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III. SCOPE OF WORK

A. Home Demonstration Clubs 11 Membership 310

Other women reached by home demonstration club members 363

B. 4-H Clubs: Number 16 Membership 225

C. Number families reached through neighborhood and community
leaders 88

D. Other methods used to reach families _____
Number families reached 1050

E. Estimate total number families reached 1389
Number farm families in county 2200

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IV. ADULT WORK

A. Home Demonstration Club Program

1. Project Work

a. How The Program Was Determined

The home demonstration program for 1947 in Loudoun County was determined after careful study of results of programs for previous years; factual county information; as to home and community needs; outlook information, and conditions caused by the adjustments to be made in rural living following the war.

In the spring of 1946 the county home demonstration committee, composed of presidents of home demonstration clubs met with the district and home agent for the purpose of reviewing the 1946 program to date, and giving advance outlook information. Plans for club discussion meetings to be held at two of the summer club meetings of each club in the county were arranged and ways of collecting data and other important material helpful in determining the making of a county wide home demonstration program were decided upon.

The president of each club and the home agent led discussions at summer meetings with club members assisting in bringing together needs of the county, community and homes to build a definite and far-reaching program. Following these discussions each organized adult group voted on the program they wished conducted for 1947.

At the 1946 fall meeting of the county Home Demonstration Committee the presidents brought the discussions of the clubs and they were voted upon by the committee.

Basing the 1947 program on these facts and needs, the Federation Goal and the subject matter fields in which work was to be carried was outlined for the coming year.

b. Subject Matter

1. In planning the year's work the home demonstration clubs chief interests centered around the home. Little had been done in either housing or house furnishings during the war years either because of the shortage of labor or materials not being obtainable for home improvement. Thus house furnishings was selected as major project interest for 1947., with demonstrations on candle-wicking, refinishing furniture and reseating chairs, reconditioning picture frames and modernizing lamps and shades to be outstanding demonstrations.

It was also recognized that many families in Loudoun County planned to build or remodel their homes as soon as materials were available.

With these facts in view it was logical that "Housing" should be the Federation Goal for the year of 1947. Emphasis here to be placed on installing water in the homes and build and remodel for comfort, better management and attractiveness.

Other subject matter fields selected for the year was that of timely information on gardening and poultry to enable farm homes to be more thrifty and healthy in family living.

Due to the fact that methods in food preservation are constantly being improved upon it was decided that some groups include the canning of meats and freezing of home grown products in the year's program.

Remaking of clothing, had become needed because of the cost of good fabrics and the changing of styles so some clubs selected this as a minor project and decided upon adjusting and cleaning sewing machines to enable them to do an easier and better job.

c. Projects Conducted In Adult Work

One hundred and twenty-nine women attended the December demonstrations on "Sugar-Shy Christmas Suggestions" in the month of December. The leaders who conducted these meetings with the aid of mimeographed recipe sheets reported that there were indications that these recipes would be passed on to at least 129 additional families. The accomplishment data sheet compiled from members' reports show that information has been passed to 363 additional families. The suggestions for Christmas has been approximately one-third of these.

In adjusting the club program to meet local needs, the Mt. Gap. Club requested a demonstration on "Variations of Yeast Rolls". The meeting was held in February and was attended by seventeen women. The demonstration was given by the home agent. Recipes were distributed and a batch of rolls made previously were made into six different types, baked and sampled. The procedure for making the dough was demonstrated while the others were rising and baking. Members were pleased with the results and the procedure used in mixing and making variations. Mrs. P. H. Ritchie served a piping hot coffee ring with coffee as refreshments at the following club meeting.

Even though 19 home freezers have been reported as purchased this year in addition to the estimated 475 families using the local community locker plant, the members of home demonstration clubs have realized that some foods are preserved more satisfactorily by canning. Thus the November club meeting majored around newer information in meat canning and increased practice in using pressure cooker canners. There have been 18 pressure canners purchased individually in recent months and indications are that more and more club women are becoming

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convinced that this piece of equipment is a must among their food preservation equipment. In addition to the demonstration on using the "wet method" in canning meats; particularly sausage, time was allowed in each meeting for those members who had never used a pressure canner to go through the process from putting the proper amount of water in the canner through the last step of removing the lid at the end of processing time. Of this method of teaching Mrs. Lawrence Baxter, president of the Pot House club said, "That's the first time I have touched a pressure canner since I experienced a small explosion in the use of one some years ago."

