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AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

SOUTHAMPTON

COUNTY

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III. Summary of Accomplishments

The most outstanding work done in the county this year has been in the field, housing and house furnishings. This was an outgrowth of the work that has been done in the past years. Much of this work has been done individually by the agent, with the help of specialists, in remodeling old homes to modern, comfortable, convenient homes. The people see and feel the need more and more of convenient homes to cut down their work more than 50%. Some of the things that have been done to meet these needs are more water systems, 14, bathrooms, 8, hot water heaters, 10, and better arranged kitchens, 20, for the convenience of the homemaker.

The people not only saw their need for convenient and comfortable homes, but also for the continuation of house furnishings. Furnishings for the home included rug making with 58 rugs (braided, crocheted, and burlap) being completed and 113 being constructed.

Along with their rug making came a desire to make lamp shades for their homes. Record of the number being made was not made as the demonstration was given in October. Handicrafts, also, would be one of the accomplishments as metal and stenciling was the handicrafts program. On each ice tea coaster, ash tray, or serving tray made a homemaker would save approximately 15%.

The other field that progress was made in during the year was foods. More home freezers were purchased during the year and which caused home freezing of meats, fruits, and vegetables to increase.

	Lbs. Fruit	Lbs. Vegetables	Lbs. Meat
1948	10,000	11,982	24,100
1949	11,125	14,673	27,447

IV. Project Work

1. Housing

Housing was included in the program because the women felt the chief emphasis should be on the homes which were more comfortable, convenient and liveable. A study of Dr. Garnett's housing survey for Southampton County revealed that a high percentage of homes lacked such conveniences as running water, electricity, and many were in need of major repairs. Too, the women felt that many farm kitchens were inconvenient, and that the home-makers needed assistance in planning for improvements, as well as help in the selection of furnishings and equipment.

Considerable work in home improvement and remodeling has been done during the past months. In all cases this has been individual work, and has included such work as planning how a home could be remodeled to secure better use of the present floor space, where to build bathrooms, and how to improve the kitchen.

A number of improvements which were planned are still incomplete, but all show that improvement has been made. Our project that was begun three years ago is near completion now. It is the home of the Raby Cornwell's at Berlin. Painting and refinishing floors is now in progress, and the family expects to move in the near future. The couple deserves much credit for the fine job which they have done in taking an old home and making it into an attractive, convenient place.

(a) The kitchen improvement work has called for such things as planning adequate storage, work surfaces, correct work heights, good working order in arrangement, installing water systems, selection of equipment, floor coverings, wall finishes, etc. One particular kitchen which has been finished is

that of the Babb family near Sedley. This job called for considerable remodeling work. A tiny pantry, which served as a "catch all" was torn out and partition removed so it could be opened into the kitchen, thus giving a dining nook which was badly needed, since the family liked to eat in the kitchen. A new window was cut, water and sink installed, hot water heater, new electric stove, and a complete arrangement of new cabinets were built to give adequate working surfaces and storage space.

Another recommendation that was carried out was to turn the screened porch which they had planned, into a grand utility room with plenty of windows, which gives adequate light and air, space for home freezer, with work table near here for preparation of materials for freezing; this room is also used for ironing and sewing. The washing is not done here since they have a place with tubs, washing machine, heater, and other supplies nearer the back yard where the clothes are hung.

(b) Household Repair School

During the month of April Mr. C. D. Wheary came to the county to assist the agent in conducting a household repair school. This was one of the special events which had been planned to help women who requested assistance of this nature. Mr. Wheary gave much helpful information and timely demonstrations on how to do such jobs as repairing leaking faucets, commode, and water tanks, patching plastered walls, sharpening knives and scissors, puttying windows, repairing locks, etc. The 24 women who attended were most enthusiastic, and felt that it was a day well spent.

