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III. SUMMARY OF INDIVIDUAL ACTIVITIES

Days in field.....	225½
Days in office.....	49½
Days annual leave.....	21
Days in summer school.....	12
Legal holidays taken.....	5
Number home visits made (adult).....	564
Number 4-H Club members visited.....	157
Total number different homes visited.....	500
Number office calls.....	249
Number telephone calls.....	446
Number news articles or stories published.....	164
Number individual letters written.....	570
Number different circular letters written.....	128
Number meetings attended.....	255
Number miles traveled.....	13738

IV. The County and Its People

In 1776 Henry County was created. It comprises 444 square miles which were originally part of Pittsylvania County. Henry borders North Carolina on the south, and the counties of Patrick, Franklin and Pittsylvania on the West, North and East, respectively.

Located in the south central part of Virginia, called the Piedmont Section, the northern part of the county is rather mountainous. The western part may be described as hilly, while the southern and eastern sections are comparatively level.

The soil in Henry County is red clay with sections of gray sand loam. There are a number of mica deposits in the county but they are not solid enough to mine.

For many years tobacco has been the money crop for the farmers. Prior to 1900 small tobacco factories were scattered over the county providing employment to a number of the people. At that time it was the only important industry in the county. These factories have been purchased by the larger tobacco interests and closed. At this time there is one tobacco factory located in the City of Martinsville.

In 1905 the furniture industry came into existence. It was started with resources amounting to thirty thousand dollars and now it is said to have assets totaling three million or more. Today Henry County is highly industrialized. During the past year some of the largest farms owned by the first settlers in the county have been divided into lots and sold to the factory people. Too many of these people haven't enough land for a home

garden and the wives work in the cotton mills, pants factory, hosiery mills, underwear mills and the Marshall Field mills. It seems that the estimate is too small to say that sixty per cent of the people work away from home. At least forty per cent of the people rent their homes, and work in furniture factories, cotton mills, glass factories, dye plant, truck body factory, fiber board box factory, bottling plants and lumber mills. Very few of the inhabitants of the county today are natives of the county. The influx of people from other sections to Henry County is illustrated by the fact that the county seat has grown two hundred per cent in the past twenty years. The city of Martinsville took in more territory this year taking away from the county much of its best taxable property. A good part of the county population may be described as transient or floating.

The home owners are doing more each year to improve their homes and farms. Extension work has done much to bring the people in contact with other sections and to improve the appearance of the rural women. The housewives have made great improvements in their food preparation and food preservation. Too many of the rural homes are too small for the family and unscreened, and this includes the new hedges. Two communities got electricity during the past year and has caused many improvements in the rural homes.

V. Financial Support of Work

An appropriation of \$750.00 per year for the support of Extension Service in Henry County is made by the County Board of Supervisors. There are six Magisterial districts in the county and each district elects a board member for four year terms. This board makes up the yearly county budget and meets once

each month to plan and steer the county developments and problems.

VI. Women's Work

1. Organization

a. County Homemaking Board

Each club president automatically becomes a member of this board when elected and each club has a member at large who makes up the County Homemaking Board along with the heads of the County Welfare, the Farm Security and the Red Cross Nurse. This board held three meetings during the year to plan the county programs and to coordinate the work of all agencies. There are thirty members of this board representing all parts of the county having home demonstration clubs. The home economics teachers were always invited to attend these board meetings but haven't been able to attend because they have home rooms and teach more classes than just home economics.

b. County Home Demonstration Committee

The executive committee for the home demonstration clubs is composed of all club presidents. This committee held two meetings to plan the club programs in detail and how to put the programs across successfully. Each club president started in May to get suggestions on the 1940 program. Homemaking problems, needs of the community and outlook material were presented, discussed and thought over until the June meetings, at which time the president listed all the home economic subjects and picked the winner by a show of hands of all club members. This committee met again in June to go over the desires and needs presented by each group. Yard improvement, house furnishings, food and nutrition, clothing and consumer's education made up the list. These

were copied on a blackboard and discussed. A review of past work, outlook material and needs of county was given very briefly and a vote was taken on the subjects for the major and minor projects for the 1940 program. There is always a noticeable improvement at each of these meetings. More enthusiasm, less timidity and more women taking part in the discussions. The County Homemaking Board sent a delegate to the state meeting and there with the state specialist in the subject selected made up a list of demonstrations to be used over the state. The specialist came to the county for the next committee meeting and helped them pick out the topics for local needs and worked out a monthly program for the 1940 major project which will be clothing. The work of this committee is carried, then to the County Homemaking Board for approval and adoption.

