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2. COMMUNITY SITUATION AS IT AFFECTED THE 1951 PROGRAM

Shenandoah is a comparatively rural county composed of sturdy, hard working and self-sufficient people. A large percent of the women devote most of their time to home-making and farm chores. They are alert to the need of labor-saving devices but eager to get authentic information before investing in expensive household equipment.

Since clothing construction had not been included in the club program for several years, the women expressed a desire to learn the new and recent information on fabrics, style trends, finishes, and to concentrate on construction of the better dresses.

There is a recognized need of better community recreation for youth and wholesome home recreation, thus Federation Goal, "Youth and Community Recreation" was continued for the second year.

There are 17 organized Home Demonstration clubs in Shenandoah County rather well distributed but each group was challenged to make real effort to serve additional homemakers. The 4-H clubs are not as well distributed and enrollment of girls should be increased. The adult leadership must come largely from the Home Demonstration club membership.

17. ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE 1951 PROGRAM TO BETTER FAMILY LIVING

The growth in leadership among the home demonstration club  
 work has been quite outstanding both from the standpoint of  
 amount of responsibility assumed and the quality of work done  
 by the volunteer leaders. The county experienced a three  
 month period without an agent. During the time almost with-  
 out exception each local home demonstration club held its  
 monthly meetings, and the leaders gave the demonstrations.  
 One of the seventeen clubs planned and put on educational  
 exhibits at the County Fair. At the 1951 County Planning  
 meeting the committee set an objective of each club holding  
 the meetings in the absence of the Agent. The record for  
 the year shows an average of more than five meetings in which  
 there was no participation by the Agent.

The county has just about the same record of 4-H club  
 meetings held without the Agent and in most cases these 4-H  
 leaders are also faithful home demonstration club members.

The Home Demonstration Club Achievement Day program  
 benefited largely of club member participation. Almost with-  
 out exception each feature showed considerable initiative  
 ability and growth of the club members and worthwhile activ-  
 ities.

The continuity of the 1951 program with women and girls has been a good one and from a long range viewpoint there should be in the next few years a really visible contribution to better family living.

The clothing project with women was followed by a study of storage with emphasis on family clothing storage. Some women are carrying result demonstrations in better storage. The county has a definite increase in interest and in the number of housing result demonstrations. Families are making greater use of services from specialists in these lines.

The A-H program with the girls is closely correlated to the program with women. Working together on similar projects makes a greater contribution to better family living. An example of this may be seen in the Better Lighting program. This was carried by the Home Demonstration clubs in 1950. In 1951 the girls taking the A-H Electric project happened to be concentrating on this phase during the three months period without an Agent. Able assistance in modernizing lamps was given to the A-H girls by Home Demonstration club members who had previously learned the process.

### III. ~~1951 WORK~~

#### A. ~~1951~~

##### 1. Clothing

Since no work had been done in clothing for the past two years, the 1951 Program Calendar scheduled three months of work in this phase of work. The Clothing Specialist, conducted an all-day leader training meeting in April. Leaders from 16 clubs were present and received information and assistance in Adjusting Patterns and Alteration Suggestions. The leaders made plans for special group meetings on clothing construction for club members who were interested in constructing garments. These meetings were to be held in the club communities with the leaders in charge.

The Agent gave a demonstration to the clubs on "Selection of Designs and Fabrics Suited to Individuals." The Agent conducted a leader training meeting in May on "Accessories and Changes for Better Rayon Dress." The leaders gave this demonstration during the month of June; leaders from sixteen clubs were present.

During the month of March, demonstrators from Seaside, Modesto, Corvallis in Harbisonburg, Strasburg and Winchester conducted demonstrations in each individual club on "The Proper Use of Sewing Machine Attachments." This was a most successful method of teaching the use of sewing machine attachments. Each individual was able to receive personal

assistances with her problems. Also, interested persons not  
now club members were invited to these meetings and some were  
in attendance.

Improvement Specialist conducted a leader  
training meeting along this line. Effort was made to get  
at least one member in each club to carry a better storage  
result demonstration.

Incomplete reports from the home demonstration  
club leaders give 839 work dresses made; 500 better dresses  
constructed and 190 other individuals were helped by those  
who had this special clothing study. Reports show 28 members  
improved family clothing storage, with five families adding  
closets. Work on clothing storage will be continued in the  
1952 program.

Clothing leaders gave 43 demonstrations; 22  
demonstrations were given by the Agent and 16 by the demon-  
strators from nearby sewing machine offices.

At the Achievement Day program, accomplishment  
reports from the home demonstration club women, included three  
minute skits featuring phases of the 1951 program that had  
proven helpful to the respective clubs. It was interesting  
to see how well one club featured the main points stressed in  
the "Adjusting Patterns and Cutting Garments." Another club  
in a very effective manner dramatized "Accessories and Changes  
in Using the Better Dress for Different Occasions." In putting

a short, stout woman was used as model. They  
 put the outfit on top of another with much in the  
 way of jewelry, scarfs, wide belts and other articles not  
 suited to the type figure. As the narrator explained, the  
 demonstrators removed the accessories and apparel one by  
 one from the model until finally she came to a plain solid  
 color dark blue dress of good design and suitable accessories  
 which were in keeping with the principles emphasized in the  
 demonstration on "Accessories in Dress."