22335 quarts of fruits and vegetables stock the shelves of Loudoun Home Demonstration Club members. Estimating the approximate value of a jar at 35¢ per, \$7817.25 in fruits and vegetables alone is preserved for winter use. These figures were taken from the reports of the 310 members in club work.

In January and February seven of the clubs had demonstrations on candlewicking. This was, in several instances, a follow-up of the work begun on this subject last year. With the gauged needles available, added interest was shown. About 9 dozen needles were secured for members throughout the county. Twelve boxes of candlewicking thread were also obtained. At the meetings, several spreads and other smaller articles were begun. The finished articles displayed at the Achievement Day exhibits showed good design and workmanship. The Pot House and Road Run clubs requested work at this time on handiwork from loopers. Several frames were used and after the process was demonstrated each club member had an opportunity to actually do some of this work. One club member, Miss Pauline Conard, a mem-

ber of the Pot House club reported making twelve pot holders between the February and March meetings.

Five of the clubs did work on refinishing picture frames; 18 frames were redone at the meetings and 32 were done at home by those attending the demonstrations. Prints were available with which old frames could be freshened and new interest added. Some of the groups not having this as an actual demonstration were shown some of the possibilities and told about the availability of prints.

The Sycolin, Lovettsville and Pleasant Valley groups included decorating trays in their all day refinishing furniture meetings. Though only 2 trays were finished and designs for others were traced there have been 18 trays reported completed or near completion. At the two other clinics for refinishing furniture 44 women attended and 23 pieces of furniture were refinished or made ready for refinishing. There were 161 pieces reported as completed in a survey made in October. Mrs. C. J. Houchins of the Catoctin Club, is delighted with the result of her efforts and information received through this clinic. Mrs. Houchins bought an old table to use as a family table in the kitchen. After removing the old paint she discovered that with a new finish she could have a lovely walnut table for the dining room at the cost of \$11.75.

During the absence of an agent in the county leaders carried the program on by attending several leader-training meetings and giving demonstrations in the different clubs. Reconditioning lamps and making or recovering lamp shades helped to maintain interest in the group meetings. There were 83 lamps reconditioned, the majority of these being kerosene reconverted into electric. Estimating money saved at \$1.50 per lamp the homes were furnished with better lighting at a savings of \$124.50. 34 lamp shades were reconditioned and made.

The members have expressed the belief that explicit choice in the selection of shades would be more profitable than making shades unless a person is artistically inclined.

Improved practices in the arrangement of flowers among the ladies, result from demonstrations held by leaders with the assistance of members of local garden clubs.

Mrs. Charles Matthews of the Sycolin club through the solicitations of Miss R. Belle Burke, District Agent, arranged for the leader training meetings in the absence of an agent. Mrs. Matthews secured materials and made them ready for use by the specialists and leaders at the meeting.

During the month of April, Mrs. J. S. Buck, chairman of local federation goal and president of the Watson club attended several other club meetings and gave an illustrative talk on the Housing goal and the information she had received at a county meeting on Housing.

The major emphasis in September was on chair reseating. The Mt. Gap club planned a night meeting in addition to the regularly scheduled club meeting; in order that husbands and teen age children might learn to reseat chairs. There were 32 people present and 7 chairs were completed and 5 additional ones were planned. The meeting provided a social affair for the community; though games were not planned except for the very youngest attending.