(c) Yard Improvement

Mrs. Mary C. McBride, Landscape Specialist, worked with the home agent for two days in the month of February to assist homemakers in planning for the improvement of their yards. At this time a complete plan of the farm

home grounds and farm outbuildings was made so each individual would know where walk ways, traffic lanes, etc., should be located, as well as where to locate flowers and shrubs. In addition to this, Mrs. McBride gave many planting suggestions.

At the present time, four of these demonstrations have made good progress in carrying out these plans. Since traffic must be one of the first factors to consider, these individuals have had grading done and have worked to get walks and driveways located. This fall, plantings will be made. One of the demonstrations which has been planned is for a Community House. The committees, one from the Home Demonstration Club and the Ruritan club, has had one meeting since the specialists visit. The plans were discussed, and the group expects to follow the suggestions which were made as soon as they can secure funds for laying a road and fixing parking areas. Later they hope to make plantings, but will not attempt this until they have their traffic confined so the plantings will not be destroyed.

2. House Furnishings.

Interest on house furnishings centered around rug making and handicrafts, stenciling and metal work. This was an outgrowth of the people's desire to use their hands to satisfy their creative and artistic ability to make things for their homes, as well as for friends and neighbors.

(a) Rug Making.

A leader training meeting was held last November, at which it was decided that the work could best be presented by agent and leaders combining their efforts in presenting the topic. The agent discussed color schemes, designs, and materials for braided, crochet and burlap rugs. The leaders there took over and showed how to make a plan for a rug, how materials should be prepared on each type rug. The leaders exhibited several rugs and showed how these rugs had been planned and made. They also

discussed some of the problems in making the various rugs.

The following month, members were able to begin construction of the rug which they had planned. In most instances the rugs were made from materials which were on hand. The rugs showed good workmanship as well as artistic talent in the way the colors and design has been planned and carried out. Ninety rugs were started with 61 being completed.

(b) Handicraft

The agent conducted most of the demonstrations on handicraft. The procedure which was followed was for the agent to give the demonstration selected by the club at the regular meeting day (the clubs had a choice between stencilling and metal work). Designs for various articles were demonstrate and the agent told where supplies and equipment could be secured. Following this the members who wanted to make some of these articles, placed their order through their own club treasurer. Then the clubs held special meetings and worked on their craft.

These affairs were usually "all day get-togethers" with each member furnishing something for the pot luck lunch. The agent met with the group in the morning to assist them in working out their designs, the members then finished their work in the afternoon.

The Bethel, Branchville, Vincent's Grove, Courtland, Statesville, and Joyner clubs held a special meeting to make metal articles such as ice tea coasters, cigarette trays, and serving trays; 310 ice tea coasters, 57 cigarette trays, and 66 serving trays were made in these meetings. Some of the trays were hammered, Others etched or shaped and left plain.

Only two clubs, Vicksville and Black Creek, held special meetings on stencilling as most of the clubs that had this demonstrations felt that their members did not need additional help to follow this craft. The members

of the Wicksville club stenciled 169 articles .

(c) Lamp Shades and Selection, Hanging and Framing Pictures.

The agent gave the demonstrations on lampshades and selection, hanging, and framing pictures. These two demonstrations were a continuation of one of the county's goals, housing and house furnishings.

Lamp Shades were discussed by the agent on selection, use and making shades. Emphasis was placed on colors, shade material, and construction of shades. Approximately fifty shades have been made and several others started. An accurate report cannot be made for this demonstration was given in October and the reports were being compiled at this time.

The agent discussed the selection, hanging, and framing pictures. Emphasis was placed on type of pictures to be used in the home and where; also how to frame a picture was shown.

3. Foods:

During the previous years, foods work has centered on preservation, preparation, and nutrition so it seems logical that women's interests should trend toward some of the smaller things or "niceties", such as refreshments for informal entertaining and table settings and service. This desire arose from a desire to learn new, simple, quickly prepared refreshments, which could be used for circle and club meetings, and when friends dropped in.