2. Housing

a. Storage

The home demonstration club program  
 carried two monthly topics on storage dealing largely  
 with adequate family clothing storage spaces. The house  
 improvement specialist conducted a leader training meeting  
 in September. Leaders from fourteen clubs gave without  
 charge 28 demonstrations to their clubs in October and  
 November. Effort was made to get at least a result demon-  
 stration in each club; so far we have five result demon-  
 strations in Clothing Storage reported but it is planned  
 to continue this phase of housing in the 1952 Program.  
 Complete reports show five closets added and 28 families  
 improved clothing storage.

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b. Housing Result Demonstrations

Certain individuals are requesting assistance from specialist on house remodeling and we feel these homes on a long time basis will make excellent result demonstrations. A special interest group meeting in May 1952 is being planned for families concerned with home repair and housing problems.

3. Home Management - Kitchen and Laundry

a. Kitchens

In order to create interest in well planned and arranged kitchens, members who had requested assistance in kitchen arrangement, received visits from the Home Management Specialist and the Agent. As a result, Mrs. Frank Good, Maurertown, Virginia, made outstanding improvements in correct and well planned storage space, correct working surfaces and other improvements. Her kitchen has been used as a result demonstration. The members of the Fairview-Saunsville Home Demonstration Club met at Mrs. Good's home and enjoyed the results accomplished by the family members under the guidance of the Specialist and Agent. Neighbors and friends of Mrs. Good have dropped in from time to time and approximately 50 persons witnessed the accomplishments made in this home.

Mrs. Grandstaff, Fort Valley, received information from the Specialist and Agent, in improving the arrangement of her kitchen. Improvements are being planned and will be carried out in the future.

Two new requests for kitchen improvements were made by Mrs. Fred Feer, Sainsville and Mrs. William Fisher, Fishers Hill, Virginia. The Specialist and the Agent visited these homes in the early spring and suggestions for improvements were made by the Specialist. The Agent will visit these demonstrators and guide them in their improvements. Effort will be made to continue to hold meetings at result demonstrations.

b. Laundry

During 1950, the Home Management Specialist conducted a meeting on Home Laundry Improvements. Approximately ten women attended the meeting in order to obtain information for their own problems. Results have been gotten by some of these women in 1951.

Mrs. Ernest Boyer, Fort Valley, has moved her laundry room from the outdoor wash house into her home. Her laundry room has been used as a result demonstration for her neighbors and the club members. The Agent will want to continue to use this laundry room as a result demonstration.

Mrs. C. E. Grandstaff, Fort Valley, has made much improvement in her laundry problems. Her laundry room was moved to her enclosed back porch where cistern water is available for weekly washing. The Agent will be interested in follow-up work for future improvements.

Mrs. William Fisher, Fishers Hill, has received information on her laundry room improvement as well as kitchen. At the present, Mrs. Fisher does her laundry in the basement of her home. When her kitchen improvements are made, the laundry room could be moved to her side porch.

#### 4. House Furnishings

Instruction in this field was planned largely through special interest activities for those desiring help on refinishing furniture, reseating chairs and reupholstering. These activities were handicapped by the period of three months without an Agent, and much of it had to be omitted from the 1951 program. However, results show 50 rooms improved, 121 pieces of furniture remodeled, repaired or refinished and 175 families assisted in some phase of the house furnishings program.

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5. Food and Nutrition

The 1951 Program Calendar included two demonstrations in Foods: "Christmas Candies and Cookies" and "Salads for Pep and Interest to Winter Meals." A total of 287 women attended the December demonstrations and received recipes for home use. A total of 276 women attended the February meetings and received demonstration information and recipes for future use.

The leaders gave the December demonstrations as a result of a leader training meeting held by the Agent.

All 379 Home Demonstration Club members carried some phase of food and nutrition program and 391 other persons received food and nutrition from these members.

Only 137 members actually reported amount food preserved for family use, but the total from these are 85,068 quarts canned and 13,811 pounds frozen. About 35 of these families have a home freezer.

6. Rural Arts

The 1951 program gave two meetings to the study of certain phases of rural arts with particular emphasis on etching of trays and etching glass. The Rural Arts Specialist conducted the leader training during the interim without an Agent. Twenty-six leaders took the training and gave demonstrations at 30 club meetings.

Incomplete reports show 181 trays made,  
240 glass articles etched, 150 articles decorated with  
enamel paint. Exhibits of craft articles were shown at the  
County Fair and at Achievement Day.

Many of the women get relaxation and a real  
joy out of doing certain handicraft work, and it is serving  
as a help to some individuals in developing a hobby.

While no rural arts as such was set-up in  
the 1952 program, many will include it in the club choice  
months. The plan is to continue work in the same crafts  
with effort to get a better understanding of the principles  
of art and in turn better quality craftsmanship. The 1952  
Calendar is being given to chair reseating. Two or more  
types of weaving will be taught.

#### B. Other Activities

##### 1. Federation Goal - "Youth and Community Re- creation"

Youth and Community Recreation was carried  
as the Federation Goal during 1950, and a great interest  
was created throughout the county. Therefore, it was de-  
cided to carry this goal again this year. The following  
goals were adopted by the clubs to be accomplished during  
1951.

a. Home demonstration clubs provide two adult leaders for each 4-H club.

b. Clubs provide camp scholarships for eligible 4-H members.

c. Sponsor at least one recreational meeting for adults and youth.

d. Study recreational needs of the community and determine available facilities.

