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III. Scope of Work:

- A. Home Demonstration Clubs.
Number 9 Membership 225
No other groups sponsored by Home Demonstration Club.
- B. 4-H Clubs.
Number 9 Membership 99
- C. Number families reached through neighborhood and community leaders about 200
- D. Estimate total families reached 350
Number farm families in County 1,121

IV. Organization:

A. County Home Demonstration Committee:

The County Home Demonstration Committee is made up of the presidents of the nine home demonstration clubs and four lay women who have served as active members in the past. The committee has the regular officers plus a county chairman of the Federation Goal. The committee serves as an executive body for the county Home Demonstration Clubs. It studies the needs of the county, sets up the program of work, selects the Federation Goal to be stressed, selects delegates to the State or District meetings, and makes decisions in promoting all phases of home demonstration work in the county.

During 1944 the Home Demonstration Committee has held three meetings. The first one was held in March to welcome Miss Mary Kinzie, second agent to serve in the county during 1944. The second meeting was held in May to select the delegates to the State meeting of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

The third County Home Demonstration Committee meeting was held in October. The third agent, to serve the County in 1944, was welcomed at this meeting. The purpose of this fall meeting was to plan the 1945 program of work for the home demonstration clubs, to set up county goals, and to select officers. Six of the nine clubs were represented. In addition to these members the committee welcomed and paid tribute to three 4-H leaders.

The District Agent, the State Girl's Club Agent, and two guest made the total attendance at this meeting fourteen.

The plans and goals made at the fall meeting were for 1945, therefore, an account of these with the results obtained will be given in the 1945 report.

During 1944 the County has had three Home Demonstration Agents, and four months of the year the County was without an agent. Therefore, the goals and work of the committee have suffered greatly. However, the committee and the clubs have cooperated in every way possible with the Red Cross, the Agricultural Board and other organizations.

B. County Agricultural Board.

The County Agricultural Board was organized in 1941 and has functioned for three years. The purpose of the Board is to reach all rural people with helpful information on agricultural and home economics programs, also other worthwhile programs to be carried on in the county in cooperation with all agencies. All rural people are represented on the Board. Approximately 31% of the families in the county are urban families. The Board covers the rural section of the county which has been divided into four communities and thirty-one neighborhoods. Representatives from the following agencies serve on the Board: extension service (white and colored), farm security, agricultural and home economics teachers (white and colored), Superintendent of Schools, R.E.A. representatives, key banker, Grange, Farm Bureau, a member of the Board of Supervisors, and the community and neighborhood chairmen, co-chairman, and leaders. There are four communities with four chairmen (men) and four co-chairmen (women). There are thirty-one neighborhoods with thirty-one leaders, some men and some women. No older youth assistants. This Board has in each community a professional home economics advisor. In addition to these, in the communities where there is a large colored population a co-colored neighborhood leader has been appointed with a colored professional worker as advisor. There are eight colored neighborhood leaders.

During 1944 the County Agricultural Board worked on the "Food Fight for Freedom" campaign. More gardens were raised and more food conserved.

C. Professional Workers' Council.

The Prince George Professional Workers Council has 18 members who represent the following agencies: Extension work (farm and home agents and colored farm agents), Farm Security (farm and home managementsupervisors), Vocational Agricultural and Home Economics teachers (white and colored), Farm Credit Administration, R.E.A., O.P.A., Civilian Defense, School Superintendent, and a representative of the Health Department.

The Council serves to coordinate the thinking of all professional agencies so that the work of the county may be united. During 1944 ten meetings have been held. The members have cooperated in every way possible on the farm labor program, the prison labor program, the freezer locker program, the war loan drives, the salvage drives etc. The Council asked the Superintendent for permission to close the schools during harvest season again this year. The children helped harvest because of scarcity of labor. The Council tried to secure a community canner for one community, two meetings (and time between) were spent on this project, but the request was too late and money was not available.

The three Home Demonstration Agents have served as secretaries to this Council, and has discussed the farm labor, freezer locker, and community canner in the home demonstration clubs.

V. Leadership.

A. Adult Work.

"Club Officers": Nine organized clubs have the following officers: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and reporter. These officers preside at meetings according to parliamentary procedure. No training meetings have been held, but the agent helps officers who need instruction. The presidents learn quite a bit from the County Home Demonstration Committee Meetings. The presidents have presided at all meetings they have attended. They have given an average of ten days each, this year to club work. Other organization officers have given an average of eight days each. The reporters have not given more than four days each.

"Campaign Chairman": The agent has not been able to find any account of work done on a campaign during 1944.

