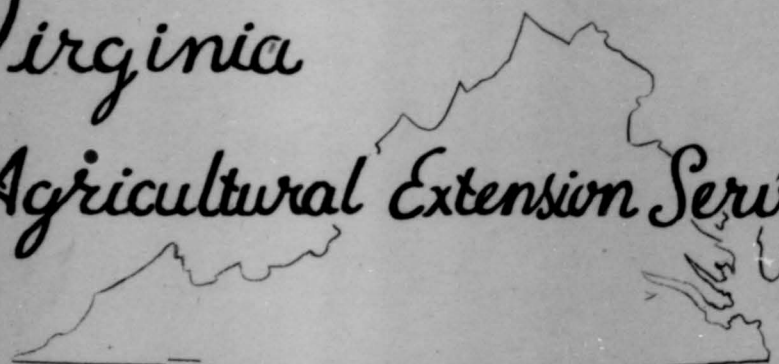


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III. Prince Edward, A Rural County

Prince Edward County is a rural county and, therefore, affects to a great extent the planning of the home demonstration program. The word "rural" has a major part to play in the set up of the program. To illustrate, the members belonging to the Farville Home Demonstration Club want to be doing something with their hands, such as basket-making, while the women who belong to the clubs in the county have a greater desire to learn how to improve their kitchens to eliminate unnecessary steps or how to prepare quick meals to save time, as at least one-half of the club members have to work in tobacco and help with the other outside jobs.

There are 1340 farms in the county, 740 of these being farms owned by the white families. The average size of the farm has increased 13.6 acres in the past five years although there are 213 less farms than in 1945. Only sixteen of the 218 club members live in town, so most of the county program leans toward the rural phase.

Rural telephones are very badly needed throughout the county being only 141 in number at the present. Much enthusiasm has been shown in acquiring them and so this was included in the adult program. Running water is still a great need, too, as well as the use of electricity. There are 989 farms reporting electricity which are 651 more using it than in 1945.

The county club members are, therefore, concerned with time-saving and energy-saving practices while the town members desire a more decorative and pleasure-seeking program. The rural people, however, desire recreation as is brought out in their desire to concentrate on more recreational facilities throughout the various communities. "All work and no play" is not their motto.

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IV. Better Family Living A Result of Improved Methods of Homemaking

The home demonstration program was planned to benefit the homemakers of the county. As a result, the projects decided upon have contributed to better family living because the women chose what they felt they most needed.

The subject of kitchens was so important it took four months in the program. Two result demonstrations have been the outcome. One is concerned with the arrangement of the large equipment in the kitchen while the other involves adequate storage. Ninety homemakers have rearranged the smaller equipment in their kitchens to benefit them in saving time and energy. This was a result of the four club demonstrations during the year.

Much interest was shown in vegetable gardening at the beginning of the year. The objectives were to plant more vegetables, to get a greater yield from the vegetables planted, and to preserve more of these foods. A special interest meeting was held on the subject and about 20 minutes at each club meeting during one month was devoted to a discussion of the latest developments in vegetable gardening. There proved to be an increase over last year of 2924 quarts of other vegetables canned, 1049 more quarts of fruit and 514 more quarts of meat. An increase of 450 pounds of meat frozen was also noticed. The increased production and preservation of food at home show a marked rise toward better homemaking practices.

Homemakers are now looking for ways to do their work quicker, but still perform as efficiently or better than previously. The demonstration on Oven Meals was chosen for this purpose, and 117 members have reported the use of these meals frequently in their homes. They feel it saves fuel as well as time in preparation and dishwashing.

Two months were devoted to carpentry and household repairs during 1952 to teach the homemakers some of the small jobs they could perform around the house, to save them the expense of having to pay someone else

do the minor repair jobs. The women became so interested in using a hammer and saw that they have organized a shop class to meet at night once a week to make such pieces of furniture as tea carts, bedside tables, kitchen cabinets and flower stands. They derive quite a bit of pleasure from meeting together and making the things they have wanted for quite sometime.

Each year the fairs and farm shows play an important part in better family living. The quality of products improve as time goes on as a result of the factor of competition. The products of Jenny Leigh Smith of Prospect, a 4-H Club member, may be used as an example of improved quality. Jenny Leigh won over \$200.00 this year on her canned products and calf project at the Five County Fair and Lynchburg Farm Show as compared to the \$127.00 won in 1951. It isn't the money won which is the most important point, but it is the fact that she has worked harder and improved her methods to give the results of better homemaking practices and in the end better family living.

The 1953 program has been set-up to continue the previous goals and to strive for higher objectives in rural youth, recreation, community improvement and homemaking.

V. Adult Work

A. Project Work

1. Kitchen Demonstrations Bring About Saving of Time & Energy

✶ The improvement of kitchens for the purpose of carrying on the daily work more efficiently with less effort and less time has been the main project under discussion. Finding a way to eliminate unnecessary steps and to provide more convenient storage were two of the goals for which the homemakers were striving. Not only did they want a step-saving workable kitchen, but an attractive one as well. As more women are beginning to take on outside jobs, which is true in Prince Edward County, naturally one of the concerns of the homemakers was to reduce their time and energy in the kitchen. To bring about this reduction, 27 leaders from nine clubs attended two leader training meetings on the subject of kitchens conducted by Miss Helen Alverson, Home Management Specialist.

The first training meeting dealt with "Kitchen Arrangement" and "Convenient Kitchens", the latter being a direct result of the former. The homemakers studied of what a correct kitchen consisted, and learned that a good floor was the first most important item. The three large pieces of equipment, the sink, stove, and refrigerator, were the next items to be discussed for step-saving arrangement. The second training meeting was concerned with "Floor and Wall Finishes for the Kitchen" and "Kitchen Storage". The different types of floor and wall finishes were discussed by the leaders with actual samples of floor and wall coverings being furnished by two of the hardware stores and manufacturing companies in Farmville. The leader training meeting on "Kitchen Storage" was held in a kitchen with plenty of cabinet and drawer space so the leaders would have a better idea of the

correct amount of storage facilities to have. When the leaders gave the demonstrations in their nine respective clubs one of the requests they made was to have a kitchen in which to work. Each of the club members were asked to do some homework, so to speak, on the project also. It was to bake a pie and count the number of steps they ordinarily took. The leaders then demonstrated how to cut down the steps by rearranging the equipment and smaller kitchen utensils near the place where they were to be used. A news article from each club describing some of the activities at the club meetings, plus a radio broadcast also helped to bring out correct information, especially to non-club members. The Prospect Club put up an exhibit at the Five County Fair in Farmville displaying good and bad floor coverings and won a blue ribbon. This was a good teaching method as well as a result of what the club members had learned. #

Two result demonstrations on kitchens were started and another was carried over from last year. One of the homemakers changed her kitchen to another room in order to save herself steps. She runs a store, with her home in back of the store, and she wanted the kitchen convenient to the front of the store so she could wait on customers as well as cook her meals.