c. Home Demonstration Clubs

There are fourteen organized groups called home demonstration clubs throughout the county. Ten of these clubs held twelve meetings each with good attendance. All the clubs had better attendance for 1939 and did their best work of four years. The officers improved their part of the meetings and perhaps they had been more carefully selected by the groups. The importance of good project leaders was realized and all coworkers urged their leaders to attend all the training meetings. Visitors at club meetings are welcomed and asked to enroll as they take a more active part and make a greater effort to be present each month. All clubs are represented on the Homemaking Board by the president with a member at large selected by the club and approved by the board for a two year period. Each club has a reporter who sends in reports to the local paper and they have been prompt.

d. Scope of Work

(1) Two hundred and forty homemakers were reached directly and six hundred indirectly through the 1939 program. There are approximately 1600 white homemakers in Henry County.

(2) Enrollment for past three years

Year:	No. Clubs :	Membership :	No. Reached Indirectly
1937:	12	255	637
1938:	13	264	660
1939:	14	240	600

(3) Number of Magisterial Districts in the county and Home Demonstration Clubs in each

Henry County is divided into six magisterial districts and the clubs are as follows: Martinsville district with Martinsville and Mt. Olivet clubs. Irisburg district with Axton Home Demonstration Club. Ridgeway District with Ridgeway and Fontaine clubs. Horsepasture district with Spencer, Mayo, Pleasant Grove, Sanville and Fieldale clubs. Reed Creek district with Oak Level and Figsboro clubs. Leatherwood district with Dyer's Store and Mt. Valley clubs.

2. Project Work

a. Major

House Furnishings was studied for the major project in the women's clubs. The six monthly topics were, Possibilities of Modernizing and Refinishing Furniture, Refinishing and Cleaning Furniture, Wise Choice of Materials for Curtains, Draperies, Slipcovers, Cushions and Upholstery, What Do we Have to Upholster, Making Slip Covers and Arrangement of Furniture.

January started off the major project with a demonstration and discussion of Possibilities of Modernizing and Refinishing Furniture. Old pieces that

needed repair were put back into use. Attics were searched for old pieces stored away because they were so ugly and out of place with new furniture. Six beds were cut down and made modern. Three old washstands were made into desks and refinished. Mirrors were removed from dressers and hung on the wall, over the chest of drawers. Unnecessary ornaments were removed from furniture. This meeting was the foundation for the whole project. It was a list of ideas on what could be done to bring furniture up to date and a reminder of what pieces were on hand and out of service. Ideas on refinishing were given and preparations were made for real work through February.

Refinishing and Cleaning Furniture.

February was a busy month in the women's work. Each club held an all day clinic of refinishing and cleaning. The trained leaders bought all necessary materials and furniture was refinished at the average cost of twenty-five cents per piece. The members, brought such articles as chests, tables, chairs, book stands, desks, picture frames, footstools, magazine racks and what not stands to work on. The women scraped and scrubbed and scraped some more, because in most cases the old finish consisted of several coats of varnish or paint and in some cases both. Some found the job much harder than they had pictured it and almost gave up in despair, but just as soon as they got down to the real wood and saw some results they worked harder. Sometimes it was discouraging to the agent and leaders because the women just weren't willing to put forth the required energy but they were pleased in the end when some of the women said, "I'm glad that you didn't let me stop before I did a good job, because my neighbors and husband praised my work and I have such a nice piece of furniture now that I'm proud of." Some groups spent two days at the