"Community Neighborhood Leaders": An account of the work of these leaders has been given in the IV, B, on page 4. The leaders attended the Agricultural Board Meetings and carried the information back to their neighborhoods.

"Federation Goal Chairmen": The County Chairman was selected at the County Home Demonstration Committee Meeting. She then called a meeting of four women and worked out a program for each month. These programs were to help the women to become acquainted with the people (women) of other countries, and to understand their problems and ways of living. This was taken in connection with citizenship. The monthly programs were typed for each club and sent to the Club Federation Goal Chairman who was to present it to her club. Some of these programs were given during the first of the year, but most of this fine work fell by the wayside.

"Project Leaders": The nine adult clubs selected two project leaders each. These leaders have not functioned well during the year. One leaders conference was held with two present. These two leaders gave four demonstrations and reported 28 in attendance. The reader must remember that the county has had three changes of agents which may account for this poor report. These two leaders have given 8 days to club work.

B. 4-H Club Work.

"Organization Leaders": The 4-H clubs have the regular officers who serve as organization leaders, they preside at each meeting and are proud of their parliamentary procedure. These leaders gave an average of six days to club work. None of the summer meetings were held, even though the agent called the meetings and traveled to each place. The 4-H clubs have suffered more than the adults clubs during the changes and absences of agents. There are no project leaders among the junior leaders.

The "Adult Organization Leaders" and the "Adult Project Leaders" are the same person in each instance. There are seven Adult (women) Leaders. During the year one leaders training meeting was held with an attendance of 3. The Adult Leaders have held 8 meetings with 98 attending. Since August only two leaders have attended any of the 4-H meetings. All of them have been notified of the meetings, and the agent has called on all of these leaders.

"4-H Sponsors": In a few of the clubs the teachers have sponsored the work, in two communities the Home Demonstration Club has sponsored the work. However, the sponsoring has been more or less passive, not active. At the fall meeting of the Home Demonstration Committee action was taken in connection with promoting better 4-H organizations, and recognizing 4-H leaders. Therefore, perhaps 1945 will see results of this planning.

C. Older Youth.

There are no older youth groups in Prince George Extension Work.

VI. Results.

A. Home Demonstration Clubs.

1. Project Work:

a. Food

(1) "Production": All the members were urged to grow all their food possible, meat, poultry, and gardens. Some work was done on small fruits. Twenty-nine women report having grown enough vegetables for the whole years supply including canning etc., for their entire families. Nine members helped 38 families outside of the club with their gardening. At least 50% of the members produce their own meat and poultry. The Poultry Specialist was in the county in April to visit the members who had asked for help on this subject. Fifteen families report having raised 9,150 chickens.

(2) "Conservation": Conservation and preservation of foods is done every year by all clubs. The members have been "exposed" to the use of the pressure cooker again and again. In May each club had a demonstration on "Getting Ready for the Canning Season and Dehydration". During the summer the dry weather destroyed many gardens, but the fall gardens were very good, and the members report having "put up" the following:

No. qts. tomatoes or tomatoe juice canned 2,215
No. qts. fruit or fruit juices canned 3,031, dried lbs. 96
or stored no. lbs. 7,930
No. qts. meat and chicken canned 2,955, lbs. cured and stored
7,750
No. qts. pickles 454, jellies, jams, preserves 912, one
member dehydrated 10 lbs. of fruit.

The amounts reported here have been taken from the 49 reports turned in to the Home Demonstration Agent. This shows a good average for the 49 families.

(3) "Nutrition": As a result of the work done along this line in previous years 33 families report having improved their food habits, also 19 other families improved in packing more nutritious lunches. At each meeting questions came up about nutrition, and people have become very conscious of "food values".

b. Clothing

(1) Consumer Problems

(a) "Buying": This, too, is a subject discussed at some time during every meeting. However, only 15 families report having profited by information on buying.

(b) "Care": All members are taking better care of their clothes because it is almost impossible to get them cleaned etc., and because old clothes are so much better than new ones. The agent is continually giving "helpful hints" on the care of clothes.

(c) "War Production Regulations": The members seem to be able to cope with the situation. The agent has not been asked for much along these lines.

(d) "Substitute Fabrics": The little that has been done along this line will be reported in "Remodeling" under Construction.

(2) Conservation

(a) Woolen Garments

"Storage": Nothing has been reported in connection with this subject.

"Laundering": A large number of members have learned to wash sweaters, and to press woolens correctly after washing.

"Dry Cleaning": Seventeen families report having dry cleaned 127 garments and they estimated the savings at \$83.30, for having done their own work.