X Mrs. P. J. Ollie, who is President of the Tugle Club, actually moved her sink from the backporch to the kitchen so it would be more convenient for her, doing the entire plumbing alone. Approximately 90 homemakers have either rearranged their equipment or small cooking utensils to benefit themselves by saving time and energy as a result of these four kitchen demonstrations. #

Next year's work can be strengthened by having at least one County-wide meeting on kitchens and stress the need for installing a sink if there is not

one or installing water or in other words continuing little by little the improvement in the kitchen until they have a simple convenient and attractive kitchen. If all other improvements have been completed, more storage units might be added. One of the County goals for next year is to continue interest in kitchens. Ten homemakers have already reported that they have cut their working time about an hour by simply rearranging a few pieces of equipment. They were actually surprised at the difference.

2. House Furnishings Interest Leads Toward Making Rather Than Buying

It seems that the homemakers had in mind to use the furnishings they already had or else to make their furnishings rather than to buy when they chose this field. The Club members had old pictures at home for which they wished to make a frame, and they had lamps which needed new shades. They felt that nice shades were too expensive to buy. The special interest meeting on "Refinishing Furniture" was for the purpose of making their old pieces of furniture look new without having to pay so much for the change. They felt that refinishing an old piece of furniture would be more valuable and more economical than buying an entirely new piece. Some of the homemakers had tried a refinishing job without knowing exactly how to go about it and had been disappointed with the results. Another objective the women had in mind was to do something with their hands that they could see finished in a short period of time. In other words, they wished to create. The main idea was to teach these club members to make something worthwhile and at the same time teach them correct principles, such as the proper frames to use with pictures, the right shape and size of shade for different lamps and the stylish pieces of furniture to save and use again,

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doing away with old pieces not worth fixing.

A leader training meeting on lamp shades was held by the agent with 17 leaders from 10 clubs being present. The leaders gave the demonstrations in the 10 clubs and 36 lamp shades have been made. More shades are to be made in the near future as the club members are still wanting to buy parchment.

The agent gave the demonstration in the clubs on making the picture frames after having attended an Agent's Training-meeting. This project did not prove to be as interesting to the club members as most of the projects because the type of picture frames was not what the club members wanted. They were anxious to have the old type frame with mitered corners whereas the frame demonstrated was of a modern type. Only 17 frames were made as a result.

Two refinishing clinics were held by the agent as a special activity. Fourteen club members were present with 10 pieces of furniture being refinished. All-day meetings were scheduled for the purpose with the agent actually showing each step as the work progressed. Everyone came prepared to work to carry out the principle of demonstrating by showing with the club members doing the work. There was not as much participation in this project as others because many of the homemakers were already familiar with it, and this was mainly for the interest of the younger club members.

Printed material, one radio program on each project and four newspaper articles were used as means of informing the homemakers. The county fair and the National Home Demonstration Week display in a downtown business firm window served as a means of exhibiting the work accomplished and as a reward to the women.

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There has already been a marked change in the use of pictures and frames and in the kind of lamp shades used. Two radio programs were given on the correct hanging of pictures, and in at least 10 homes visited, the club members have called attention to the fact that they have lowered their pictures on the wall. Next year's work can be improved by stressing in greater detail the size and shape and color of lamp shades to be used, and the type of pictures to be hung in various rooms in the home.

3. Organized Shop Class Result of Simple Carpentry

The club members had a desire this past year to take up building and repairing around the home. One objective was to learn to use a hammer, saw, drill, etc. correctly and at the same time learn something about cutting and fitting pieces of lumber together. They also wished to learn how to repair a leaking faucet, patch a crack in a plastered wall, and put in a new window pane. The overall picture was to obtain an idea of the simple basic fundamentals of construction.

Two leader training meetings were held in the Worsham High School Agricultural Shop by Mr. C.D. Wheary, Associate Extension Agricultural Engineer. Eleven leaders from five clubs attended the meeting on "Simple Carpentry" and 14 leaders from nine clubs were present for the "Minor Household Repairs" demonstration.

Members from three of the clubs - Worsham, Mt. Pleasant, Throck - met together in the Worsham High School Shop with six leaders helping their fellow club members to make either a lawn chair or bedside table.

Four lawn chairs and five bedside tables were made as a result. The interest in this project was so great that the club members from the Worsham

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and Mt. Pleasant Clubs have formed a "Shop Group" with Mr. Paul McLelland, Agricultural Teacher at Worsham, guiding them in their building. The homemakers meet every Thursday night, some bringing their husbands, and they are in the process of making tea wagons, small kitchen cabinets, bedside tables, and desks. Approximately 15 women are attending the classes. Publicity has been in the form of newspapers and the radio.

Method demonstrations were used as a means of teaching minor repairs in the home. An average of 132 women learned how to sharpen shears, put in a new washer on a faucet and make a nail holder with 14 leaders giving the demonstrations in eight of the eleven clubs. The result has been that over half of the women have said they have been making the minor repairs around the house which enables them to get things repaired faster.

As has already been observed, the homemakers are preparing to undertake more complicated job in their "Simple Carpentry" by building tea carts and simple kitchen cabinets. Next year will probably show even more advanced study if the enthusiasm continues. The club members are getting a great deal of pride from their building and their accomplishments.

4. Oven Meals, A Time-Saver

Although the club members were not too interested in foods this year, they felt that one demonstration was needed. This was "Oven Meals" as it tied in with the home management project of saving time and energy. The objective was to prepare a nutritious and attractive meal in a shorter time.

A leader training meeting was held by Miss Janet Cameron, Food and Nutrition Specialist, in the Farmville Manufacturing Company's kitchen.

nineteen leaders from nine of the clubs were present to observe the demonstration of two oven meals, to receive some printed material and to taste the prepared meals. These leaders gave all 10 of the demonstrations following the same procedure Miss Cameron used. Stuffed pork chop meal and Swedish meat ring meal were the two used for demonstration purposes. One hundred and seventeen members have reported that they use oven meals in their homes to save time. Printed material containing four oven meal recipes was passed out to each member and the agent gave one radio program on the subject. Each club reporter wrote an article for the newspaper giving the names of the leaders and the meals they prepared. At least 3 or 4 homemakers in every club have told some non-club member about the oven meals.

Better homemaking has prevailed as a result of these demonstrations because the homemakers have learned how to preserve the nutritive value of a meal while taking less time to perform the actual preparation. Much more time has been saved, too, by these women practicing the things they learned concerning the storage of kitchen utensils where most frequently used. Simply because more women are working outside the home is no sign that homemaking must suffer nowadays.

5. Basket-Making, A Leisure Activity

The club members expressed their wishes to have a demonstration during the year which would appear as a "spare-time" project. Basket-making was chosen with a desire to make flower baskets, fruit baskets and wastebaskets. The objective was to create something that would be attractive and could be used as a gift. The homemakers were at the same time learning the principles of balance and design.