The January meetings were devoted to the Federation Goal. At this meeting, plans were made for the adoption and accomplishment of the above stated club goals. Agent led each group in games suitable for home recreation. A manual, published by the National Recreation Association, was given to each Federation Goal Chairman, and she will lead games in the meetings at intervals throughout the year. A total of 214 women took part in the games played at the January meetings.

One of the most outstanding achievements made by the home demonstration clubs is providing 4-H club leaders. Home demonstration club members are serving as leaders in five of the eight 4-H clubs in the county. The Forestville home demonstration club sponsored the organization of the Forestville 4-H Club and has encouraged the work throughout the community. Of the eight organized clubs, those with home demonstration members serving as

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Leaders are among the most outstanding in project work. It is hoped that with time all organized clubs will have home demonstration club members as active 4-H club leaders.

The attendance at the 4-H Camp of Shenandoah State and boys has been greatly increased during the past two years. This can be largely attributed to the fact that the Home Demonstration Clubs have provided camp scholarships that defray part expense of certain eligible club members that otherwise might not be able to defray the expense.

In planning the 1952 Program, the County Committee decided to take citizenship as a Federation Goal, but in the seven County Club Objectives, two deal definitely with citizenship as follows:

1. Home demonstration clubs provide two adult leaders for each 4-H club; if no 4-H club in the community, provide transportation of 4-H members to one county 4-H club camp during the year.
2. Each club provide camp scholarships for eligible 4-H members.

The Committee in setting up the 1952 Citizenship Objectives did not overlook the importance of youth. One of the objectives is "Teach people respect for law and order - especially youth in the home."

## 2. Community Projects

The clubs throughout the county are sponsoring various community projects.

The Fort Valley-St. Davids Club has done outstanding work, with the 4-H club, in converting an old brick church into a community house. It is used by both the home demonstration and 4-H clubs for their regular monthly meetings. Also, the community house is serving as a meeting site for other local civic groups and as a recreational community center.

The Central Home Demonstration Club is furnishing a room in the local school to be used as a meeting place for its club and other organizations in the community. The local church is cooperating with the home demonstration club in supplying necessary equipment.

The Strasburg Home Demonstration Club has made plans for the purchase of a table and chairs to be used as stage equipment in the Strasburg High School Auditorium.

Material for bandages requested by the Red Cross was supplied by members of the Fairview-Saunville club members. A committee of club members made the bandages, and the club mailed a large box of bandages to needy sections of the country.

The Forestville Club members serves soup, ice-cream and sandwiches at the local elementary school. Since this school does not have a lunch room, this was a most valuable community service.

Other clubs and the above mentioned clubs  
have contributed to community drives such as: The Religious  
Education Program, Cancer, Tuberculosis, Red Cross and Polio-  
specific drives.

### 3. County Rest Room

During the past year, the home demonstration  
clubs in Shenandoah County have worked diligently to redecorate  
the county Rest Room at the Courthouse, in Woodstock.

In order to start this project, the County  
Comptroller Chairman met with the members of the Board of  
Supervisors to obtain permission to redecorate the Rest Room.  
The Board of Supervisors and the Town Council agreed to finance  
a volunteer hostess to take care of the room.

Each club in the county held a special activity  
such as bake sales to raise funds for starting the project.

The county women contacted civic organizations  
for donations in order to install a better lighting system.

Women donated furnishings such as an old iron  
bed which they made into a sofa, slip covers which they made,  
rugs and decorated lamps. They also gave much of their time to  
cleaning the room and refinishing furniture.

Opening the Rest Room was our county-wide activity  
in observance of National Home Demonstration Week. Since many of  
the members were in town enroute to the District VII Meeting,

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There was an unusually large number of persons visiting the Rest Room during National Home Demonstration Week.

The project has gotten a good start, is meeting a real need and it is hoped will continue to grow and improve over the years. The County Home Demonstration Committee has appointed a Rest Room Chairman.

News articles to local papers were published and publicity at club meetings helped to inform the public of this county-wide project.

It meets a definite need of the town of Woodstock, the every people when in Woodstock and of tourists passing through the county.

#### 4. County Fair

In addition to the home demonstration club members making individual entries at the County Fair, many of the clubs throughout the year plan toward the putting on of educational booths at the Fair. The County Home Demonstration Committee Chairman during the months without an Agent followed through with the clubs on this activity. Nine clubs arranged booths and many persons who saw them have commented on the improvements in quality of booths over the previous years. Standard scores used in judging deal with quality of articles, arrangement and educational value.

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Charles Eder, District Federation President, served as chairman of the committee of judges. She secured two home economics teachers to assist her. Fair officials indicate the home economics was a good drawing card for attendance and interest in the County Fair.

### 5. District Demonstration Meeting

Shenandoah County was well represented at the District Demonstration Meeting held in Winchester, May 1, 1951. One hundred and ten Shenandoah County home demonstration club members traveled by buses and private cars and enjoyed a most interesting meeting. Those in attendance were happy to hear the County Chairman report 200% of clubs had paid Federation dues by March 1. Also, each club contributed to the "Fishes for Friendship" drive. Other contributions were by clubs to the County Religious Education Program, Red Cross, Cancer, Tuberculosis and Poliomyelitis. Nine United Nations Flags were constructed by home demonstration club members and presented to six high schools and three elementary schools of the county.