(b) Sewing Machine Clinics: None were held in the county in 1944, however, 21 machines have been cleaned by members.

(3) Construction

(a) "New Garments": Fourteen women report having learned something new in clothing construction. These women made 127 dresses and 61 undergarments. The members seemed to get a lot from the "Remodeling Patterns" demonstration. No construction demonstrations were given, the information reported here was a result of the remodeling work.

(b) "Remodeling Clinics": During the September meetings on "Remodeling Hats", 63 hats were remodeled. This created much interest in the club and 12 more were brought to the October meeting which was on "Remodeling Clothes". These meetings were in the form of clinics and four clubs had all day meetings. During the Remodeling Meetings 55 coats, dresses, and men's suits were remodeled.

(c) "Tailoring": Perhaps the attractive pocketbooks made during the November meetings can be reported here. They were made out of felt, flannel, old coats, old suits, etc., and the "trim stitching" on some of them made them very new and "trim". During this demonstration a number of "tailoring" suggestions were given. About 36 pocketbooks have been made in the club meetings.

c. House

(1) "House Repair": The following report is the result subjects taken up in the past because there were no demonstrations on these subjects this year.

Painted walls in 10 rooms
Papered walls in 3 rooms
Floors painted in 13 rooms
Sheet Rock put in 1 house
Painted outside of 3 houses

(2) "Home Safety": The demonstration on this subject was not given in 7 of the 9 clubs, therefore, the 14 people reported having repaired their chimneys to prevent fires, must have been members of the 2 clubs which had this subject. Two porches were repaired and steps fixed, 3 porches screened. Built two new outhouses (barn and shed).

d. House Furnishings

(1) Conservation

(a) Woolens - Cleaning and Storage:

This subject was scheduled for the February demonstration, but was not given because the county did not have an agent at that time. If this subject had been taken up in former years none of the members reported results in 1944.

(b) "Furniture and Furnishings":

The following is a result of demonstration given in the past years:

Painted 3 kitchen chairs
Painted porch furniture
Painted 4 lawn chairs
Nothing in repair of furniture

(c) "Furniture Clinics": Chair

seating, refinishing, upholstering, and tying springs. No clinics have been held in 1944, and the reports do not show any work along this line.

(2) Construction

(a) "Furniture": The only thing

along this line reported for 1944 is the construction of 4 waste paper baskets. There have been no demonstrations on this subject.

(b) "Slip Covers": The agent has

given individual help on this subject, and members report having made 16 slip covers for chairs and 1 for a chesterfield.

(c) "Curtains, Draperies, Shades":

Reports show that members have made 38 pairs of curtains as a result of information gotten from the club.

(d) "Storage Spaces": Reports show

that 10 members have improved storage space for clothing, and, 3 storage for books. Demonstrations were not given on this subject.

(e) "Others": One toilet was built

according to instructions of Health Department.

e. Home Management

(1) "Kitchen Arrangement": One member

reported rearranging kitchen and cabinets to make more space and fewer steps.

(2) "Storage": (Kitchen and Laundry) Reports show that 11 members have improved their storage space for foods and one new cabinet was built.

(3) "Home Accounts": Three members report having kept home accounts.

(4) "Home Laundry": In April the clubs had demonstrations on "Family Laundry". Reports show that 13 members improved their laundry methods, 2 secured new washing machines. These folks improved in washing linens and ironing was made easier.

f. Consumer Problems

All the information the agent has on any of the 4 consumer subjects in the outline has been given in VI, b, (1), page 8.

g. Markets

The women of Prince George sell on curb markets in Petersburg and Hopewell. All the women selling in Petersburg are of foreign nationality. Neither of the markets are organized. The 1943 report shows that 17 women sold products on the market, but the report does not record the total sales. Only 2 women have reported selling in the market in 1944, they did not give their total sales. The products they sold were: milk, butter, eggs, melons, vegetables, fruits, and chickens.

The agent has not been in the county long enough to give a story of a woman selling on the market. The 2 reports simply gave the information stated in the first paragraph on Marketing, simply that they did sell on the market and the products sold.

2. Home Demonstration Activities:

a. "Federation Goal". An account of this has been given in V, A, page 6.

b. "Campaign". All the present agent has been able to find out about the Campaign has been given in V, A, page 6.

c. "Other Special Activities". 21 members report having improved their own health and the health of their families by proper diet, medical examinations, dental work, cold shots, and eye examinations.

The women have assisted with Red Cross work in the county, an account will be given in VII, which is the last paragraph of this report.