clinic and then made plans to help each other on large pieces. Some remarks from women followed this work as: "I appreciate good furniture now more than ever". "I've learned a lot about different kinds of woods used in making furniture". Since this is a furniture county many of the husbands work in the factories and were very doubtful about the job that women could do at such work. Their wives were the hardest to sell on the soft finish, they thought everything must have a high shine. The majority were willing to use the oil finish after working so hard to remove the old one but some just had to shellac or varnish, then after a few months passed reports like this came to the agent. "I removed the hard shiny finish that I put on my furniture and now I want everything in the dull finish. I'm sold and so is my husband, especially on the soft oil finish for good wood and I have rubbed down the cheap shine on all my pieces. In some cases the furniture needed just a good cleaning and a demonstration was given on general cleaning and removing spots.

Wise Choice of Materials for Curtains, Draperies, Slip-Covers, Cushions and Upholstery

Samples of all types of materials used for these purposes were shown. Some samples had been laundered to test for shrinkage and fastness of color. The women tested these materials to see if they picked and pulled easily, also closeness of weave and they studied the finishes for wear and dust. The women learned that it is cheaper to buy good materials and second that good workmanship pays good dividends in wear.

What Do We Have To Upholster?

This demonstration was a reminder of what might be restored for use or made more colorful and attractive with a new dress and what could be done to make

furniture more comfortable. Such as tying springs, replacing worn out webbing and padding. Some clubs held another all day clinic and upholstered furniture. Six davenports were upholstered along with rockers and straight chairs. Four old Morris Chairs were made over, padded and covered.

Making Slip Covers

Each club held an all day meeting and made slip covers for sofas, easy chairs, dining room chairs, children's rockers and bedroom chairs. Some groups met the second day to finish their work and help each other. The women cut and fitted their covers and studied the different kinds of finishes for slip covers. Fifty seven chairs and fourteen sofas got new slipcovers as a result of this work.

Arrangement of Furniture

The house furnishings project was completed in June with a demonstration on correct arrangement of furniture. The hostess of each club was asked to take down pictures and move about furniture so that the members could all have a part in rearranging the room. If suggestions seemed good they were tried out and the women in many cases didn't like their own suggestions when they had others to help bring out the good and bad points and the furniture was placed where they could actually see their ideas carried out. Many improvements have been recorded in the homes as a result of this demonstration. Fewer pieces of furniture are scattered around looking lonesome and unattractive. Most of them got some good ideas of grouping furniture for real home life. Reports show that 548 pieces of furniture were either repaired, refinished, upholstered, slip-covered, painted, cleaned or remodeled. A club member who had done an exceptional job on upholstering a wicker suite said, "I didn't

know I could do/^{it}until the home agent told me I could and backed me with confidence".

D. Minors

Family Relation

For two months the program was built around family relationship with discussion meetings for one month on Child Training and one on Living With Others. The meeting on Child Training was very interesting. There was such a noticeable change in attitude. Before the meetings it was quite plain that anyone who had never reared a child couldn't tell them one thing on the subject and after the meetings these remarks were made. "I can see bad habits now that my children have and I've overlooked them". "I'm conscious now of a lot of mistakes". "I'm thoroughly convinced that a home demonstration agent can teach me something about everything". The saddest one of all was, "If I just had the time I'D like to train my child just like you told us to". The discussion meeting on living with others linked on to child training. Learning how to live with others from childhood in the home, then school and community life. Points stressed brought friendship, tolerance, citizenship, application of the Golden Rule and criticism of others.

Food Preservation

Eight demonstrations on food preservation were given to the clubs requesting it and to new groups. Judging from remarks made by club members, such great changes in methods of canning has been one of the greatest accomplishments of extension work in Henry County. Once in a great while the agent has a call from some housewife who wants to know how she can keep canned snaps without the aid of acid.

c. Community Projects

The community work for 1939 has not been outstanding. Four clubs gave Thanksgiving baskets of food and eight groups gave Christmas baskets and clothes to needy families.