Miss Catherine Peery, Rural Arts Specialist, held a leader training meeting on the making of bread baskets and baskets which could be used for trays or

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flowers. Only 5 leaders from 4 clubs were present and 6 bread baskets were made that day, plus one basket having a wooden bottom which was to be used for a fruit bowl. The idea for stressing the making of bread baskets was the fact that the weave was rather complicated and if the women mastered that particular weave they could soon convey it to other types of baskets. A basket with a woven bottom is also more valuable and expensive than one with a wooden bottom.

The leaders gave four demonstrations and the agent eight demonstrations to the club members. Approximately 62 baskets have been made with that many more, at least, to be made before Christmas. Two all-day meetings have been held by the agent and leaders to help the club members with their baskets. For best results, basket-making should be a special interest activity rather than a club demonstration as has been brought out in this county. Not enough time can be given in a regular meeting to make a basket and not everyone is interested in doing this type of creative work. Several home visits have been made in order to help a club member complete a basket, and office calls by the members have been a means of teaching, also. Next year's work can be strengthened by encouraging only those interested in basket-making to continue on a more complicated basis. Special interest groups can be arranged for this purpose.

6. Quality and Economy Evident in Tailoring

A special group on tailoring was held this year by the agent in the Worsham High School Home Economics Room. The objective was to strive for a neater finish in tailoring to give a smarter-looking appearance.

Five homemakers are participating in the school with three coats and suits being worked on. One suit and one coat are a remodeling job.

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One of the participants is a Home Economics Teacher who wants to learn the latest techniques of tailoring. The agent demonstrated each step on one of the member's garments and then supervised each person until all had finished the step. A discussion meeting was held at the beginning of the school to teach the members a little about materials for tailoring and the equipment needed. Printed material, home visits and office calls were used as a supplementary means of teaching.

Two club members and one non-club member were given special help by the agent on tailoring also this year. They were unable to attend the school when it was held in their community. One coat and one suit were made and one coat was remodeled. Most of this work was carried on by meeting in one of the homemaker's homes to learn the different steps.

Better homemaking has resulted because these women have learned economy in making their tailored garments and have learned as well the meaning of quality.

7. Decrease in Time for Business Meetings Due to Parliamentary Procedure

This subject was requested by the club members to be able to report that better club meetings were conducted during the year as the result of the study of correct business procedure. Two other outstanding goals they hoped to accomplish were to promote more efficiency among the officers and to develop in every club member the understanding of how to carry on a meeting so that all meetings may be conducted in an impartial and dignified manner. It was attempted to teach the club members the proper rules for conducting a meeting and to encourage them to practice these rules so they will in turn be unconsciously helping other people with which they come into contact to

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follow correct rules or order.

A short lecture demonstration was given to each club by the agent with a discussion following. A few questions were asked by the agent to see how much information had been grasped, and then a sheet compiled by the agent from "Robert's Rules of Order" was given to each member to study.

During the year, these rules have been practiced at each club or county meeting through elections, motions, votes, committee reports and through the presiding of officers. The women have applied these rules and at the club meetings have hesitated at a rule about which they were not too sure, to learn the correct procedure to use. Each of the ten clubs have decreased the time it took for the business and as a result they have become more interested in the entire meeting.

8. Vegetable Gardening Increases Food Production & Preservation

Vegetable gardening was included in this year's program to improve the production of the food in the county. The objective was to encourage the club members to raise more of their own food and to get a greater yield from the food raised. They wished to learn something about the new varieties, the latest methods of planting and cultivation, and the best time to plant the different vegetables.

Mr. F. H. Scott, Assistant Extension Horticulturist, conducted a leader training meeting on the latest gardening information. Nine leaders from 6 clubs were present. These leaders were given a chance to ask questions concerning their own particular problems, after which each received a garden manual for use by their club. Slides were also used as a means of teaching the leaders information on the different diseases and insects.

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The leaders devoted about twenty minutes at their next club meeting to a discussion on gardens. They gave six demonstrations while the agent gave four. As a result, better gardens were reported this year, and an increase in food preservation was noticed. An increase of 2924 quarts of vegetables canned was reported, 1049 more quarts of fruit were reported and 514 more quarts of meat canned with an increase of 450 more pounds of meat frozen. Another means of spreading interest in gardens was a radio program given by one of the leaders telling the most important gardening points.

This project has stimulated more interest in gardening and better living results because of the increased production and preservation of foods. Gardens enable people to have more and fresher vegetables at less cost. Living becomes more economical.

B. Other Activities

1. The O. T. Smith Family of Prince Edward County

The O. T. Smith's of Prospect, which is ten miles from Farmville, deserve to be called an outstanding family because of their many achievements. Here is the reason why.

Mrs. Smith is a member of the Prospect Home Demonstration Club and has been for three years. She served as Federation Goal Chairman of the club this past year, the goal "Rural Youth and Community Recreation" being very appropriate for her as she has six children. Mrs. Smith also participated wholeheartedly in the Five County Fair and won twenty ribbons this year on her canned products.

Jenny Leigh Smith is the oldest of the six children. She has been in the 4-H Club five years and has served as president and reporter of the Prospect Club and as Secretary-Treasurer of the 4-H County Council. She is now trying to organize a 4-H Club in her own community as there is no club in the high school which she attends.

Jenny Leigh raised the family garden at her home this year and was the second place winner in the Sears Roebuck Contest at Lynchburg. She placed first in the county on her canning and won fifth sweepstake prize on canning. This year she won 11 firsts, 8 seconds, and 4 thirds at the Five County Fair and was awarded 15 firsts, 2 seconds, and 7 thirds at the Lynchburg Farm Show. She was the person having the largest number of winning exhibits at the Farm Show receiving \$142. for 8 winning Guernsey cattle entries and 21 winning entries in canned products. Jenny Leigh won over \$200. in both the Five County Fair and Lynchburg Farm Show, and in her five years as a club member has received more than 200 fair ribbons and more than \$700. in prizes.

Jimmy, who has been a 4-H Club member for four years is following in his sister's footsteps and has received quite a few ribbons and prizes. This year he won 6 firsts, 3 seconds and 1 third in the Five County Fair.

The other four children are not quite old enough to join the 4-H Club, but they are planning to be members as soon as they can. They help their father on the farm from which the family makes its entire living by selling some of the gardening products, selling eggs and dressing and selling chickens. These are only a few of their farming activities, however. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith and their children are outstanding participants in the 4-H, Home Demonstration, and Agricultural Programs.

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2. Worsham Home Demonstration Club Plans to Organize Boy Scout Group

The Worsham Home Demonstration Club held two community meetings for the purpose of organizing a Boy Scout group. The boys in and around Worsham had expressed a desire to form a troop, and a Scout leader lived near the community. The club members felt it would be a good opportunity for the boys and it would be a wholesome type of entertainment as well as a means of teaching something worthwhile.