### 6. Delegates to Virginia Federation and Institute of Rural Affairs

Shenandoah was well represented at these meetings at F. P. I. The County Home Demonstration Committee Chairman, the County Federation Goal Chairman and eight other club members were in attendance.

Information from these meetings is used materially in the county program planning meeting in October. For the past two years, one of Shenandoah's club members has served as the secretary of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

7. County Home Demonstration Achievement Day

Shenandoah had the largest attendance on record at the 1952 Achievement Day - sixteen of the seventeen clubs were represented with an attendance of 250. The theme of the meeting was "Citizenship - Strong Home for a Strong Nation." Since the Federation Goal for 1952 is Citizenship, it was thought that this theme would prove a good starter for the year activities in the year ahead.

One of the features of the day was a panel discussion along the lines of the above mentioned topic. County home demonstration club women and men and women who represented other local and county groups participated in the panel. Points emphasized were such as the importance of teaching children to share privileges and responsibilities, respect for law and order, encouraging citizens to register and vote, the importance of being an informed citizen, Civilian Defense and promoting Christian Citizenship. Every one on the panel made worthwhile contributions and this discussion proved one of the highlights of the day.

The entire program was handled by county citizens and interest was high throughout the day. Col. W. T. Brundick, Retired U.S. Army Chaplain of Woodstock, was guest speaker and he made a very able talk emphasizing some of the points stressed in the panel.

Mrs. Ernest Keller, member of Toms Brook - Mt. Olive club, attended the National Home Demonstration Meeting at East Lansing and gave an interesting report to those assembled for Achievement Day.

The afternoon program was of a lighter nature but again local talent was featured. In connection with the club reports of accomplishments, each club put on a three-minute skit featuring some phase of the program that had proved particularly beneficial to the members. These showed originality, variety and humor and they also proved entertaining to the audience.

All committees functioned splendidly and the day seemed a red letter day in Shenandoah Home Demonstration work.

#### IV. 4-H CLUB

##### A. Project Work

##### 1. Clothing Construction - "Make or ReMake"

Club leaders and the Agent spent a great deal of time during the months of December, January and February in

"CITIZENSHIP"  
STRONG HOMES FOR A  
STRONG NATION



HOME DEMONSTRATION ACHIEVEMENT DAY  
SHENANDOAH COUNTY  
WOODSTOCK CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Woodstock, Virginia

November 7, 1951

10:00 A.M.

E. D. CLUE WISE!!



PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. W. E. Davis -- Edinburg Club (Chairman)

Mrs. Glenn Rickard -- Strasburg Club

Mrs. Harry Funkhouser -- Woodstock Club



THEME: CITIZENSHIP

Mrs. Robert Dove, Presiding

10:00 - Invocation - Mr. A. Campbell Tucker, Rector  
of the Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Announcements

Introduction of Guests

Music - Mrs. Helen McInturff - Mrs. Allan  
Branner

10:20 - Present Speaker - Mrs. Walter Davis, Chairman  
of the Program Committee

Guest Speaker: Col. Wm. T. Brundick

11:00-

11:45 Panel Discussion - Chairman - Mrs. Braden  
Miller

Panel Members: Mrs. J. Paul Neff, Mrs. John  
Massie, Jr., State Trooper,  
Col. Brundick, Mr. E. B.  
Hurst, Mrs. Richard Helsley

1:15 - Group Singing - Mrs. McInturff - Mrs. Branner

1:30 - Report on County Project - Mrs. W. B. Davis

Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Ernest Boyer

Recognize Home Demonstration Women Serving  
As 4-H Leaders

Report of National Federation of Home

Demonstration Clubs Conference - Mrs. Ernest  
Keller

2:00 - Highlights of the Year's Activities by Clubs

3:00 - Homemakers Creed

## HOMEMAKERS PLAN

As homemakers we will strive to:

Have our organization foster highest ideals in home, church, school and public life.

Have our homes reach out in service to the community and help unite the people.

Have cooperation and progress the leading forces in our communities.

Study the best ways to do everyday work that we may find joy in common tasks well done.

Be kind beyond the standards of charity; avoid thoughts and words that condemn; be more thoughtful than love requires; maintain the highest ideals of Christian life.

### County Officers

#### Home Demonstration Committee

Chairman . . . . .	Mrs. Robert Dove New Market
Vice-Chairman . . . . .	Mrs. Harry Funkhouser Woodstock
Secretary . . . . .	Mrs. Hans Olson Strasburg
Treasurer . . . . .	Mrs. Ernest Boyer Waterlick
Federation Goal Chairman . . . . .	Mrs. Braden Miller Mt. Jackson

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this project work. Club members enrolled in this project were older club girls who had with previous experience in Clothing Construction, learned the general principles of sewing. Proper selection of fabrics and patterns was taught and special emphasis was placed on seam and hem finishes, inserting zippers, setting in sleeves and putting on collars. Correct pressing techniques were stressed throughout the making and finishing of the garment.

During January and February, special project group meetings were held to assist with garments to be entered in the County Clothing Achievement Contest and the Dress Revue.

Charlotte Orts, St. Luke-Saumsville A-H Club, won the blue ribbon in the County Dress Revue and represented the county in the Area Dress Revue.

Lila Boyer, Fort Valley A-H Club, won a red ribbon for recognition in the County Clothing Achievement Contest.

Approximately twelve girls entered the County Clothing Achievement Dress Revue Contests.