The Ridgeway club helped the 4-H club raise money for State Short Course Delegates. All clubs exchanged books and magazines and gave papers and magazines to families that couldn't afford them. The clubs have worked harder this year to raise some money for club expenses, leaders training meetings and to pay their dues to the State Federation and dues to the County Home-making Board.

3. Project Leadership

a. Plan for Training and Use of Leaders

Each club elected two project leaders with the other club officers at the beginning of the year. Three training meetings were held. For furniture refinishing they brought in pieces of furniture and worked faithfully all day. For slip covers each one made a cover for a small chair, studying cutting, fitting and finishing. For the other four lessons demonstrations were given by the agent or specialist. These leaders were scheduled to have charge of the meetings when the agent could not be present. They were to take care of at least three of the meetings. They are expected to take care of more summer meetings so the agent can have more time with the 4-H girls.

b. Results Obtained

The 1939 leaders were very helpful and mainly responsible for the splendid work that was done. They collected all necessary supplies for each meeting

and in some cases brought to the meetings samples of their work to encourage the other members and to show them what they too could do. Thirty-Three meetings were held by the leaders. When the agent received requests from the club members or non-club members in a community for extra help she sent them to these trained leaders for it.

4. Other Activities

a. Campaign

The clubs correlated their club work and their county campaign. Their campaign was called Restore your Furniture, and their slogan was Make Your Furniture more attractive and Modern if in use and if out of use restore it to service. The homemaking board appointed a county chairman and each club elected a campaign chairman to keep a check on work done, to enroll the club members and push them along with enthusiasm. Each club member was asked to enroll in this campaign and to contact at least one non-club member and give her information or assist if necessary with restoration of at least one article. In some cases these women came to the clinics and worked with the club members. One hundred non-club members received help and restored a piece of furniture.

b. Recreation

For the August meeting the clubs featured home and community recreation. Five groups held picnics inviting husbands and children. The others had home and community recreation for their regular club program. Good sources of games for these occasions were given and games were played and enjoyed. Some groups had a question box on party etiquette and discussed simple service for entertaining.

Thirteen clubs made their December meeting a Christmas party. They featured Christmas decorations and table service and four clubs gave simple prizes for

the most original and attractively wrapped package.

c. County Meetings

Achievement Day

Achievement Day was held on October 14 in the Martinsville Grammar School Auditorium. The invocation was given by a local minister. President of the County Homemaking Board presided and gave a greeting to club members and visitors. Project work reports for the year, federation goal and county campaign reports were made.

Some club members exhibited choice pieces of their furniture done over in club work.

Short readings and songs added fun and pep to the program. The District Agent gave a very vivid picture of Nova Scotia and her Cooperatives. Two clubs are selected, yearly, to provide the entertaining features of the program. One group gave a reading and the other a short, humorous play. The Federation goal chairman made a report on progress made and presented the chairman of the Henry County Board of Supervisors who gave some good points on Citizenship and Why Women Should Take an Active Part. \$5.00 in prizes offered by the Homemaking Board went to the Martinsville Club scoring highest with Axton club in second place. The score card gave fifty points on attendance at Achievement Day and fifty points for best percentage of attendance at club meetings for the year.

d. County Picnic

A county Picnic was held at Fairy Stone Park in May celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Extension work. Patrick county joined in the Celebration. It was just a day of recreation with a report on the Growth of Extension Work

by a farm agent who has been in the work for a good part of the twenty-five years. The story of Home Demonstration work in Henry County was told by a club woman who helped start the program in 1920.