(a) In April, Mrs. Mary F. Thoopson was in the county to assist the agent in conducting the demonstration on refreshments for informal entertaining; 28 leaders and three visitors attended this meeting. The following month, these leaders were in charge of their club demonstrations. These women did an excellent job of presenting the topic, and their products were so appetizing that there have been numerous requests for the recipe sheets which were

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given out at these meetings from outsiders.

(b) The June demonstration was on Table Service and was given by the agent. Several of the clubs met together in order to assist the agent in closing her work in the county. The groups seemed to enjoy the fellowship at these "get-togethers" and at the same time it enabled the agent to present the June demonstration to all 18 clubs. Approximately 375 women attended these meetings. Emphasis was placed in simple settings, correct service, and simple decorations which could be used to add beauty to any table.

(c) The agent has assisted a number of individuals in giving freezing demonstrations. Over 300 bulletins on freezing fruits and vegetables were distributed to club members and friends at the June meeting, and 19,447 pounds of meat was reported frozen and 6,968 boxes of fruits and vegetables being frozen. Considerable time was spent during the winter months in discussing meat canning, rendering lard, preparing sausage and other pork products. Newspaper articles also featured these topics. Two demonstrations of this nature were given.

4. Wills, Deeds, and Contracts:

Leaders were trained by the home management specialist in March, and 79 leaders attended the meeting to receive information on such topics as wills, deeds, and contracts. These leaders were acquainted with Virginia law regarding these matters. A question and answer period was also a part of this training meeting. These leaders did a grand job of conducting their July club meetings since there was not an agent in the county. Subject matter material was furnished which was distributed to members and individuals who were interested in these matters.

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5. Pest Control

The pest control work was an outgrowth begun in the past year when club members carried a program emphasizing the control of garden and household pests. This year they felt it should be carried a step farther to emphasize the measure for controlling pests on flowers and shrubs.

The pest control work was given by the leaders, J. O. Rowell, Extension entomologist, came to the county in February to assist the agent in conducting the training meeting for this purpose; 19 leaders were present to receive instruction on the measures for controlling various pests on shrubs and flowers. In addition to the movies and lecture which accompanied this meeting, a lively discussion took place. Such discussion showed that the work which had been carried in the previous year was most worth while, for the leaders demonstrated they could recognize many of the pests and knew how to control them. This meeting was also a means of review on last year's work and enabled the women to talk with the specialist regarding some of the difficulties they had encountered in the previous year.

The following month, these leaders led lively discussions in each of the clubs in the county. Since then they have reminded their members of the fact that now is the time to watch for certain things. These leaders distributed over 300 leaflets on controlling pests on flowers and shrubs.

6. Clothing:

Interest in the clothing field centered around children's clothing. This was created by the high cost of living. Too many of our young mothers reported they needed assistance, With construction work, since they had not learned this before they were married.

The agent conducted the meetings on children's clothing. Advantages of making one's children's clothing was brought out; also, selection of materials and patterns were emphasized. Each club member was asked to bring one article of a child's wardrobe, dress, slip, coat, skirt, blouse, etc. An exhibit of these were made in each club, and 279 articles were reported made during the year.

B. Other Activities

1. Federation Goals

Safety was chosen as one of the Federation Goals because the leaders felt it was important that we try to make our farm people more safety conscious if we were to prevent farm and home accidents. In addition to making them safety conscious, it was felt that they should know how to recognize and correct accident hazards.

The rural youth goal was continued because the women were genuinely interested in young people. Too, they felt that more emphasis should be given to the Christian Home and its influence on youth. Another factor that was considered was the number of older youth in the county, where they were and what was being done for them.

Early in January the agent met with the county chairmen and assisted them in planning how the work should be presented. Following this these leaders prepared material and letters which were sent to all club Presidents telling them of the goal and how the recommendations could be carried out. Each club leader then explained these goals to the clubs, and the clubs decided which ones they would work on. The rural youth leaders strived to emphasize the following phases of youth work which they believe will have direct bearing on the future of our country. They are:

(1) Religious growth -- all clubs have their devotionals to center around the Christian home (2) strengthening 4H Club work by assisting with county programs, participating in club activities such as rural life services, attendance at club meetings, inviting club members to HDC meetings, (3) better recreation in homes and communities for young people (4) emphasize handicrafts for young people to encourage development of talent and constructive attitudes and appreciation among young people, (5) compiling a mailing list of older youth in the club areas in order that we may determine where groups of this age exist.