The women report having carried information on demonstrations to 98 non-club members. Much of this information was in the form of help with household problems.

3. Brief Account of Year's work of One Outstanding Club.

The club reported here has held 10 meetings this year in spite of the fact that the county was without an agent 4 months. The meetings have been held in the homes, at night, and the average attendance for the year has been 15 members. The club has followed the regular program set up for the county:

December - Ways of Keeping Christmas
January - Homemaker's Calendar
February - Preventing Waste Through Care
March - Simplified Home Tasks
April - Family Laundrying
May - Getting Ready for Canning Season - Dehydration
June - Safety in the Home and on the Farm
July - Saving Garden Surplus (no meeting)
August - Altering Patterns
September - Remodeling Hats
October - Remodeling Clothes
November - Making Pocketbooks

Members reports show: Seven members raised a year around garden for their families. Five families improved food habits and 3 packed better lunches. Three members have pressure cookers and share them with their neighbors. The members reporting have canned 464 qts. of tomatoes, 625 qts. vegetables, 560 qts. of fruit, 137 qts. of meat and chicken, 85 qts. pickles and 247 qts. of jellies, jams, preserves, etc. They have cured and stored 1,900 lbs. of meat, dried 25 lbs. of vegetables, and two members have prevented home accidents. The members have made 37 dresses and 30 undergarments. Two members dry cleaned 16 garments and saved \$10.00. Eight hats, 2 dresses, and a coat were remodeled. Three pocketbooks were made.

In the "war effort" 6 members saved 5 lbs. fat, 100 lbs. paper, 2,000 lbs. iron, and 25 lbs. tin cans. The members carried information on demonstration to 13 people outside of the club. Made 10 articles for the Red Cross, and donated 8 Christmas boxes for soldiers in the Camp Lee hospital.

Two of the members have served as 4-H Club leaders and have been the most active leaders in the county.

The president attended all County Home Demonstration Committee Meetings and has helped the agent in many ways, as well as her members.

These figures are small but when the reader remembers the three changes of agents, and the unsettled condition of the work in the county for 1944, the figures are good.

B. Agricultural Boards.

An account of the work of the County Agricultural Board has been given in IV, B, page 4. The present agent has not been able to get more information on the work of the Board. All three Home Demonstration Agents serving in Prince George County, for the year, have helped the Agricultural Board in every way possible, perhaps, mainly by carrying information from the Board to the women in the county.

C. 4-H Clubs.

1. Project Work

In making this report the present agent will have to rely on the few statistical reports turned in to her by the 4-H members. Therefore, this report will be more statistical than narrative. The 4-H members did not attend the August meeting (the agent's first month in the county). The September and October meetings were used trying to get them together and get reports. The November meetings have been reorganization meetings.

a. "Breads": Demonstrations were given in the clubs on "Bread Making", as a result 31 members report having made 76 loaves of bread; biscuits 136 times; muffins 28 times; cornbread 92 times; and other breads 42 times.

b. "Clothing": Reports show that 16 girls made 27 new garments at a cost of \$25.00; remodeled 22 garments at a cost of \$5.00, darned 29 garments, patched 18; laundered 103, stored 48, and dyed 10.

c. "Home Storage": Only one member reported work along this line. She improved the storage of clothing, cleaning equipment, and kitchen equipment.

d. "Home Laundry": Lectures were given on this subject and some demonstrations on washing sweaters. Reports show that 5 girls helped with the family laundry for 16 months. These girls did the washing 55 times and ironing 65 times.

e. "Poultry": No work on this.

f. "Gardening": Twenty-one girls and boys had 11 acres in their gardens, they grew 112 different vegetables. They also carried information on gardening to the adults in their communities.

g. "Home Accounts": Only 1 girl kept a home account for 3 months, it is not good enough to be recorded here, but helped the child in some ways.

h. "Child Care": Six members report having cared for a child 182 hours, they bathed and dressed children 13 times, prepared food for children 15 times and directed their play 135 times.

i. "Housekeeping": Reports show that 38 members cared for a room daily for 213 months. They arranged 15 bedrooms, 8 livingrooms, and 4 kitchens for better care. The number of months these girls did the following tasks regularly total: washed dishes 200; made beds 195; set table 156; cleaned lamps 48; cared for garbage 61; cared for fireplace 28; brought in fuel 88 months. These same reports show that 10 provided place for cleaning equipment, 12 for personal things, 3 tool boxes, 5 lengthened sheets, 8 made table mats, and 30 pieces of furniture were made or secured.

j. "Stop-Food-Waste": Three members cooked and served greens 8 times; potatoes 11 times; other vegetables 11 times. They served raw vegetables 13 times; prepared left-over foods 21 times; and turned in 15 lbs. of salvage fats.

k. "Canning": All clubs have had a number of demonstrations on this subject. Reports show that three members made canning plans that called for 1,200 quarts and they canned 1,167 quarts. Also, that 10 members canned alone 232 qts. tomatoes; 161 qts. other vegetables and fruits. They helped can 929 other cans of food and dried 30 lbs. of fruit.

l. "Milk, Butter, and Cheese": Five members milked regularly 18 months, cared for milk and utensils 16 months, and made butter 14 months.