5. Participation in Federation

a. District

Thirty-Eight club women attended the District meeting held in Roanoke on May 18. The reason for federation dues, explained by the State President was brought back to every club that was represented and more club dues were paid. Apparently, these women go to the district meetings through loyalty to their club and county. The contact with the large group arouses enthusiasm and they bring back reports of work from other counties which is a means of comparing their own efforts with others.

b. State

Only two club women spent the week at V. P. I. July 17-21 for the state meeting. Five others were there for one day. This was the first trip to Blacksburg for both representatives and they didn't miss a trick. Judging from their reports it was a thrill to hear such speakers as appeared on the program. Just to be in the room with Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde lifted them above their everyday life. They tried to make their club members feel that they had missed the opportunities that come but once in a lifetime. As voting delegates they felt that they had a part in the meeting and the program planning gave them a very important part.

c. Work on State Federation Goal

The federation goal stressed for 1939 was citizenship with emphasis on young folks and their part in community life. All the clubs had a talk and discussion

on citizenship for their July meeting. The program was led by a guest speaker or the home agent. The young lawyers in Martinsville were very cooperative in carrying out these programs. The county chairman visited some of the clubs and made a check on the number of women voting and taking part in community and state affairs. Very few of the Henry County women vote and most of them let the other person shoulder the responsibility of community and county problems.

6. Story of Achievement by Club Carrying the Best Program

The Fontaine club just a year old did the best work for 1939. The officers started out with good orderly business meetings and studied parliamentary laws. They have enthusiastically carried out the program as they planned it. Their leaders attended the three training meetings and took care of three meetings. They held thirteen meetings with the following schedule:

December - Christmas party - Exchanged gifts and featured Christmas gift decorations. The leaders had charge of the games.

January - Program review - Demonstration on Possibilities of Modernizing and Refinishing Furniture - Recreation

February - Campaign Plans - Elected campaign chairman who enrolled all the members. Held all day clinic on Refinishing and Cleaning Furniture. Held another all day meeting to complete the large pieces that couldn't be finished the first day. Made plan to help each other with large pieces. Picnic lunch.

March - Made check on campaign work. Started plans for district meeting. Had Demonstration on Wise Choice of Materials for Curtains, Draperies, Slipcovers, Cushions and Upholstery. Recreation.

April - Made final plans for district meeting. Eight members went to the meeting. Marning budgets - Demonstration on What Do We Have To Upholster?

Recreation. Planned quilting party.

May - Report on district meeting - All day meeting with the club president and luncheon. Made slip covers for two easy chairs and upholstered one chair. Set dates to help each other with more work. Made plans for county picnic. Started planning 1940 program.

June - Selected three subjects for 1940 program - Checked on campaign. Demonstration on Room Arrangement - Recreation.

July - Had a guest speaker on Citizenship. Selected delegate for state meeting. Recreation.

August - Report on state meeting. Canning demonstration - Recreation

September - Plans and club reports for Achievement Day.

Lecture and discussion on Child Training - Recreation.

October - Plans for weiner roast for members, guests, husbands and children. Lecture and discussion on Living with Others. Appointed nominating committee. Made complete annual report. Recreation.

November - Election of officers for new year. Gave gift of appreciation to the president. Donated plant to agent's office. Completed 1940 program. Demonstration on Christmas gift suggestions. Made plans for Christmas Party. This club pieced and quilted a lovely quilt which they sold for \$15.00. This money financed their state meeting delegate, paid their federation and County Homemaking Board dues. When they offered a prize to the member who had attended all meetings there were so many that they decided to give it to the oldest of the number attending all meetings.

7. Story of Outstanding Achievement by Individual

Mrs. John Clarke, member of the Mt. Olivet club did the best individual work. She was club leader and for the training meeting on refinishing furniture she

made a washstand into a lovely desk and refinished it. She did over six other articles, slip covered three chairs and upholstered her wicker living room suite and did such a good job that it looked like new furniture. She attended the three training meetings and held two of her club meetings.

VII. 4-H Club Work

1. Organization

a. County Council

The County 4-H Council, composed of all club officers, held three meetings. They learned new songs at these meetings to teach their respective groups. The officers that went to short courses brought back good material. The Council paid the expenses of club leaders to short courses. They selected the clubs to take part on the Achievement Day Program and made up a list of achievements for which clubs and individual club members would be recognized. They planned the 1939 program and chose the main topic for the clubs to study in 1940.

b. 4-H Clubs

There were eight organized groups in the county. Each club has this list of officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Song Leader, Program and Recreation Chairman. While in school, two clubs met for an hour during school time. Two groups met at the school building after school closed for an hour and a half. One group met in the homes after school on Friday for an hour and a half. Another club held their meeting during the noon hour and two groups met on Saturday taking all the time they needed which was usually two hours and more. There were only two groups where the boys and girls met together because the boys' club agent spent only a week each

month in the county and it would be impossible to get the meetings in unless they were all scheduled during school hours.