The safety chairman also strived to get all the club members to (1) make a farm and home safety survey, (2) to clean house and get rid of all rubbish, (3) provide safe stepladders for home use, (4) clean and label all materials in the medicine cabinet, (5) see that small rugs are anchored to floor and not placed in traffic lanes, (6) check and repair electrical appliances (7) check and repair chimneys and flues, and (8) see that all gasoline, kerosene, and cleaning fluid is marked and safely stored. The clubs will have a special program on safety in July and October. They will also have 4H club members to give safety plays before the clubs. The clubs also expect to see how many of the clubs can go through the year and report that none of their members had a farm or home accident.

With reference to the rural youth goal, all the clubs have been trying to have their devotionals center around the suggested theme. Some of these have been excellent, and members and leaders have felt that they have added much to the club program as well as helping with the spiritual growth.

This year a county wide rural life service was planned for the 4H clubs, and club members were asked to assist with the project. They helped by training members who took part on the program and providing means of transportation

for those who could not attend. This proved to be one of the best services we have ever had. The church was filled and the service moved off in a very fine manner.

Eight safety plays were presented by 4H members before the following clubs, Sebrell, Sedley, Corinth, Statesville, Courtland, Vicksville, Newsoms, and Joyner. The members seem to enjoy this a great deal for it encouraged the children and at the same time carried our recommended projects as well as giving emphasis to our "Federation Goal."

The Smiths Ferry and Delaware clubs gave 2 scholarships to 4H girls to attend 4H Camp Farrar.

During the year 3 new 4-H Club leaders have been secured from HDC groups. All the clubs were asked to compile a mailing list of the older youth in the county. These were handed in to the rural youth chairmen in the September meeting. Six clubs made this list.

As far as the safety goal is concerned all the clubs have made a farm and home safety survey, and their members tried to correct the hazards which they have found. Mention has already been made of the safety plays which have been given before the clubs. A safety movie, Miracle in Paradise Valley, and play were part of the Achievement Day Program. Two newspaper articles also featured safety work.

(2) Community Activities

(a) Christmas Parties. The December meeting featured the holiday season as well as the regular program. These meetings were joint affairs with the home agent and leaders participating in the program. The agent used slides to illustrate the demonstration on the use of accessories in the home. Club leaders were in charge of the recreation which consisted of Christmas games, stunts, and singing. Exchange of inexpensive gifts was

also part of the Christmas movement. But club members did not forget the true meaning of the holiday season as evidenced by the fact that 12 of the clubs packed baskets or prepared gifts for the clubs donation to shut-ins or needy families.

(b) Spunt Night - The Bethel Club sponsored a supper and Spunt Night for their members and friends on the evening of April 19. There were 48 members and friends present to enjoy the bountiful fried chicken dinner, following which they had the fun of watching their members "put on a show." To the surprise of all, the group was amazed to find out how much hidden talent they had among their membership. Financially, the affair was a success for it netted them the sum of \$53 for their club treasury.

(c) Money-making Projects

To date the Black Creek, Bethel, Delaware, Newsoms, Vicksville, Boykins, Courtland and Statesville and Smiths Ferry Clubs have had a special money-making project. Some of the clubs have served luncheons, others have had rummage sales, white elephant sales, curb market sales, and even a waist measuring contest. These affairs have netted the clubs a slight surplus which could be left in the treasury for any projects which they wished to present.

(d) T. B. Clinics

Four clinics were held in April. Club members assisted in the work by informing people of the clinics, taking advantage of the service themselves, and by furnishing workers to assist with the clerical work.