2. Health.

The agent is sure that "Health" has been brought out in connection with nutrition, bread making, canning, etc., however, there is nothing in the files on this work. No reports show work along this line.

3. Community Activities of the club.

The club members helped with the collection of old victrola records, paper, rubber, tin and iron. All members have bought war savings stamps. The exact amount of these materials have not been given but 53 members report having helped with this work.

4. Brief Account of Work of One Club.

This cannot be given because it seems that no one club had held consecutive meetings with members attending regularly. Only two meetings were held by leaders in January and February with small attendance and no success. A few meetings were called in June but nothing accomplished, therefore, none in July and August. There are no narrative reports in the office to show work done with 4-H members and the agent has not been able to get consistent information from talking with leaders or members. The work reported in this report seems to have been done by individuals scattered over the entire county. The agent has discussed this matter with the State Girl's Club Agent.

D. Older Youth.

There are no older youth groups in Prince George County sponsored or organized by Extension Work.

E. Other Work Done by Home Demonstration Agent.

1. County Home Economics Worker:

All county home economics workers belong to the County Professional Workers Council. They have been very active members of the Council and are very conscientious about attending all meetings. The Home Agent has been asked to serve as Chairman of the Home Economics Workers. In order to save transportation and time she has called brief meetings of the home economists at the close of the Professional Council Meetings. An account of the work of the Professional Workers Council has been given in IV, C, page 5. This shows the activities of the home economics workers.

2. County Nutrition Committee.

There is no County Nutrition Committee in Prince George, however, the Professional Workers Council sponsors the same type of work such as committee would handle. The home economists cooperate in promoting better gardens, better planned meals, and a general educational program on foods and health.

3. Office of Civilian Defense:

The agent has cooperated with the Office of Civilian Defense in serving in the advisory capacity in the field of home economics.

4. Salvage Committee.

The agent has given publicity to salvage drives through the clubs and newspapers. All adult and 4-H clubs have cooperated in every way with salvage drives through the leadership of the agent.

5. Rationing Board.

During 1944 the agent has not been asked to do much for this Board. The members of the Rationing Board know that the agent is ready to cooperate in every way possible when needed.

6. War Bond Committee.

The agent has served on the War Bond Committee as Chairman for the women. Through organized groups the people have been encouraged to buy war bonds and stamps.

7. School Lunch.

The Home Demonstration Clubs and 4-H Clubs have continued the work, started in 1943, on "improving the packed lunch". The agent has given suggestions to a large number of individuals, and in November gave a talk to a P.T.A. on "School Lunches".

8. Red Cross.

The agent and the Home Demonstration Clubs have cooperated in every way possible with the Red Cross. They have helped with the membership drive, the collecting of vases for the hospitals, 42 were donated by members, and they have helped with the Red Cross production work. The agent does not have all reports

but 18 members have given 214 hours and have made over 115 garments, since many of these folks worked cooperatively at the headquarters they do not know the exact number of articles they have made.

During November 1944 the clubs cooperated with the Red Cross by collecting materials and wrapping 25 Christmas Gift boxes for the boys in the Camp Lee hospital. These boxes were to contain certain articles and each box was valued at about \$2.00. In spite of the many things the women are called upon for they were ready to cooperate with the agent when she asked for these boxes for the Red Cross.

VII. Account of Significant Contribution to the County War Needs.

Perhaps no one contribution is significant but the home demonstration program as a whole has meant a great deal to the county in meeting the war needs. As has been reported in 1943, the home demonstration work has the only organized groups, (through the Home Demonstration Clubs, the 4-H Clubs, and the County Agricultural Board) that cover the entire county. These organizations serve as a medium for reaching all the people with programs or information. Through this organization the needs are discussed, plans made, and drives carried through. Through the clubs the families have learned to adjust to the war time food, clothing, and housing programs.

The agent realized this report is not a true picture of all of the activities of Prince George County, because of lack of information. May the 1945 report be a better one.