2. Project Work

a. Story of the Best Project Work by Individual

The family activities program is planned so that club work fits in with the home activities of the club member. Mothers give the girls more help and encouragement when they work on something that saves them time and work. The most successful members have the cooperation of the whole family.

Mary Pace, member of the Ridgeway 4-H club, was the most outstanding club member for the second time. She was president of the club for the second time and attended twelve meetings, three picnics, one club party and took part on the Achievement Day Program. She was vice president of the County Council and song leader for her club. She was sure that a program was prepared for every meeting, if it was necessary she had a part on the program.

Mary went to the State Short Course and was accepted by the All Star organization. Through her untiring efforts the Ridgeway Club had the best record for 1939. For her home responsibility she assumed the cleaning of her room. Her project reports show that she mended and cleaned many garments, made two dresses, four undergarments and remodeled one garment. She estimated her savings, due to her clothing work to be \$10.11

3. Community Activities

a. Community Projects

Five clubs gave baskets of food and a small Christmas gift for each club child in two families that had small incomes. Two groups collected papers and magazines and kept a family supplied with reading material throughout the year.

b. Recreation

Eight clubs held Christmas parties for the club members and friends and one group had their mothers as guests for their party. Homemade gifts were exchanged in all the clubs. Picnics, weiner roasts, hikes, and Halloween parties furnished recreation through the year. Some kind of recreation was planned for each club meeting. Sometimes it was a contest, a trick or a new game.

c. Raising Money for Club Activities

\$32.00 was raised by the clubs for necessary expenses. One group had an ice cream supper and then sold home made candy at ball games and school programs. Three groups set a goal for each club member to earn twenty-five cents for the club, and two more had club dues of three cents per month. This money was used to send delegates to the district camp and state short course. The County Council assessed each club one dollar to pay the leaders' expenses to the camp and short course.

4. Local Leadership

a. Plan for Training and Use of Leaders

Four leader training meetings were held to plan the programs and study material that was planned for the club year. They helped to map out the programs at their first meeting and studied Lines and Designs for Various figures. For the second meeting they studied Ready Made Garments. Good and bad ones and how to judge them. How to Shop stressing courtesy to clerks. The third meeting was Clothing Construction, studying patterns, cutting, fitting and finishes. The fourth meeting was for a couple of leaders who did not get in to the County meeting.

b. Results Obtained

Fourteen club meetings were held by these leaders. Club work was carried on while the agent was in summer school and where it was impossible for her to attend the club meeting. They chaperoned the club parties and picnics, answered questions and helped solve sewing problems between meetings, camp and short course delegates went with a leader.

5. Other Activities

a. Camps

1. District Camp

Ten girls attended the district camp which is held each year in Chatham. The program offered Nature Study and First Aid for their regular morning classes. Recreation and singing filled their afternoons and the evenings programs included camp fires, stunt night and tribe challenges. Hand work classes made tin book ends, leatherwork and the girls did some weaving on mats and purses. It was the only summer vacation for most of these girls and they enjoyed the work and play with other girls and boys.

2. State Short Course

Seven of the most outstanding club girls went to V. P. I. for the State Short Course. Boys and girls were divided into junior and senior groups according to age. Discussion groups met each morning and the topic for the week was Our Crowd. The girls have been better leaders in their clubs since they had the Short Course training. The girl accepted by the All Star organization was so surprised that she said she just couldn't believe her eyes and ears when they came for her. She has assumed the responsibility of an All Star with so much determination to live up to her pledge that club work will never be neglected.