A meeting was called by the committee from the club and the members of the committee and their husbands who were parents of interested boys, the Scout leader, the Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Hampden Sydney, and the Agricultural Teacher of Worsham were the only ones present. Another meeting was set for organization purposes and only three or four persons came. The club members have not given up the project, but it has failed so far because the parents have not taken enough interest in the organization or in their children to cooperate. They do not seem to understand the value such a group might be to the community and to their children. No group for boys and girls has been organized in the community as yet.

3. Mt. Pleasant Community Improves Church Grounds

The Mt. Pleasant Club took their church grounds as a community project. They chose this because they felt it was the most needed improvement in their community.

Six Saturdays were spent, by approximately 35 club members, their husbands, and other persons in the community who were interested, in cleaning off, grading, and seeding the church grounds.

Around \$350.00 was collected from different community spirited people to finance the project. One or two of the farmers loaned their tractors to aid in the work. The graves were also leveled to improve the appearance. The plan of the club members is to keep this as a long-time project and make sure that the grounds are taken care of in the future.

The only money spent was for seed and fertilizer, as the workers did the job voluntarily. The money that was left over is to be used for buying a new carpet for the church.

4. Eighteen Community Gatherings Sponsored by Home Demonstration Clubs

The goal of "Rural Youth and Community Recreation" was chosen to improve the recreational facilities of the county and to aid the youth of all ages.

A County Federation Goal Meeting was called and the club members felt if they had a better understanding of their own program - leaders and duties - they could help all the other people in the community understand the value and need of more community recreation. The women in the club first studied the different State, district, and county meetings they should attend. Their next goal was to discuss the importance of leadership and of attending all meetings. After this study, they then decided they were ready to support 4-H Club work and concentrate on community recreation.

Each of the clubs did contribute something to recreation. Two of the clubs sponsored an Easter Egg hunt for the small children of the community. One of these same clubs had three recreational meetings during the year for the older children with planned games, singing and refreshments. They secured the use of an old Sunday School Room for their meetings and approximately

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24 children attended each gathering they had. The other club encouraged the forming of ball teams to interest the boys and girls. Four clubs had Community-wide picnics for recreation, carrying out one of the goals of having at least one community gathering during the year. An average of 50 people attended each picnic. The Darlington Heights Club worked with the 4-H Club members of their community and had them present a skit on club work at their picnic.

This same club also provided planned recreation and refreshments for the 4-H Club four or five times during the year. One of the clubs provided a project leader for the 4-H Club and two other adult clubs sent two 4-H Club members to Holiday Lake Camp. The town club contributed \$100. to the new recreation center here in Farmville as their part since they had no 4-H Club to sponsor.

A National Home Demonstration Week exhibit and the radio were used as a means of attracting attention to this goal. The use of charts and posters in the display added much. The results of the various activities have been that more children have been reached by wholesome recreation, the 4-H Clubs have been provided with leaders, and each community has had at least one social get-together during the year. These gatherings provided a way for the adult club members of the county to become better acquainted, and therefore, to cooperate more closely in the Extension Program.

5. State Federation Activities of Adult Clubs

Forty six club members attended the District III Federation Meeting at Naruna in May, this being sixteen more members than attended last year. Mrs. J. A. LeSueur from this county led the devotionals for the meeting and a report of the county's accomplishments was given by Mrs. Edward Frank

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as County Chairman. A little over \$12. was contributed towards the "Pennies for Friendship".

The ten clubs of the county were 100% in paying their Federation dues.

Five club members attended the State Federation Meeting and Institute of Rural Affairs this year. Mrs. June Ellington served as county delegate and will give her report at Achievement Day which will be held the first week in December. The other members were as follows: Mrs. Clara Pillow of the Buffalo Club, Mrs. James Anderson and Miss Bessie Mae Franklin of the Abilene Club and Mrs. C. W. Dickhoff, Jr. of the Worsham Club. Each of these members gave reports of their trip to their respective clubs.

6. Six Objectives Represent County Needs

Prince Edward County had six goals this year. The first one of considering the possibilities of a community house or recreational hall was for the purpose of tying in with the federation goal. It was felt by the club members a place was needed for county meetings and social gatherings. A committee was appointed to locate such a place and an old church building has been found which can be rented for \$5. a month for the entire year. The clubs are now discussing the matter to decide what they wish to do.

Another goal was to support a better rural telephone system as so many families in the county have requested securing a telephone. A committee was appointed in one of the adult clubs to obtain as much information as possible concerning the matter, and four or five club members are on a committee in their various communities to canvass the community and find out how

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many are interested enough in having a phone to make a deposit for the putting up the wires. A petition must be signed by a certain number of people before work can be started, and not enough people have signed, but there is much progress being made. This goal has been continued for another year.

Home water systems was a goal continued from 1951, and 8 people have installed a complete water system in their home, with 21 putting running water in their kitchens. Running water in the home is one of the more important needs in the county.

To support 4-H Club work was felt by the club members to be another necessary item. This was carried out by the adult clubs furnishing leaders and project instructors and by sending 4-H Club members to camp. This goal was discussed under the Federation Goal activities.

All of the clubs made a study of civil defense this year by devoting a part of 3 or 4 club meetings to discussions on the subject. Printed material furnished by the agent and material collected by the women were used as a main source of information.

The last goal was to organize two new home demonstration clubs. This failed for one reason because so many women have started working outside the homes and feel they do not have time for extra activities at present. Quite a few home visits were made for this purpose and many expressed a desire to join a club, but couldn't because of outside jobs. The wife of a member of the Board of Supervisors is working on the organization of a club in the Green Bay Area consisting of young married women. No actual date for the meeting has been set as yet.

Along this same line, however, a visit was made to the principal of

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the Farmville Elementary School in which over half of the students live in the county to inquire about the organization of a 4-H Club. An interested mother, the agent, Mr. Speir, Assistant Agricultural Agent, talked to the principal who had once been a member of the Tomato Club. She said she would help all she could in securing members, and one of the teachers would act as sponsor, but the meetings would have to be after school as they would interfere with Longwood College student teachers. She did add, though, that it may be possible to work the 4-H Club in next year's school program. A meeting is to be held the first week in December, after school, to organize a club for those interested.

A goal not listed under the county objectives but about which the club members felt very strongly was a printed yearbook. They felt they needed something to remind them of their monthly meetings and it was also an accomplishment of which they could be proud.

A committee was appointed to find a sponsor for the yearbook and that work was performed very easily by visiting Mr. R. B. Crawford of the Kilkare Laundry in Farmville. As he was once Agricultural Agent he was only too glad to sponsor the book. The committee then set to work to organize the material for it. The result was a printed yearbook of which every club member has enjoyed using. Mr. Crawford has agreed to sponsor the yearbook each year for as long as he stays in business. The work now required is only to properly organize the material for a worthwhile yearbook.