(e) Special Exhibits

The Boykins, Vicksville, and Statesville clubs have had their members to bring the rugs which they were making to a regular meeting so all could see what was being done. The Smith's Ferry club also had members to bring a dress which they had made to the May meeting. These were judged and ribbons awarded.

(f) Traveling Libraries

Much interest has been aroused by the traveling libraries which have been secured through the Extension Division of the State Library. The Vicksville, Sebrell, Joyner and Bethel Clubs have received such a library for a loan period of four to six months. The members have enjoyed the splendid collection which they have received. One of the club members acts as librarian and is responsible for keeping the record on the circulation. Each of the clubs has asked for some books for the young children, so the youngsters in the neighborhood have had the opportunity to enjoy the thrill of good reading.

3. District Federation Meeting:

Forty Club members attended the annual meeting which was held at Oceana High School. Mrs. John H. Scott, District President, deserves much credit for the very fine way she carried through her responsibilities. Two other women from the county who appeared on the program were Mrs. Howard Melvin and Mrs. I. Q. Wiggins.

4. Cooperation with Other Agencies:

Mention should be made of the fact that our club members have cooperated with the T. B. Association, Health Department, Welfare Department and Cancer Association to assist with the various educational programs which are sponsored throughout the county. A contribution of \$51 was made to the Cancer Drive, and \$26 to the March of Dimes. When these drives were on the members also saw that an educational program on cancer and infantile paralysis was presented to their clubs.

The Home Demonstration clubs also contributed over 500 cans of vegetables,

soup mix, fruits, and apple sauce to the Welfare Department. These canned goods were given to the Patrick Henry Home in Brunswick County, for the aged and chronically ill.

5. Rural Institute

One delegate from the county was selected to go to the Institute. Six club women also attended the Institute.

6. Achievement Day

The Home Demonstration Clubs held their annual Achievement Day October 13, at Newsoms, Virginia. Approximately 200 women attended. Each member was asked to bring a lunch, enough for themselves and a little more for guests, and then, the lunches were spread together. The program is attached to the following page.

7. Bi-Centennial

Southampton County celebrated its 200th Anniversary in October. The Home Demonstrations Clubs played quite a major part in making this a success. Each club sponsored a girl to be "Miss Southampton." Her votes were from the tickets sold. The Home Demonstrations Clubs sold \$ 1558.90 worth of tickets. Also, the clubs sponsored the novelties for the celebration. Not only did the clubs sell tickets and novelties, they prepared and gave over 350 lunches to the Bicentennial to feed the out of town bands.

SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS
ACHIEVEMENT DAY

OCTOBER 13, 1949

NEWSOMS, VIRGINIA

Newsoms Community House
Newsoms High School

Safety
in the
Home

Safety
on the
Farm

Fire Prevention Week

SAFETY
H. D. Clubs
Federation
Goal

Oct. 4-15

Safety
In the
Schools

Safety
On the
Highways

MORNING PROGRAM

Group Singing... Mrs. A.R. Butler, Jr.
Accompanist, Mrs. Rosalie Britt

Invocation.... Rev. R.H. Shapland

Welcome Mrs. Bynar Hill

Introduction & Roll Call.. Mrs. Jack
Wiggins

Institute of Rural Affairs.. Mrs. Bagley
Edwards

Welfare Department of Southampton County
Mrs. Lemna Johnson

Lunch Community House

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AFTERNOON PROGRAM

Group Singing....Led by Mrs. A.R.Butler
Accompanist, Mrs. Roslie Brit

Motion Picture... Miracle In Paradise
Valley

Special Music

Safety Play4H Club Members
Directed by Mrs. C.C. Baker

Special Music

Motion Picture . . . Historic Virginie

Presentation of Awards.

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VRENELI

"O Vrenel I, my pretty one,
Pray tell me where's your home?
"My home, it is in Switzerland,
'Tis made of wood and stone."

Yo, Ho, Ho, Tra, La, la, la

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Yo, ho, Tra La, la, la; Yo, Ho, Ho.