b. County Meetings

Achievement Program

Achievement program was held jointly with the home demonstration clubs. A welcome message was given by the county 4-H club president who presided over the meeting with the Homemaking Board president. Project reports, camp and short course reports were given by both boys and girls. The club girls held a dress review and told what they learned by making their dresses and gave the cost. Recognition to clubs and club members were given as follows:

1. Highest scoring club
 2. Club having best attendance of officers at Council meetings
 3. Club having best record book
 4. Club having most members take part on monthly programs
 5. Club having best attendance all through the year.
 6. The girl who has done the best work
 7. Best personal record book
6. Story of Achievement of Best Club

The 1939 4-H Club honors go to the Ridgeway girls. An older club girl has taken over the responsibility of club leader and with the leadership of an outstanding president they held twelve club meetings, two picnics, a hike and a Christmas party. They did a good job at planning and did good work carrying out their plans. Their program for the year follows:

December - Christmas party. Exchanged gifts and featured Christmas decorations.

January - Gave out Better Food scores and Expense Account sheets. Had a discussion on Etiquette in school - Program planning - Recreation

February - Checked Better Food scores. Demonstration on Posture and Health.

Discussion on My Personality - Recreation

March - Clothing Inventory - Etiquette at Home - Recreation

April - Study of Materials - Planning the Wardrobe - Table Manners - Recreation

May - Shopping Ethics - Plans for hike - Party Etiquette - Recreation - Plans to raise money.

June - Clothing Construction - Studied patterns and cut first garment - Plans for ice cream party - All day meeting - Elected Short Course Delegates.

July - All day meeting - Finished first garment and started second. Studied fitting and seams - Planned party. Sent two delegates to Blacksburg.

August - All day meeting - Picnic lunch. Started the third garment after finishing second one. Recreation. Report by Short Course Delegates.

September - Etiquette in Public - Check on record books and expense accounts. Recreation

October - Reports - What Do I Expect For My Money? Appointed nominating committee.

November - Plans for Christmas Party - Election of officers - Program for 1940. Recreation - Christmas gift suggestions.

VIII. Progress Made During The Year

Goals

Accomplishments

I. Organization

1. Adult

(a) Homemaking Board

This board has just been reorganized with the club president and one member at large from each club. They will hold two regular meetings during the year, sponsor county campaign and Achievement Day and raise money for leader training meeting expense.

1. Held two regular meetings
2. Took care of leader training meeting expenses.

(b) Home Demonstration Clubs

1. Have each of the clubs hold 12 regular meetings.
2. Have each club carry some form of community project.
3. Improve on parliamentary laws.

1. 10 of 14 clubs held 12 meetings

2. 10 clubs carried community projects.
3. Business meetings improved.

2. Junior

(a) 4-H Club Council

Composed of all the officers of each club in the county. Will hold 2 regular meetings, plan program for county, take active part in Achievement Day program and recognize that time the outstanding clubs of the county and their leaders.

(a) Held 2 meetings

Planned program
Took part in Achievement Day

(b) 4-H Clubs

1. Each club will hold 12 regular meetings
2. Improve the order of their business meetings.
3. Raise money for the leaders pins in each club.

1. 5 clubs held 12 meetings.

2. Improved business meetings.

3. Clubs decided their leaders didn't deserve pins for the year. Raised money for leaders expenses to camps.

3. Office

(a) Files will be kept in order and up to date.

(a) Files have been kept up to date.

(b) Accurate reports will be kept and sent in promptly.

(b) Reports were sent in promptly. Accurate reports were kept daily.

II. Expansion

1. Increase number reached directly

(a) Raise membership of home demonstration clubs from 264 to 300.

(a) 240 members

(b) Raise membership of 4-H clubs 232 to 300.

(b) 4-H members 193

(c) Reach 40 women through 2 new groups.

(c) One new group - 20 members

(d) Reach 30 girls through 2 new groups.

(d) No new groups.

(e) Reach 450 families through the county campaign and other activities.

(e) Reached 600 families.

2. Reach 700 indirectly through the home demonstration club members.

600 reached indirectly

Reach 650 indirectly through the 4-H club members

583 reached indirectly

(a) By the county campaign Restore Your Furniture. Each member is asked to help at least one outside the clubs. The 4-H club members are asked to pass on information to at least two other girls.