7. Kitchens, Bathroom and Church Grounds Represent Long Time Goals of County

Mrs. R. B. Chernault of Worsham has set up the building of a bathroom in their home as a result demonstration. A part of the backporch of their

home has been enclosed for the purpose as it's the only space available. The family has had running water for quite sometime and have felt the need of a bathroom as a must. They wanted it so badly that Mrs. Chernault went to work outside the home to help with the expenses. Their plan was to decide how much of the back porch could be spared, to enclose the space for the bathroom and then little by little buy the necessary pieces of equipment and have them installed. The agent was called upon to give advice concerning the location of the bathroom and the fixtures. At the present, most all of the equipment has been bought and the installing of the pieces is all that remains. Twenty-five people have visited the demonstration so far.

Two club members have set up their kitchen remodeling as result demonstrations. One of the homemakers has moved her kitchen to another room so as to be more convenient for her as she works in the store which is in front of her home. She has painted the room, bought new equipment, and is now planning to have cabinets built to furnish her plenty of storage space. The other homemaker is building overhead and base cabinets as she had no storage space in her kitchen. She is doing this as a result of the demonstration on "Kitchen Storage". Her first job in remodeling, however, was to have a new floor built as that is one of the first requirements suggested by the Home Management Specialist. The first kitchen demonstration is to be used as an example for kitchen arrangement and the latter is to be used to show proper storage facilities. Approximately 12 people have visited these two result demonstrations up to now. Completion is expected in the spring. The agent has made 7 home visits to both places, and the homemakers have used the printed material received through the club demonstrations on kitchens.

The fourth result demonstration concerns the improvement of a church ground which has been previously discussed under community improvement work. It is being carried on by the Mt. Pleasant Home Demonstration Club and around 45 people have visited this particular project to see the work which was done in the fall by the club members, their husbands and interested friends.

8. Fourteen Club Displays at the Five County Fair

The fair is always a means of displaying the year's work and achievements, and the women look forward to the exhibits. Eight of the ten adult clubs put up a booth at the fair with six of the eight clubs represented putting up two booths, one depicting an educational project and one displaying simple party refreshments. The first booth was planned to exhibit project work during the year, while the second booth was planned to teach a lesson of serving only simple refreshments at a club or other meeting instead of elaborate servings which some thought must be proper. There were four first prizes, seven second prizes, and three third prizes given to the 14 booths. More participation was shown among the club members by the number of exhibits, and the quality of the exhibits had improved.

Four home agents served as judges for the fair and two home economists assisted in the judging. Publicity was given through the newspaper and through radio broadcasts, one broadcast being made directly from the fair grounds announcing the winners of the day.

9. Homes, Theme of National Home Demonstration Week

A committee was appointed at the Spring Planning Meeting to plan

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some type of recognition for National Home Demonstration Week, as the club officers felt this was a good opportunity to show the public what the words "home demonstration" meant and might even result in some new members.

The committee met twice to make plans for this week. Material was collected and a display was set up in one of the windows of a centrally located store in Farmville. A bedside table, a lamp shade, and a hooked rug were arranged in the window along with some printed project material and the poster with the theme "Today's Homes Build Tomorrow's World".

Quite a few passers-by stopped to look at the exhibit, and much comment was made on the hooked rug project. Besides the display, the County Chairman, Mrs. Edward Frank, and another club member gave a radio talk based on the advantages, activities, and accomplishments of the home demonstration clubs on both a State and County level. A news article was also written to let everyone know for what National Home Demonstration Week is a symbol.

VI. 4-H Club Work

A. Project Work

1. 4-H Girls Show Desire for Foods in County Program

The project "Meal Planning, Preparation and Service" was chosen by three of the 4-H Clubs. After discussing the various topics with the girls, they felt they needed to learn some good food habits and how to better plan their meals at home. Another objective they wanted to attain was how to properly prepare certain required foods in order to get more nutritive value. The technique of setting a correct table was also listed as a goal. It was attempted to teach the 4-H girls some of the basic factors

about the kind of food each family needed, how to prepare the food and how to serve it.

The leaders gave four demonstrations alone and helped the agent give seven. Method demonstrations and discussions were two ways of teaching the project, and each girl was asked to keep a notebook containing the basic food requirements and how well she followed these requirements in her daily meals. Some of the more important foods were prepared in school so the girls could see how it was done, then they were to prepare these foods at home at least four or five times. Home visits were made by the agent during the summer to help the girls individually on their problems, such as planning a meal. Printed material was used as a source of information to guide them in their practicing the project at home.

As a result, 558 meals were planned by club members, but only 62 meals were prepared. That shows the need for more study on preparation of foods. Much of the information learned was conveyed to their mothers as about 25 girls said their mothers had started cooking foods differently, or had been planning meals by the Basic Seven Chart more often.

Seven girls in the county chose "Food Preservation" as their summer project. Their mothers served as their leader and the agent made at least two visits to each of their homes to help them in their methods of canning and freezing. The Extension booklets on canning and freezing were given to the girls as a means of informing them about the correct procedures and proper timing.

A food preservation plan was kept by five of the club members which they felt helped their family very much. These girls canned 549 quarts of food alone and helped to can 1121 quarts. They also froze 280 pounds of

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food alone and helped in freezing 339 pounds. The mothers of all the girls have stated that it certainly helped them to get more food canned.

2. Economy, Goal of 4-H Girl's Clothing Project

The clothing project of "Make and Remake" was undertaken by two clubs with 45 members participating. The objectives were to be able to make a garment by learning how to use a pattern and how to adjust this pattern to their own needs, also how to cut out a piece of material and how to put the garment together. The overall goal is to have the girls learn how to sew in order to save money in the future and in order to have a neat attractive appearance.

The work was carried on by using method demonstrations in the club. The leaders were taught through conferences and home visits. The two leaders gave three demonstrations alone and helped the agent give 7 demonstrations. Fifty-eight garments were made, 29 were remodeled, and 10 other articles, such as shoe bags, were finished. Seven of the members kept a six-months clothing account which showed that more money was spent on shoes than any other article. This year there was an increase of six in the number keeping clothing accounts, and there was also an increase of 51 in the number of garments made and an increase of 27 in the number of garments remodeled in this project. Five girls have said they taught their mothers how to put a zipper in a dress correctly.

Next year's work can be strengthened by teaching the girls the different seam finishes and stitches which can be used on garments, and by discussing with them the principles used in judging clothes, so as to encourage them to become more conscious of how their clothes look.

3. Eleven Rooms Improved in 4-H Home Management Project

The Senior group of 4-H girls expressed a desire to improve their rooms at home and they wanted some help. Their suggestions were to study something about the arrangement of furniture, and to learn how to improve their furnishings with very little extra cost. The principles of line, design, balance, color and workmanship were to be brought forth in the various projects.

The plan of demonstrating the various articles before the entire group and then helping them with the actual work in two groups of five was the procedure used. Discussions on the arranging of furniture were carried on with the entire group. Printed material was used as an additional help in putting across the information. The leader of the group gave two demonstrations alone and helped the agent give three with the agent alone giving four of the demonstrations. The ten members enrolled each cared for their room at least six months, and 11 rooms in all were improved. Five of the girls helped to repaper or paint their room and two refinished a small table for their rooms. Each girl made a shoebag to hang in her closet and six of the girls made lamp shades. These 4-H members were improving their rooms as well as learning something which would help them in their homemaking practices in later years.