"O Vrenel I, my pretty one,
Pray tell me where's your heart?
"O, that," she said, "I gave away
It's pain will not depart."

A SONG OF PEACE

This is my song, O God of all the nations;
A song of peace for lands afar, and mine;
This is my home, the country where my heart is,
This is my hope, my dream, my shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams the same as mine.
My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,
And skies are sometimes blue as mine.
O, hear my song, Thou God of all the Nations,
A song of peace for their land, and mine.

AMERICA

Daisy

Daisy, Daisy, give me your answer true,
I'm half crazy all for the love of you.
It won't be a stylish marriage,
I can't afford a carriage
But you'll look sweet on the seat
Of a bicycle built for two,

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Tell Me Why

Tell me why the stars do shine
Tell me why the ivy twines
Tell me why the sky's so blue,
And I will tell you just why I love you

Because God made the stars to shine
Because God made the ivy twine
Because God made the sky so blue
Because God made you, that's why I
love you.

County Federation Officers

President..	Mrs. Jack Wiggins
Vice-President,	Mrs. Bynum Hill
Secretary,	Miss Jean Reese
Treasurer,	Mrs. L.E.Edwards

Achievement Pay Committee

Mrs. L.E.Edwards, Chairman
Mrs. Virginia Taylor
Miss Bessie Vick
Mrs. Mildred Williams
Mrs. A. B. Harris

V. 4-H Club

A. Project Work

The program of work for the county is determined by the girls themselves. Club discussions regarding projects are held, then the girls go home and discuss the matter with their parents. Finally the girls arrive at some decision as to what will be done during the year. Later they add general suggestions, and recommendations made by the County Council, to their individual club program.

1. Food Preparation and Service

The objectives of the food project were (1) to help the girl learn to use a recipe (2) to establish good work habits in food preparation, (3) develop skills in food preparation and serving.

The girls carrying the food projects baked custards, 13, boiled custard, 15, other custard, 7, gravy, 18, green vegetables 25, root vegetables 37, eggs 45, cakes 15, cookies 34, corn bread 10, cooked breakfasts 25, cooked supper 20, set table 300 times, and made biscuits and muffins 35 times.

2. Clothing

The objectives for the clothing projects were (1) to help the girl look her best by careful planning for the clothing wardrobe (2) to choose patterns which are suitable for the individual and the occasion (3) to learn to judge quality in fabric and workmanship, (4) to develop skill in clothing construction. For beginning youngsters the objectives were (1) teach skills which enable the girl to use her needle, also machine, (2) to show construction

problems in a simple way so girls could begin clothing work. There were 40 projects completed. The older girls who were carrying a clothing project made skirts and blouses for school during the winter. The beginners completions show they equipped 37 sewing boxes, made 24 head scarfs, 20 aprons, 27 towels, 5 guest towels, 27 needle cases, 3 laundry bags, 1 tray cloth, 3 simple blouses, 1 baby bib, 26 stuffed toys, 2 broomstick skirts, 12 handkerchiefs, 24 pin-cushions, 36 pot holders, 2 rugs, 2 dresser sets and 2 pairs pillow cases.

B. Other Activities

1. Special Programs

The agent presented a special program for the Courtland Student body on February 2. A number of the club members took part in the program by explaining the meaning of our 4H Pledge, singing some of our 4H songs, and conducting a devotional which exemplified the ideals of club work. The movie, "Where The Road Turns Right," was used and created much interest.

The agent also presented a number of club members in a special program before the Sedley P. T. A. Skits and an exhibit of club work was used to show what the children were doing. A number of the Bethel Club members attended the meeting with the agent and took charge of the singing period which every one seemed to enjoy.

2. Leader Training Meeting

Mrs. Mary Thompson, foods specialist was in the county in April to conduct a leader training meeting for 4H girls who are carrying food preparation projects. Twenty-eight girls, representing all clubs carrying this project, attended this meeting.