(a) Each club member helped or passed on information to at least one.

Reached 2

III. Adaptation of Program to Local Needs Through

1. Have the president of each club study the outlook material and give it to the club at their March meeting.

1. Each club studied the material.

2. Plan program for next year at the May and June meetings.

2. Selected major project for 1940.

IV. Project Work

1. Adult

(a) Major-House Furnishings will be carried through 13 clubs reaching 300 women.

(a) 14 clubs reaching 240 women who did a splendid piece of work.

(b) Minors-Family Relationship will be carried through 13 clubs.

(b) Child Training and Living With Others carried through 14 clubs. Most interesting.

(c) Campaign-Restore Your Furniture will be carried throughout the county reaching 450 women.

(c) Reached 600 women

(d) Federation Goal-Citizenship, emphasizing youth will be the topic for the July meeting.

(d) Had guest speakers on Citizenship.

2. 4-H

(a) Family activities program with emphasis on Clothing Selection to be carried in 11 communities with 300 girls.

(a) 8 communities - 193 girls

(b) The minor project planned by the Council is Modern Manners in Everyday Life, will be carried through 11 clubs with 300 members.

(b) Carried through 8 clubs with 193 members.

V. Efficient Use of Means and Agencies

1. Have club reporters send information to local paper on all meetings and help with material for the Farm Page.

1. Have cooperated very nicely.

2. Increase number of home visits to 4-H club members and visit 300 new homes.

2. Visited 183 new homes - 157 4-H members.

3. Encourage more office calls.

3. Had 249 office calls.

4. Have leaders give at least two of the demonstration in each club.

4. 10 leaders gave at least 2.

VI. Measuring Results

1. Reports

(a) Agent's activities - Keep daily reports and send in monthly reports promptly.

(a) Monthly reports went in promptly.

Keep accurate information up to date for the annual report.

Kept reports up to date.

(b) Project Results

(b) Checked at each meeting.

Adult

Have leaders report at each meeting the number pieces furniture restored.

Junior

Have president make a check each month on clothing work done. The leaders will check monthly sheets.

Checked work monthly.

(c) The results of each checking will be used as a basis for each step of further work. For the home demonstration clubs it may mean another meeting will be held on the same work. For the girls it may mean more home visits and personal help.

(c) The girls did grand work.

VII. Professional Improvement

Read at least three new books on home economics and rural life.

Read three.

IX. History and Appraisal of Home Demonstration Work in County

Work was started in Henry County in 1920 with Mrs. May Campbell as Home Agent. Her emphasis seemed to have been chiefly on production and canning, with much talk of exhibits along these lines at the Annual Henry County Fairs. In 1924 Miss Emma Bratten succeeded Mrs. Campbell. Under her leadership the work grew in scope and interest until she left in 1938. Miss Pauline Davis succeeded Miss Bratten and stayed about a year. The work then was discontinued there.

Again, in 1932, through the efforts of Miss Helen Ricks, the District Agent, the work was restored with Miss Iris Ritenour as agent. She remained in the county only two years before marrying. Home improvement and Food preparation for the women and Clothing for the girls made up the major portion of the program.

Miss Lucile Zion succeeded Miss Ritenour in 1935 and continues the work. A home demonstration club member of the county says, "Living Conditions in rural districts are 100% better than they were before home demonstration work was introduced into the county." Improvement of homes started with Kitchen Improvement contests under Miss Bratten and has continued into all the other rooms of the house.

Women are much interested in their renovation of furniture program this year.

X Plans and Goals for 1940

1. Find at least three new 4-H leaders.
2. Organize one new home demonstration club and one new 4-H club.
3. Strive for better attendance of 4-H leaders at training meetings.
4. Major project for home demonstration club - Clothing
5. Minor project - Foods
6. Federation Goal - Rural Electrification stressing proper lighting and light fixtures.
7. Major project for 4-H clubs - Clothing
8. Home clubs do more community work.