2. HOUSING CARRIED AS FEDERATION GOAL

Since many Loudoun County families plan to build or remodel just as soon as materials are available it seemed logical that housing should be selected as the Federation Goal. A county Housing chairman was appointed by the County Home Demonstration Committee and each club president was asked to name a club housing chairman. A

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county meeting of club Housing chairmen was held at which the county chairman and the agent guided the group in setting up the following objectives:

- a. Hold county-wide training meetings for club Housing chairmen
- b. One housing result demonstration in each club
- c. April club meetings conducted by club goal chairmen
- d. Secure assistance from Agricultural Engineer for advice on result demonstrations
- e. Hold meetings at Housing result demonstrations

A county Housing School was held in March. This was conducted by the Virginia Agricultural Engineer and the State Home Management Specialist. The County Housing chairman presided and in addition to the club goal chairmen twenty-one other persons especially interested in immediate building problems were in attendance.

The club housing chairmen were given manuals of helpful material for use in their April club discussions.

The Agricultural Engineer returned to the county in the summer and visited six families that had been lined up through the club and county housing chairmen. He gave advice on individual problems including the installing of bath rooms, improvement of kitchens, heating units, insulation and certain other remodeling problems. Reports indicate a number of worthwhile housing improvements. Mrs. John Carr, president of Sycolin Club and her son who is in High School, got excellent results in insulating their home after Mrs. Carr attended the Housing School. She says this was done at a savings of from \$85 to \$100 and is proving entirely satisfactory.

Mrs. W. C. Poland of the Broad Run Club carried out a splendid housing result demonstration. She added a bath room and a small laundry room. Mrs. Poland is now in the process of equipping the latter and the club met with her in November at which time others saw the results of the efforts of Mrs. Poland and her family.

With many housing problems still under way and with continued need and demand for newer housing information the County Home Demonstration Committee decided to continue housing as the 1948 Federation goal with particular emphasis upon installing of water and bath rooms.

This is pertinent since from the 1945 Census only 28% of Loudoun's farm homes have running water.

3. Other Activities of Home Demonstration Clubs

County H. D. Clubs Attain Goals Set For Current Year

Loudoun home demonstration clubs, to the number of eight, attained goals set for them for the year. The clubs are Central, Broad Run, Pot House, Sycolin, Watson, Lovettsville, Catcotin and Mountain Gap.

Announcement of the successful undertakings was made at the conclusion of annual Achievement Day at Leesburg High School.

Mrs. G. Shirley Myers, chairman of the county committee, presided at the meeting, which was attended by several hundred women. Miss Mary Moorman, home demonstration agent-at-large, announced the awards.

The exhibits followed the projects of the year and were made by a club unit. Blue-ribbon winners were the Lovettsville, Catcotin, Central and Sycolin clubs. The red-ribbon clubs were Blue Ridge, Watson, Pleasant Valley and Mountain Gap clubs. Yellow ribbons were given to Pot House and Broad Run clubs.

First prizes in the plant exhibit were awarded to Mrs. Robt. Skinner, of Watson club, and Mrs. Gray Dodd, of Sycolin club. M. J. W. Townsend, of the Blue Mountain club, was given a red ribbon. Honorable mention was awarded to Miss Mary Norris, of Sycolin club, and Mrs. Marvin Filler and Mr. L. Parson Hickman, of Lovettsville club.

The principal speaker was Mrs. E. Floyd Yates, of Powhatan, who was Virginia's delegate to the Associated Country Women of the World meeting in Amsterdam, Holland, last September. Mrs. Yates was introduced by Mrs. William H. Cocke, former Loudoun home agent.

H. D. Women Will Hear Delegate To Holland On Achievement Day

County women will hear of experiences at a world meeting of women held in Holland recently, when they meet for Home Demonstration Achievement Day, Wednesday, October 22 at Leesburg High School. Mrs. Floyd Yates, delegate from Virginia to the Associated Women of the World meeting in Amsterdam September 7-13, will be the principle speaker on the day's program.

Mrs. Yates is a resident of Powhatan and is president of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs.

Mrs. G. Shirley Myers, chairman of the county committee, will preside over the meeting, which opens at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Elsie Gershdorff of McLean will lead the singing.

The ten Home Demonstration Clubs in Loudoun will set up club exhibits representative of this year's work. Potted plants will be the only exhibit open for individuals.