On June 17 the agent and 3 leaders carried 14 girls to Suffolk to attend a similar meeting. Miss Cameron gave several demonstrations, and

many helpful suggestions on how to give a demonstration. At the present time our 4H members are busily practicing on demonstrations; 9 such demonstrations were given.

3. Safety Plays

Another activity which the members enjoyed a great deal was to present a series of safety plays to Home Demonstration Clubs. In addition to presenting these plays before the adult groups, a similar performance was given to their own clubs. Both youngsters and adults enjoyed seeing these young actors perform.

4. Club exhibits

One activity which has created considerable interest throughout the year were the club exhibits and judging contests which were held. Members brought food products, or articles which they had made to the regular meetings to be judged. Ribbons were given and the youngsters certainly worked to see how many they could collect.

5. Camp

Ten girls attended 4H Camp in July. During this time there was not an agent in the county.

6. 4H Contests and Achievement Day

In August, food preparation, dress review, and clothing achievement contests were held. Gaynelle Edwards, Smiths Ferry, county winner of older girls' food preparation contest went to Petersburg where she placed third in the District. Betty Howell, Smiths Ferry, was county winner of clothing achievement, and Ruth Brown, Smiths Ferry, was county winner of dress review. There were several of the younger members who entered each of these contests and their work showed preparation and workmanship.

The 4H Achievement day was held November 11th with a fairly good

attendance. County winners were given their medals on food preparation, clothing achievement and dress review to Gaynelle Edwards, Betty Howell, and Ruth Brown, respectively. A film was shown to the group on Safety and slides of the Dairy Show.

7. State Short Course:

Betty Howell, Shirley Porter and Ryland Gillette attended the State Short Course held in Blacksburg. Each youngster was quite thrilled and enjoyed the trip immensely. Mrs. S. E. Porter accompanied the girls to the State Short Course.

8. Rural Life Sunday

The Rural Life Sunday was sponsored by the 4H Clubs and held in the Courtland Baptist Church on May 18. Club members were in charge of the scripture reading, prayers, special musical numbers, and also the dedication service on "The Soil, The Seed and The Sower." Following the services they distributed packages of seed, which had been dedicated in the service, to the congregation. These seeds were contributed by Southern States Cooperative in Franklin and Courtland. This was one of the nicest services that the members have ever had, and attendance of both 4H clubbers and adults was excellent.

VI. Scope of Work

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
Number Home Demonstration Clubs or Groups	18	18
Membership	414	397
No. 4-H Clubs	8	10
Membership	85	105
Number Older Youth Groups	x	x
Membership	x	x
Number of other families reached	2935	1356
Total Number families reached	3149	1722

VIII. Organizations

1. County Home Demonstration Committee

The County home demonstration committee is made up of the county officers and the president of each club. This committee meets in the fall of the year to plan the following year's work. At this meeting the in-coming presidents are also invited. The program which has been carried out this year was an outgrowth of club discussions, county needs, problems, club preferences, and needs, and the pros and cons of some of the topics under question, the group finally arrives at a tentative program for the county. This program was then carried back to the individual clubs for discussions and for any revision or additions which they might wish to make.

At the Spring Meeting of the Home Demonstration Committee a progress report on the program was made and plans were made for various activities and events which would take place during the rest of the year.

In addition to the above meetings the Home Demonstration Committee also had one called meeting to make plans for the adjustment in the program that should be made during the interim the county would be without an agent.

The Home Demonstration Committee sends one delegate to the State Federation Meeting held in Blacksburg during the Institute of Rural Affairs. This year the delegate was Mrs. Bagley Edwards, Smiths Ferry Home Demonstration Club.

2. County 4H Council

The officers of the 12 clubs in the county are members of the council. In addition the agents, a few interested parents and adult leaders serve in an advisory capacity. The group elects their officers, and plan and carry out their own program of work and activities. So far two meetings

have been held. At the first meeting county contests winners were recognized and received awards. Then objectives for the year were determined as follows:

1. Strive to have at least 85% of the members completing their projects.
2. Each club to secure an adult leader.
3. Each club to send at least one representative to district camp.
4. Each club to see that at least one representative from their clubs attends each County Council meeting .
5. Sponsor a Rural Life Service.
6. Make a contribution to 4H Camp Farrar.
7. Send representatives to State Short Course and Conservation Camp.