The girls in their 1952-53 project of "Rural Electrification" will still be improving their rooms by learning something about the principles of lighting and about making lamps for their rooms.

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B. Other Activities

1. Thirteen Girls Attend Holiday Lake 4-H Camp and 4-H Short Course

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The six 4-H Clubs were represented at Holiday Lake 4-H Camp this year by 12 girls. Three of the girls attended on scholarships given by the adult clubs of their community. The leader attending was a girl recommended by a home demonstration club member, as the girl had much leader experience in young peoples church groups.

The objectives of Camp and Short Course have always been to become better members of the 4-H Club and better citizens of their club, community and county. These club members have a chance to work with others and to learn good sportsmanship as well as pride and poise. The Camp and Short Course Standards are discussed at different times during the year, club meetings and county council meetings, to have the members understand they must have their project work completed up to that point in the year's program and that they must be able to pay attention in a club meeting. Radio talks and three news articles were used to inform the parents and other county people what the standards were and who attended the events. Circular letters were also employed.

Two club members, one boy and one girl, attended the 4-H Short Course. The girl attended the session on canning as that was her project at home, and she felt she needed to observe some of the correct procedures to follow in giving a demonstration. She is planning to enter the Area Contest in Canning in February.

2. Increased Exhibition at County Fair and Farm Show

The Five County Fair held in Farmville affords an opportunity for the 4-H Club members to display their work and to let their parents and friends see what they are doing. Two of the objectives are to arouse interest and to exhibit work accomplished. These objectives apply

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also to the Lynchburg Farm Show.

Five of the 4-H Clubs put up an exhibit depicting their project work of last year. The clubs devoted the month of September to discussing the Fair and making plans for the exhibit. Each club member had a part either in bringing something for the exhibit or in helping put up the display. One of the clubs put up an exhibit on "Simple Party Refreshments" using either homegrown or home-made products. The idea carried out was the Halloween theme, using a large pumpkin as a punch bowl. This exhibit won a second prize. The adult leaders of each club helped plan and put up the exhibit. Besides the club exhibits, 38 individual exhibits of canned food and clothing were put up by 4-H Club girls. Jenny Leigh Smith of Prospect exhibited 32 jars of canned food and won 27 prizes, 11 of these being first prizes.

The overall objective for 1952 was to have each club put up an exhibit. The goal was not quite reached as five out of six clubs had an exhibit. One factor that played a rather important part was that the Fair is held only two weeks after school starts which actually gives the club only one week to get ready for the fair. The fair, however, does a great deal towards teaching the members to acquire experience in forethought and planning with the guidance of adult leaders. The newspaper and radio were used as means of publicity.

More interest was shown this year concerning the Farm Show than in the two previous years. Not too many people from Farmville attend the Farm Show, and also it is held right after the Five County Fair in Farmville which does away with some of the interest and participation.

Approximately 15 girls, being 9 more than last year, sent exhibits

of canned food or clothing to the Farm Show in October. Judy Odham of Rice won a first, second, and third on her exhibits, and Jenny Leigh Smith won a total of \$142. for eight winning Guernsey cattle entries and 21 winning entries in canned fruit, meat, pickle, and vegetable classes.

An increased interest seems to be shown each year. Newspaper articles of the results tends to increase this interest.

3. Nine Prizes Won by 4-H Girls in Area, Garden and Canning Contests

The various 4-H contests are for the purpose of providing the members with an opportunity of compete with other 4-H members in giving a demonstration, in comparing the quality of the exhibit, and in keeping records. The objective was to learn better methods of giving a demonstration, to attain self-confidence, to keep better records, and to strive harder the next year.

Two 4-H Club girls participated in the Area Contest held in Lynchburg at the Appalachian Power Kitchen last February. Rebecca Arnes of Green Bay gave a demonstration on making brownies as her project was "Food Preparation". Rebecca practiced her demonstration at home with the help of her mother, and the agent made two visits to the home to help her individually. Three office calls were also made by Rebecca. She won third in the Area.

Jenny Leigh Smith of Prospect gave a demonstration on canning string beans. She won second in the area and this was her first time of ever having given a demonstration outside the county. Jenny Leigh does a lot of canning at home and her mother serves as a leader in her project work. She was using printed charts as one means of better explaining her points in the demonstration. The home agent made three visits to Jenny Leigh's home to help her with the demonstration and four office visits were made.

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The results were written as an article for the Farmville paper.

The Sears Roebuck Garden and Canning Contest is another opportunity for the 4-H girls to compete in their projects. Twelve girls entered the garden contest being five more than last year and six completed the project by having a spring and a fall garden and turning in a record. A visit was made to each of the girls' homes to see their gardens before they were judged by Mr. F. H. Scott, Vegetable Gardening Specialist, and the agent talked with the girls' mothers about the project as they were to serve as leaders.

Seven of the girls entered the Canning Contest and all seven completed the project. They received individual help from the agent and from their mothers who were partly instructed by the agent.

The seven girls who won prizes in the contest were taken to Lynchburg by the agent to receive their money. Two of the girls won Sweepstakes prizes. Jenny Leigh Smith of Prospect won 5th on her canning and Louise Yeatts of Rice won 6th on her garden.

An article was written by the agent for the newspaper telling the rules of the contests, the participants of the contests and the prizes they won.

4. Window Display Attracts Public During National 4-H Club Week

The 4-H Club members decided at their County Council Meeting to put up a display during National 4-H Club Week. The objectives involved were to encourage the 4-H members to develop an interest in National activities, to encourage the parents to take notice of 4-H work, and to encourage other people to recognize the 4-H Program and for what it stands.

The exhibit was discussed and some plans made at the County Council Meeting. A committee was appointed with a member from each club serving.

Mrs. W. A. Odham, an adult leader, helped the committee plan the details of the exhibit and guided them in setting it up in one of the store windows in the center of Farmville. The main idea of the window display was a highway running through the town of Farmville with road signs along the way telling for what 4-H work stood. Posters were used to accentuate the display and various books and magazines pertaining to the subject were used as an added interest. A picture showing the display follows:



(Picture of Window Display in Farmville, Prince Edward County, depicting 4-H Club Work during National 4-H Club Week)

As an added interest during this week, the Worsham Senior 4-H Club put on a radio broadcast giving some of the reasons why they belonged to the 4-H Club. Quite a few people commented on the display and the broadcast as a result.

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5. Six 4-H Clubs Contribute to National Club Center

The six 4-H Clubs of the county collected and sent in \$21.80 as their contribution to the National Club Center. Four of the clubs were 100% for their designated quota. The money was either donated by the club members or taken from the club treasury after being discussed in the club and voted on by the members.

VII. Younger Club Women Becoming More Active

Most of the work with this group has been done individually for the reason that the women between the ages of 18-30 that are interested in the work belong to home demonstration clubs. The requests for help from young women not members of a club come quite frequently, however, concerning either the preparation of food or furnishings for the home.