Throughout the year the girls continued the "Make or ReMake" Project. Thirty-two were enrolled and 25 girls completed. They reported 107 garments made and 37 garments remodeled. It was interesting to note that 23 girls kept clothing

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accounts - five for 12 months and eighteen for six month periods.

2. Clothing Unit III, "So You'd Like To Sew"

The club members taking this project are younger girls who have had very little experience in actual construction work. Work has been started in hemming dish towels, darning socks and other simple articles. The Agent tried to teach these girls an appreciation for good construction by starting with simple articles and gradually working into the more difficult problems.

Unfortunately, the clubs carrying this project did not have as good leadership as did the clubs carrying "Make or ReMake." This together with the fact that the girls were young affected the total results. Of the 23 girls enrolled, only 14 completed with a total of only about 80 articles.

3. 4-H Foods Projects - Meal Planning and Food Preparation

Project information was discussed with the girls taking this project. During January and February, additional project meetings were held by the leaders and the Agent to teach demonstration methods. Individual help was given to prepare those girls who planned to enter the County Contests.

Betty Kipps, St. Luke-Saumsville Club, won the blue ribbon in the County Contest and represented the county in the Area Contest. She won a red ribbon in the Area Contest.

Dorothy Dotson, Conicville Club, won the red ribbon in the County Contest, and Patricia Shiley, Conicville Club, won the yellow ribbon.

This project should have had particular concentration during the summer months - the period when the county was without an Agent, and the result is a small percent of completions. There were 37 girls enrolled in Meal Planning and Preparation and only 13 completed.

#### 4. Food Preservation

Demonstrations in this project were given by leaders and in many cases they worked with individual girls. This resulted in nine of the eighteen enrolled making a record of completion. These girls reported 1,172 quarts canned and 815 pounds frozen.

#### 5. Home Improvement

This project has shown a great deal of progress during 1951. The members taking this project have had at least one year of previous work in some phase of home improvement.

Due to outstanding assistance given by the Specialist in a demonstration in the home of Sue Branner, New Market 4-H girl, a great interest in this project was created throughout this community. Under the guidance and direction of the Specialist, Miss Jamison, the room was rearranged, color schemes suggested, a dresser changed into a chest of drawers with a mirror, window treatment suggestions given and furniture refinished.

As a result, each girl planned changes to be made in her room. Few girls in other clubs got good results in the home improvement project. Twelve girls completed one or more home improvement units. They report eleven rooms improved, 25 pieces of furniture made, remodeled or refinished, one closet built, two closets improved, six lamps renovated and eight lamp shades covered, some rooms rearranged and many articles were made or restored.

Marjorie Lineburg, New Market, won first in the county contest in home improvement.

#### 6. Electric Project, Unit I

Club members in this project were enrolled for the first time, this year. Two months were spent in hard work, by the leaders, in order to help the members meet the requirements. The Agent explained the requirements of this project and planned activities with the leaders to be carried out in the absence of the Agent. Outstanding services were rendered by the leaders. Special work was brought in electrifying lamps and repairing appliance cords and plugs. Home Demonstration club members gave much help along this line to individual girls.

An outstanding county-wide demonstration was given by Miss Janet Keyser, Staunton, Home Economist, Virginia Electric and Power Company. Proper lighting was stressed in

... with slides shown to teach correct and incorrect lighting. Lighting equipment was demonstrated to those in attendance. Thirty-nine girls enrolled in the project and 22 completed. Mickey B. Good, Meems Valley, won a trip to the State A-N Electric Congress, Richmond, Virginia.

June Bemis, New Market, and Janet Boyer, Fort Belvoir, won county medals for outstanding achievements in the Electric Project.

This new project has met with much success and should show outstanding results in future years. Girls are being enrolled in the Unit II Electric Project and it is hoped that the girls and their families will reap benefit in many ways.

B. Other A-N Activities

1. Community Projects

Outstanding work has been started, in each club, on community projects. The Meems Valley Club is feeding and grooming a baby beef in order to raise funds to furnish a room in the County Hospital, Woodstock, Virginia. This project was started in 1950. The actual cost of furnishing a room is approximately \$600.00. To date, approximately \$225.00 has been paid and the club hopes to finish payment by 1953. In addition to the baby beef, the club members planned to raise one acre of corn to be sold and receipts applied to 1952 community project.

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The St. Luke-Sausville Club sponsored weekly square dances to raise funds for their club house improvements. The floor was sanded and finished, a piano and record player were purchased and plans were made for painting the interior. This club project has already provided outstanding accomplishments for this community. Further improvements are planned. The square dances have proved to be good, wholesome community recreation.

The New Market Club made plans for roadside beautification and interior decoration improvements in their visit room.

The Fort Valley Club with the assistance of the home demonstration club members, has made outstanding improvements in its club house which serves as a community center. Curtains were made from feed bags and the members clean the club house for meetings.

The Conieville Club holds its monthly meetings, at night, in the local elementary school. The club members paid an electrician to make electrical improvements at the school house. Also, there was a great need for play ground equipment at the local school, and the club contributed a nice amount of money to be used for the purchase of needed equipment.

2. 4-H Contests

\* During 1951, a greater interest in County Contests was shown by both girls and leaders. Contests were held in Food Preparation, Food Preservation (Canning & Freezing), Home Improvement, Dress Revue, Clothing Achievement and the Electric Projects. Approximately 30 girls attended and 16 girls entered contests. Leaders and parents attended the contests and showed increased interest.