This year the council members are following the policy of having their meetings in different places over the county, with different clubs in charge of the recreation and refreshments. This has created quite a bit of interest. Attendance at the county meetings has been unusually good.

The council has contributed \$65 to 4H Camp Farrar. This was money which they earned as the Dairy Show. In addition to this the Smiths Ferry and Corinth Club members have made small contributions to the building fund.

IX. Leadership

A. Adult Leadership:

Our organizational leaders have done an excellent job in carrying out their responsibilities. These leaders received leaflets on their duties and responsibilities at the beginning of the year. Another thing that helped them is our Year Book with the section on "The Work of the Leaders." Another tool which they have found most useful is the State Federation Handbook. The agent has also made use of the circular letter in working with these folks. Four such letters were sent out.

Leader training meetings have been the methods used to train women who were responsible for club demonstrations. From the chart the work of the leaders in 1949 is somewhat lower than in 1948. This is probably due to the change of agents in the middle of the year.

B. A-R Club Leadership

The agent feels that there has been marked improvements in the leadership among the young people, but a decided handicap is that once they are trained they are lost to our work, for they either go to college or begin home economics work and feel they cannot carry all of the required project work.

During the year, club leaders have given 27 demonstrations, and have made 28 talks to their clubs. Also they have done a good job in carrying on the recreational and organization activities.

C. Activities of Leaders:

<u>Growth of Home Demonstration Club Project Leadership</u>		<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
No. project leaders and goal chairmen		108	126
No. training meetings held	By specialist	8	7
	By Agent	3	1
Attendance at all training meetings		212	156
No. Club meetings held by leaders without agent present,		51	18
No. Club meetings at which leaders assisted		37	50
No. Demonstrations given	by leaders	88	68
No. Talks or discussions	by leaders	108	114
<u>Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership</u>		<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
No. Adult project leaders		4	7
No. Junior project leaders		--	1
No. Training meetings held	by Specialist	5	3
	by Agent	4	5
Attendance at leader training meetings		78	110
No. 4-H Leaders trained individually		--	--
No. Club meetings held by leaders without agent present,		11	15
No. Club meetings at which leaders assisted		26	1
No. Demonstrations given	By Leaders		
	Adult	23	27
	Junior	--	--

X. Evaluation

"It is always difficult to evaluate extension work because it is an educational program based on human relationships, and what changes have been wrought in human behavior and improved family living. Such changes are gradual, and take time to show the effects of the work which has been done.

However as the agent looks back over the five years of work she can point with pride to what the women and children have done which indicates growth. Certainly the leadership record which they have built up is one feature of their works and speaks for stability in the future.

There has been a slow but steady growth in 4H Club work. When the agent first started work in the fall of 1944 there were only 28 girls who enrolled. Today there are 105 on roll. Also she recalls the first County Council meeting when only six youngsters put in appearance. At the present time there is a well functioning Council. Another thing that indicates growth is the fact that a much larger group of girls now take part in the extra activities which are sponsored by the members. The agent wishes to point out that much of this credit is due the adult leaders who have given so freely of their time and energy.

When the agent arrived in the county, much of the organizational work had been done by Miss Hunter, who did an excellent job. That so many of the original clubs and members are still carrying on is an indication that the work has been of value to them as well as others.

Truthfully the agent can say that she has given of herself as freely as she could, not because it was demanded, but because there was a joy in serving so many fine people. She knows that her own life has been enriched

and developed by this service. In turn, she hopes she has added some such enrichment to the lives of those she has served. "

The above evaluation is that of the preceding agent. Since the new agent has been here four months, she is not in a position to tell the significance of the past year's work.