economists for the R.E.A., presented the points to be considered when selecting an electric refrigerator, stove, roaster, washer, iron, waffle baker, lamps and other conveniences.

A dinner, consisting of a three-pound roast, potatoes, cabbage and carrots, and rice pudding was cooked in the roaster. Ginger bread waffles and corn meal waffles were cooked by Mrs. R. C. Powell and Miss Virginia Swink.

Mrs. L. F. May won one of the \$25 dollar prizes. Mrs. Eliza Clore won an electric percolator.

The following from Greene attended: Mr. and Mrs. L. F. May, Mrs. Lewis Jollett, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Burton, Mrs. Etta Chapman, Mrs. B. G. Snow, Mrs. Willie Snow, Mrs. Everette Snow, Mrs. Clyde Knight, Mrs. L. E. Morris, Mr. Jesse Ewell, Mrs. Mamrod Early, Mrs. Mervel Collins, Mrs. R. C. Powell and Miss Virginia Swink.

REA Economist to Give Electrical Demonstration

Mrs. Elva Bohannon, economist of the R.E.A. in cooperation with the Virginia Home Demonstration department, will demonstrate the use and care of electrical appliances. The demonstration will take place in the auditorium of the Municipal building, Madison, Monday, April 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The program follows:

Morning Session

Use and care of refrigerator.
Use of electric roaster in cooking a meal and making pound cake.
Use of small equipment, including waffle irons, mixer, toaster and percolator.

Afternoon Session

Discussion of wise and economical use of electricity in the home.
Demonstration: Lighting, light fixtures and lamps; converting old lamps into lamps for better sight.
Washing machines, electric ironers and flat irons.

The public is invited to these meetings and it is hoped, said the local county agent, everyone who has electricity or contemplates having it will attend.

Hot Lunches Served Greene School Children

The hot lunch project has been started at Monroe high school for the children in the grades.

The committee wishes to thank the parents who have had faith enough in the cause to contribute food to make possible serving one hot food.

The committee plans to serve a plate lunch which will relieve the mothers of packing lunches for the children. If each patron would donate two quarts of canned food or its equivalent in money for each child this supply would carry the project through the year.

It is vitally essential that a substantial contribution of food come in by Monday, March 20, if the lunches are to be continued.

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