Four county winners were to have attended the Area Contests held in Winchester, March 3, 1951. Due to illness, the winner in the Home Improvement Contest was unable to attend. Girls entered the Dress Revue, Food Preparation and Records Contests. The girls were only fair in comparison with other contestants, and much improvement is needed in this activity. With interest shown in 1951 County Contests, this activity should improve, and the county have a better showing in this year.

3. All-Star Recommendations in 1951

Heggy Hoover, St. Luke-Saunsville 4-H Club, has done outstanding project work and community club work. She was secretary for the County Council, her local club and served as a Junior Leader in her club. She was recommended and accepted into the State All-Star Chapter at the State School Course, June 1951.

### National 4-H Club Week

Excellent window displays were sponsored by the clubs, in New Market, Mt. Jackson, Conicville, Strasburg and Woodstock to better inform the public on 4-H activities in Shenandoah County.

Charlotte Ortt, Polly Sharpes, Betty Kippes and Gordon Bowman, Jr. from the St. Luke-Saunsville and Neems Valley Clubs, gave an interesting radio talk over WQVA, Harriestown, Tuesday, March 6, 1951. 4-H activities including information on County Contests, County Council activities, National 4-H Week, club activities and community projects were discussed by these members. This was a special broadcast honoring National 4-H Club Week.

New articles featuring 4-H activities were also published during this week.

### County Council

The officers from the organized clubs in the County met quarterly. The objectives set for the County are diligently followed by the local clubs. Four meetings a year are held with a good representation from the clubs. One of the three meetings was a recreational meeting conducted by our Camp Recreation Director, Miss Mary Bair Bowman assisted by the leaders and older club girls and boys. The recreation consisted of square dancing, round dancing and circular folk games. Mary Ann Ortt, New Market, played the piano for the round dancing and singing. Approximately 85 boys and girls enjoyed an outstanding recreational evening.

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6. Rural Life Sunday

During the months of April and May, club members, leaders and parents from seven 4-H clubs attended special services held at the community churches in observance of Rural Life Sunday. This observance has been practiced in Shenandoah County for several years, and the community churches are always happy to provide special services for the club members, leaders and parents. This year, the members participated in some of the services. Club boys and girls took part in special music, readings and gave the club pledge.

7. 4-H Booths at County Fair

Leaders and club members take keen interest in putting on educational booths at the County Fair. This year four of the eight 4-H clubs arranged creditable booths. In recent years, all the responsibility of this activity has fallen on the leaders and committees of club members since the County Fair falls the same week of the Annual Conference of Virginia Extension workers at V. P. I. Prizes won on the booths are used by the club in promoting community projects.

8. 4-H Achievement Night

The program of this event is planned by the County Council and is largely handled by the 4-H club members. Many parents and the leaders attend and take a keen interest in the entire program which culminates the year's club activities.

Awards are presented to the boys and girls and the Champion Club announced. This year the cup went to the Meems Valley Club. The guest speaker was Miss Hallie Hughes, Associate A-E Club Agent who challenged the girls and boys to even greater club work in Shenandoah County.

#### V. OLDER YOUTH

##### A. County All-Star Chapter

During 1951, the All-Stars in Shenandoah County have been most active. They have held two business meetings and one recreational meeting. On Monday evening, April 30, a group of 16 All-Stars met at the St. Luke-Saunsville A-E Club House. The group enjoyed an evening of Canasta followed by delicious refreshments of hot dogs, some made ice-cream and cokes. Since the county treasury was in need of funds, the group planned a box supper to build up such funds. Girls from each club in the county brought a box supper which was auctioned to club boys and All-Stars. After the supper, the group enjoyed an evening of square dancing.

Shenandoah County All-Stars attended a Tri-County meeting of All-Stars from Augusta and Rockingham Counties held at Massanutten Caverns.

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WOODSTOCK METHODIST CHURCH

Friday, November 16, 1951

8:00 P. M.

PROGRAM

President - James Miller, President of the Show  
Vice President - G. J. ...  
Secretary - ...  
Treasurer - ...  
Judge - ...  
Investigation - ...  
Special Music - ...  
Welcome - ...  
Refreshments - ...



COMMITTEES

\* Program \*

Fort Valley 4-H Club

\* Arrangements \*

\* Ushers \*

St. Luke - Saunsville  
4-H Club

New Market 4-H Club

\* Entertainment \*

\* Refreshments \*

Conicville 4-H Club

Meems Valley 4-H Club

## PROGRAM

Presiding - James Walker, President of the Shenandoah County 4-H Council

Prelude - Charlotte Boyer, Fort Valley Club

Fledge

Invocation - Rev. Alva G. Muffer, Pastor of the Church of God, Maurertown

Special Music - Forestville 4-H Club

Welcome - Clota Buchanan, Neems Valley Club

Response - Mrs. C. C. Rosen

Roll Call - June Lewis, County 4-H Council Secretary, New Market Club

Recognition of Guests - James Walker

Introduction of Speaker - Miss Gladys Farmer

Speaker - Miss Hallie L. Hughes, VFI, Associate State 4-H Club Agent

Presentation of Boys' Awards - Mr. Carroll L. Payne

Presentation of Girls' Awards - Miss Gladys Farmer

\* Group Singing

Presentation of Cup to Champion 4-H Club - Mr. J. Carl Coiner

Entertainment - Conicville 4-H Club

Adjournment  
Refreshments

Friday, November 16, 1931

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## ORGANIZATION

### MOTTO

" To Make the Best Better "

### PLEDGE

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,  
My heart to greater loyalty,  
My hands to larger service  
My health to better living,  
For my club, my community, and my country.