The objective is to reach as many of these young women as possible as most of them are the young homemakers of the county and quite a few work outside the home. They need to learn the proper shortcuts to take in housekeeping as well as in preparing meals. About half of these homemakers have friends who are club members and who pass on information to them. Then, too, many of the homemakers are reached by the radio talks which are given every week on some phase of homemaking.

There is a big difference in the program requests during the year between the younger and older club members. Approximately 35 women between the ages of 18-30 belong to a club. It has been found that they are more willing to undertake an outside activity more quickly than the older members.

As an example, it was through the encouragement of two young women that one of the clubs had an exhibit at the fair this year. They weren't willing to let the other clubs get ahead, so to speak.

Ten of the young women served as some officer in their club and around 15 others served as project leaders throughout the year.

The goal for next year is to encourage more of these young women through office visits and personal contact to become a member of an adult club or to organize a club of their own.

VIII. Scope of Work

	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. H.D. Clubs or Groups	11	10	11	10
Membership	260	265	216	218
No. 4-H Clubs	6	6	6	6
Membership	130	112	100	96
No. YWJ Groups				
Membership				
No. of other families reached	1160	925	1015	423
No. of different families reached	1400	1200	1181	723
No. community clubs				
Membership				

IX.

A. County Committee, Guiding Force of Home Demonstration Clubs

This committee is the guiding force of the adult program of the adult program and consists of the county officers, presidents and program development leaders of the clubs. This organization held two meetings in which to set up the year's work and to make any changes necessary. The committee also served as an aid to the agent, as she called on the members twice during

the year to help decide upon two situations which arose whereas the agent felt she could not take the full responsibility of the matter.

Thirty-six officers attended the two planning meetings held with all the clubs but one being represented. Four committees were appointed to take care of the Achievement program, National Home Demonstration Week display, yearbook and finances. All of the committees met during the year and completed their work.

The county officers worked closely together and with the clubs as each was an officer in her own club.

B. County 4-H Committee Met to Plan Project Work of Clubs

This committee was set up to plan a uniform project work program for the 4-H Clubs. It consisted of one club member from each club, the adult leaders, and the agent. One meeting was held in August with five members present. The committee chose three projects for the year. "Rural Electrification", "Your Room, Pep It Up", and "Looking Your Best". The projects were set up according to the age group in each club, as they felt in order to keep club members interested in the 4-H Club, the project work must be of a kind the members liked to do and are capable of doing. The agent hopes to encourage more members of the committee to attend the meeting next year, this being the first year the organization has functioned.

C. Four Objectives Planned by County 4-H Club Council

The organization known as the County Council functioned more efficiently this year than previously. A meeting was held in January with 17 members, consisting of officers from the six clubs, present.

Four objectives were set up which were to have every club represented at 4-H Camp, to send some members to State Short Course, to observe Rural

Life Sunday, and to set up an exhibit in Farmville during National 4-H Club Week. Three of the goals were completed.

The County Council Meeting was really responsible for the club reporters becoming active once again. Mr. Collins of the Farmville newspaper discussed with the group the methods used for reporting the club meetings and told them to send in only the facts. The newspaper staff would do the writing. As a result, 4-H Club reporting was 100%.

The council meetings in Prince Edward County serve as a means of giving the club members instruction in the performance of their duties as officers. The club meetings have been conducted more efficiently and in less time as a result.

D. Professional Workers' Council Represent Agricultural Agencies

The Worker's Council did not function as well in 1952 as previously.

Either the programs have not been interesting enough to attract the members or the time of meeting does not suit the majority. The meetings of the council were cut to one every other month instead of one a month in hope that more members would then attend. Five or six meetings have been held with an average attendance of six or eight. The council meetings are important as they furnish an opportunity to exchange ideas with the other agricultural workers.

X. Leadership

1. 4-H and H.D. Club Officers Have Good Year

Leaders are one of the most important parts of any program, and there are 41 such leaders serving as club officers in the adult clubs. Four hundred and eighty talks and discussions have been led by these officers during the year.

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The club presidents have presided at 95 club meetings leaving 25 meetings at which another officer presided. Four of the ten presidents were present at all of the meetings.

The secretary-treasurers of the clubs have kept the minutes of every club meeting and have kept a complete record of the money taken in and spent. Six of these officers have been present at the 12 meetings of their club.

The reporters have been very active in sending in the news and three reporters have not missed a single month writing an article for the paper. One of the reporters has made a practice of cutting the club articles out of the paper each month and giving them to the secretary to keep for future reference.

The County Chairman presided at all the county meetings and made at least 15 home visits with the agent during the year. She also gave two radio programs to encourage members to join some club in the county.

There are 40 organizational leaders in the 4-H clubs counting the song leaders as officers. The club officers studied parliamentary procedure at their county council meeting and this year each officer has learned to conduct a meeting properly.

All six of the presidents presided at every meeting, and two vice presidents had a short program worked up for each meeting consisting of a Bible Story and the singing of several 4-H songs. The secretaries had help by the agent at the beginning of the year in keeping the minutes, and the minutes were recorded for every club meeting. The reporters improved over last year's work by at least one-half of them sending in reports this year, especially since they were told by a newspaper staff member they had to send in only the

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facts. He impressed this point upon their minds.

The County Council officers were all members of the Senior 4-H Club except for the two song leaders, and had had more experience in conducting meetings than the club officers. They were an example for the other members of the Council.

2. Forty Talks Given by Program Development Leaders

The office of program development leader seems to be more confusing to the club members than any other office. They don't seem to think it is too important. The importance of their office was discussed in each club during the study of the duties of officers, and these leaders have given or led 40 talks and discussions during the year. As a result of the program development leaders work, every club had at least three suggestions to be given for the year's program at the planning meeting.

3. Subject Matter Leaders Increase Contribution to 1952 Extension Program

It would be impossible to carry on all the club meetings and give the demonstrations without project leaders. There were 64 different women who served as subject matter leaders for the adult program this year and who attended nine training meetings.

Seventeen leaders gave 10 demonstrations alone on the lamp-shade project. Twenty-five leaders gave nine demonstrations on "Simple Carpentry" and "Minor Household Repairs" and assisted the agent in two meetings. Twelve leaders attended the leader meeting on gardening and gave nine discussions on the subject. There were 19 club members who were interested in "Oven Meals" and gave that demonstration in nine clubs and assisted the agent in the other club. Two meetings were held for leaders on "Kitchens" and 27 women attended the meetings giving 10 demonstrations and leading 6 discussions

on the subject. Five leaders gave six demonstrations on basket-making. A total of 44 demonstrations were given by the leaders this year. The details of the leaders' work in the particular projects have been written under each subject matter head.

The Federation Goal Leaders have given or led 135 talks and discussions concerning rural youth and community recreation. Sixteen community gatherings were reported held by the clubs as a result of the work done by the 10 federation chairmen. This work consisted of leading discussions, heading committees on recreation and finding leaders to work with the 4-H Clubs. Satisfaction and pleasure were derived from this work of the federation leaders.