### COUNTY OFFICERS

President - James Walker, St. Luke-Sauvasville  
Vice-President - Jack Dodson, Conicville  
Second Vice-Pres. - David Beaver, Jr., Heems Valley  
Secretary - June Bemis, New Market  
Assist. Secretary - Harriet Coverstone, Fort Valley  
Reporter - Betty Kipps, St. Luke-Sauvasville  
Girls' Recreational Leader - Louise Hansberger,  
Jerome  
Boys' Recreational Leader - Bob Neff, Heems Valley  
Song Leaders - Marjorie Lineburg, New Market and  
Bobby Lanza, Jerome  
Girls' Advisor - Mrs. Sarah Walker, Woodstock  
Boys' Advisor - Mr. R. R. Renolds, Timberville  
Treasurer - Mrs. Florine F. Getz, Edinburg

VI. SCOPE OF WORK

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
No. H. D. Clubs	17	18	17	17
Membership	489	500	376	379
No. L-H Clubs	7	8	8	8
Membership	105	115	133	133
No. Young Men and Women's Groups	1	1	1	1
Membership	25	27	40	42
No. of Other Families Reached	1256	1129	1191	956
<u>Total No. Families Reached</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>1684</u>	<u>1723</u>	<u>1373</u>

VII. ORGANIZATIONS FUNCTIONED IN THE 1951 PROGRAM

A. County Home Demonstration Committee

This Committee is composed of the club presidents and program development leaders from each local home demonstration club in the county. The group takes seriously the overall planning and carrying out of the county program with women and girls.

The entire committee holds regular meetings in the spring and fall but there are other meetings of the Executive Committee and of special committees such as Achievement Day Committee, Finance, etc.

This year, the county committee took as a special county project the redecorating of the Women's Rest Room at the County Seat and the securing of a full-time matron for it. Details of this have been given elsewhere in the report.

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The most important function of the committee is program planning. This includes thorough preliminary work with the clubs throughout the year and the holding of the county program planning meeting in the fall. The program development leaders did a very good job in this discussion with the clubs and the committees on Recommended County Club Objectives, Federation Goal Objectives and Follow-up Work of Program Development Leaders functioned splendidly at the County Planning Meeting.

The County Committee has been greatly interested in the growth of 4-H club work in the county. It is largely responsible for the outstanding 4-H leadership rendered by home demonstration club women. This organization promotes camp scholarships thus enabling some deserving 4-H members to attend camp.

Attractive year books issued each club member is also a project of the County Committee.

#### B. County 4-H Project Planning Committee

The 4-H Adult and Junior leaders, together with a few older girls are called together on a county basis to get their consideration and recommendations as to the projects that should be included in the county program for 4-H girls. They are more familiar with local conditions and

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- aid materially in determining the content of the girls' project program for the year. It is hoped that in 1952 this committee meeting can be held before July and that more thorough preparation can be made for it with each local club.

#### C. County Council

The County Council has rendered valuable services as a planning group for county activities. The County Council revised a Score of Points to be adopted by each club as standards to be accomplished during the year. This stimulates a real interest in competitive club work on high quality standards.

Also, the Council set up new rules to be used in judging the 4-H booths at the County Fair. The Council at its early fall meeting make detailed plans for 4-H Achievement.

The Council has sponsored one county wide recreational meeting which was enjoyed by approximately 85 boys and girls. A great interest has been shown in all these meetings and as a whole they have been well planned and carried out successfully.

#### D. County All-Star Chapter

The members of the County All-Star Chapter have fostered the highest ideals and standards of 4-H club work. After a careful study, a boy and a girl, outstanding in club work, were recommended as candidates for membership in the State All-Star Chapter. Peggy Hoover and James Walker

of the St. Lake-Saumville Club were taken into the organization in June.

The County Chapter has sponsored a money raising box supper and square dance to raise funds for the 4-H county treasury. This activity has been discussed in more detail elsewhere in the report.

Members of this organization have always served as strong supporters of our 4-H club program and stand ready to serve in any needed capacity. The Agent pays special tribute to these outstanding young men and women.

#### VIII. LEADERSHIP

##### 1. Organizational Leaders

Great progress has been made in the effective planning and work of the officers of the County Home Demonstration Committee and of the County Federation Goal Chairman. This in turn has been reflected in the work of the club presidents and club goal chairmen. The County Home Demonstration Committee Chairman did an excellent job in taking care of all county events and matters that arose during the period without an Agent. She selects committees carefully, has them to understand what is asked of them and then looks to them to really function; this was very evident at Achievement Day. A training meeting for all

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organizational officers would contribute to further progress in the work of the club officers.

2. Program Development Leaders

Effort was made to train the program development leaders in gathering factual data and in handling the discussions with the clubs on suggested program content. The manual prepared and used at their spring training meeting seemed to help the program development leaders in being more sure of just what they were trying to gather from their members. They brought to the county planning meetings better types of club reports on problems and recommended solutions in terms of program content. The follow-up work of program development leaders in getting the program presented revised and adopted has proved very effective. It is our plan wherever possible to continue the same program development leaders for 1952 and keep them trained for continuous work throughout the year. The suggested monthly calendar of activities gotten out by the State Office should be very helpful to the program development leaders.