4-H Club work improved to a considerable extent this year as the result of having an adult leader for each club. Nineteen different women served as project leaders with one junior leader taking part in the project on foods.

The leader of the room improvement project gave two demonstrations on the making of hooked rugs. She had been a leader in the adult club on this particular project and enjoyed teaching the 4-H girls. She assisted the agent in giving three demonstrations on the arranging of furniture and making of shoebags.

Seven mothers served as leaders for their girls' project on canning. They gave 14 demonstrations at home with no assistance from the agent except for some printed material. Twelve mothers were leaders in the garden project and gave 24 demonstrations on the correct garden techniques. Three leaders helped on the project on food selection and preparation and gave four demonstrations at the club meetings. They assisted the agent in seven more. The junior leader helped in the demonstration and led two discussions on table setting. Two leaders helped in the project of "Make and Remake" and gave three demonstrations

alone on the cutting of the garment and on putting it together. The leaders gave 47 demonstrations alone and helped to give 17. The assistance of leaders is invaluable.

B.

<u>Growth of H.D. Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
No. project leaders (subject matter)	56	63	72	105
No. goal chairmen	11	10	11	10
No. training meetings held by Specialist by Agent	5 5	7 2	7 2	8 1
Attendance at all training meetings	81	108	74	133
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	46	42	57	62
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	26	40	46	45
<u>Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership</u>				
No. adult project leaders	5	7	11	25
No. junior project leaders	2	1	3	1
No. training meetings held by Specialist by Agent	5 5	1 1	1 2	2 2
Attendance at leader training meetings	20	43	21	19
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	5	7	10	19
No. club meetings held by leader without agent present	6	1	5	10
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	28	47	50	34
No. demonstrations given by leaders by adults by juniors	7 4 3	7 7	12 11 1	47 47

C. Mrs. W. A. Odham, Outstanding 4-H Club Leader

Mrs. W. A. Odham of Rice has been a very active leader in 4-H Club work. She has a daughter who is a 4-H Club member and her interest in the work started by serving as a leader at home for her daughter in her projects.

Mrs. Odham has been a leader only one year, but has entered into all the 4-H activities of the county. She held three club meetings alone in the absence of the agent and helped give all the other club demonstrations. During the month of December she baked Christmas cookies and planned a party in the Rice Club. She planned the entire recreational program and led the games. She took a great interest in the officers of the club last year, also, and helped them in conducting the meetings.

She was the only adult leader in the county who volunteered to help the committee put up a display in Farmville for National 4-H Club Week. She assisted the club members in collecting the material to be used and also helped them in making the posters for the window, as she has excellent original ideas. Mrs. Odham did not stand back during the Five County Fair, but helped her club members plan and work up a project exhibit on the entire year's work. She is just as anxious as the boys and girls to put up the exhibit and then see how they placed among the other clubs. Last year Mrs. Odham saw that the club members fixed a Christmas gift box to be taken to the Lynchburg Farm Show. She is willing to help in any way possible.

Her last activity as a leader has been to visit some of the women in her community to arouse interest in organizing a home demonstration club. She is very anxious to attend the club meetings, but has been unable to secure

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enough members for a club in her particular area. She has not, however, given up her efforts to have a club and is still working to achieve her goal.

XI. Other Agencies

1. Home Demonstration Clubs Participate in Red Cross Activity

The Home Demonstration Clubs have worked with the Red Cross in two or three projects. The Camp Pickett Project has been the one in which a lot of work has been done. The clubs took this project to help the hospitalized soldiers at Camp Pickett feel more at home. The club members have made 512 dozen cookies as each club pledged to make at least 48 dozen for one month. Eighteen cakes were made for birthday parties in the hospital, and 30 gifts or flowering plants were sent at Christmas. One hundred and eighty-four bedside bags, for the boys personal articles, were made with the Buffalo Club making 127 of those. Twenty-nine bedpan covers were also made.

Two Buffalo Club members attended an instruction course on "Home Care of the Sick" sponsored by the Red Cross, and these two women have taught four classes of 12 hours each on the subject to four different home demonstration clubs. An average of nine people attended the classes. Four Buffalo Club members also took a course in First Aid.

2. Club Members Report on Cancer Drive

The Cancer Drive was taken over by the adult clubs this year cooperating with Mr. R. B. Crawford who was Chairman of the Drive. Twelve club women had a planning meeting with Mr. Crawford and every two women picked out one part of the business district to canvass. Then each club canvassed their own community and \$348.31 was collected by the 10 clubs, not including the business district. The Worsham Club collected \$97. alone.

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A newspaper article was written to inform the public of the work that had been accomplished. The clubs have decided to include the Cancer Drive in the 1953 Program. Some of the club members are also planning to go in a group to Richmond one day and learn how to roll bandages for the Cancer patients so they can include that as a service.

3. Power Companies Cooperate in 4-H Rural Electrification Project

The Virginia Electric and Power Company and the Southside Electric Cooperative are working with two 4-H Clubs in the county on their rural electrification project. They are holding a series of four meetings of two hours each on the various electrical appliances and home lighting and farm equipment.

XII. Better Homemaking Result of Year's Extension Program

The home demonstration program has brought forth more direct results than in the two previous years. There has been an added interest in leadership as well as project work. More leaders have given demonstrations without the help of the agent and more homemakers have attended the leader training meetings. The attendance of these leaders at the meetings show that they are very much interested in the program and in improving their methods of homemaking.

The demonstrations concerned with the saving of time and energy have shown the greatest participation. The women wish to cut down the time spent, but do not wish to neglect their work or reduce their efficiency. Oven Meals and Kitchen Arrangement have kept the women from feeling they must neglect their homemaking because of increased outside activities and jobs.

Better homemaking has also resulted in the house furnishing and rural

art line. The club members are still interested in the appearance of the interior of their homes as has been shown from the demonstrations on refinishing furniture, lamp-shades and picture frames. They have asked to be taught the right shades to use, the correct hanging of pictures and the right frames to be used with the right pictures. All of these practices are contributing to better rural living.

The women have also developed an increased interest in community improvement and in recreation. The beautifying of a church grounds has brought out the fact that exterior appearances are just as important as the interior. So often people feel if they have improved one, the other doesn't matter.

The people have also become more inclined to better themselves as well as their homes and communities. Sixteen community gatherings have been held this year for people of all ages under the goal of "Rural Youth and Community Recreation" and more adults have taken an interest in the children of the community. The 4-H Clubs have benefitted through this goal, also, and the adults have derived much pleasure from working with the younger group. One adult club president said "I enjoy doing for the boys and girls in the 4-H Club because they look and act as if they appreciate it so much". Each group helps the other in appreciation, generosity and better living.

Much of the 1952 year's work has been included in the new program, and the same Federation Goal has been retained, so the people must feel they are deriving something from their work and their recreation. Better homemaking and improved people have been the result of the year's program.