3. Subject Matter Leaders

The project leaders and Federation Goal Chairmen have functioned particularly well in 1951. As shown in following table, there has been growth in the number of subject leaders, better attendance at leader training meetings and an increased number of club meetings held by leaders without Agent present.

A. A-H Leadership

While the number of leaders assisting in A-H work has only a slight increase, the attendance at training meetings has been better and the A-H leaders have held a greater number of meetings without the Agent present. We just need more of the excellent type of leaders we now have functioning in a little more than half of the A-H clubs.

B. Growth of Leadership

<u>Growth of H. B. Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
No. Project Leaders and Goal Chairmen	161	110	136	177
No. Training Meetings Held By Specialist	7	7	7	9
By Agent	3	6	5	3
Attendance at A-H Training Meetings	163	166	200	250
No. Club Meetings Held By Leaders Without Agent Present	67	88	79	99
No. Additional Club Meetings at Which Leaders Assisted	35	40	63	72

<u>Growth of A-H Project Leadership</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
No. Adult Project Leaders	10	9	11	13
No. Junior Project Leaders	7	8	9	8
No. Training Meetings Held by Specialist	1	1	3	3
by Agent	6	6	7	13
Attendance at Leader Training Meetings	25	17	38	101
No. A-H Leaders Trained Individually	15	16	21	23

	1948	1949	1950	1951
No. Club Meetings Held By Leader Without Agent Present	12	38	27	38
No. of Additional Club Meetings at Which Leaders Assisted	20	20	31	23
No. Demonstration Given by Leaders				
by Adult	15	40	47	49
by Junior	5	10	13	6

C. Outstanding Leaders

Mrs. David Good, Sr., Meems Valley 4-H leader, enthusiastically promotes and keeps in touch with all local and county club activities. She functions well as leader in the girls' 4-H project work and follows up each individual to a successful completion of projects undertaken. Mrs. Good takes every opportunity to boost 4-H club work with all groups and individuals with whom she comes in contact.

One of the long time projects of the Meems Valley 4-H Club is to furnish a room at the new County Memorial Hospital at the cost of \$600.00. For the past two years certain club members have fed a baby beef; grown hybrid corn; served two suppers to the Buritan Club, held paper drive, sold empty pop bottles and held other money-making features for funds for the above goal. The club put on a float at the Mt. Jackson May Day and had an educational booth at the County Fair. The club featured National 4-H Club Week with a window

display in the nearby town and observed Rural Life Sunday.

The Meems Valley Club can boast of one county winner and two State winners in 1951.

Mr. Good has served as 4-H leader for the boys. This year the club is observing its tenth anniversary and the couple have been leaders of the Meems Valley 4-H Club this entire period.

Shenandoah County follows the practice of each club reporter displaying a scrap book which features the year's activities of the club with clippings and pictures. The first page of the 1951 Meems Valley book carries the picture of Mr. and Mrs. Good and the following statement:

"We, the members of the Meems Valley 4-H Club, hereby dedicate our reporter's book to our most faithful and efficient leaders, Mr. and Mrs. David Good. We are celebrating our tenth anniversary and feel indeed honored to have had Mr. and Mrs. Good with us this entire period. Having organized the club, they have ~~many~~ led us through from beginning to the highest goal - that of becoming a 4-H Star. Their home has been thrown open to us for our regular meetings, our socials, some all-day meetings - this tends to make us feel more like a big family. With their help and guidance, we hope to make a great success for each of us and for the future of 4-H club work."

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IX. WORK IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

The Agent has had nice relations with home economics instructors, and has been called on to serve as judge and assist with certain special activities. The Agent also sought assistance from teachers when holding similar adult and junior activities.

Excellent assistance has been given by the Home Economist of Virginia Electric and Power Company, particularly in connection with the A-N Electric Project.

The County Health Department, Civic Groups, the Press and W. S. V. A. Radio Station, Harrisonburg, have given excellent cooperation to the Home Agent program.

I. APPRAISAL OF YEAR'S WORK

The Agent feels that since she has served the county only three months it is quite difficult to make a real appraisal of the contributions of the program in terms of better home-making and better community life. However, she has been delighted with the interest displayed by the women and girls and their untiring efforts in voluntary leadership work. As shown by the tables on preceding pages, we have more leaders in both the adult and junior program and the attendance at leader training meetings increased materially over the 1950 record.

The number of meetings held by leaders in absence of Agent shows a decided step - up over the previous year. The leaders accept responsibility and do their part well.

Certain parts of the program particularly those phases of special interest activities had to be omitted during the three months' period without Agent. However, it is interesting to note that such home improvement and housing are carried over into the 1952 Program. This indicates a real interest on the part of the families in improved standards of living.

The Federation Goal, "Youth and Community Recreation" brought a sustaining interest in the development of youth with the slogan "Strong Homes For A Strong Nation". Definite plans are underway in the 1952 Program to go forward in the development of the youth of Shenandoah County.

We are considerably below the National Average in enrollment of girls in 4-H clubs and somewhat below the National Average of Home Demonstration Club membership. In 1952, our good leaders must be challenged to seriously make an effort to serve more homes through both the junior and adult program.

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