The members of the Loudoun Home Demonstration Clubs were very much interested in the talk that Mrs. E. Floyd Yates, Powhatan, Va., gave on the Associated Country Women of the World meeting at Amsterdam, Holland, at the Annual Achievement Day held in Leesburg, October 22. Mrs. Anne D. Cockerill, former Home Agent, introduced the speaker.

Mrs. G. Shirley Myers, County Committee chairman, presided at the meeting, attended by approximately 200 of Loudoun women.

The club reports were compiled into a most interesting unit report which was given by Mrs. Myers. A few of the accomplishments of Loudoun women in Home Demonstration clubs include: 161 pieces of furniture refinished; 47 kitchen improvements; 92 chairs reseatd; 85 lamps reconditioned; 34 lamp shades covered or made; 18 pressure canners purchased; 18 pressure saucepans purchased; 14 home freezers purchased; 12906 quarts vegetables canned; 7301 pounds food frozen.

Achievement Day Exhibits were displayed as club exhibits representative of the year's program of work rather than on individual competitive basis. Two of the four blue ribbon clubs are pictured below.



Looking at the Lovettsville Club exhibit at Achievement Day which took one of the blue ribbon exhibits are Mrs. Parson Hickman, Mrs. Emory Frye, Mrs. J. L. Ankers and Mrs. Elbert Everhart. The little fellow with interested expression is Herbert, "Herbie" Ankers.



Members of the Catoctin Club standing beside their Achievement Day exhibit are Mrs. Lawrence Beans, Mrs. James A. Pierpoint, and Mrs. Frank Orrison.

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There has been no definite check on the exact number of Loudoun men or women who attended nearby Labor-Saving Shows. There are indications that Loudoun was well represented, however, and those who are known to have gone have been thoroughly impressed by the "Show".

Mrs. J. J. Spring, Lovettsville club has been much interested in the information available. Of the show she says, "The Labor Saving Show at Berryville was most interesting. It is seldom that we from the farm can see so many suggested improvements that have practical value. Everything that was shown could be made in a home workshop; and that is really worth something. My husband and I plan to do many things as a result of this enjoyable day; but the first is to be a cover for my washing machine."

Around 30 members of the Loudoun clubs attended the District meeting at Woodstock. Mrs. G. Shirley Myers, County Committee Chairman, solicited this attendance. Mrs. Gordon Fletcher and Mrs. Emory Frye were selected to represent the county at the Institute of Rural Affairs and the State Federation meeting held at Blacksburg. Both representatives brought back extensive reports and suggestions that were helpful in program planning for the individual clubs.

Two of the most interesting community projects have been reported by the Pleasant Valley and Mt. Gap clubs. The Pleasant Valley Club put major emphasis on beautifying the lawn of the new parsonage in the community during the past year. Plans were carefully laid with the assistance of several outstanding garden club members and carried through as carefully as was possible. The garden was quite lovely during the summer and fall months as a result of the efforts of the members of the club. The club also provided for recreational needs of 3 crippled children of a needy family by giving educational toys to the children. The members expressed a real feeling of the joy of Christmas giving when they gave a surprise Christmas shower on Christmas morn at the home of a fellow member who had been

a meet-in about a year.

The Mt. Gap club, serving a need for community recreation, has held 5 social meetings with an average attendance of 68 club members, parents, and children of varying ages who live in the Mt. Gap community. Games for the children, square dancing, hymns, and folk songs for young and old plus light refreshments have made it a very successful undertaking. It is most heartening to see grandparents, parents and young people all so thoroughly enjoying an evening of recreation together. Another encouraging aspect is the way the club has taken the responsibility of these activities. The club devoted one club meeting to the discussion of the project. The evaluation brought forth small problems that required ingenuity as well as thoughtful planning; in order that the project might be carried through with continued success. The members have gained much through a greater knowledge of child behavior in social groups and are better prepared to meet the demands of their own teen-age child with greater ease.

Service Scheduled For School Religion Education Fund

Mountain Gap Home Demonstration Club will sponsor a service in Outlands Halls, October 12, at 7:30 o'clock. Young people of the community will open the program with Miss Hilda Stauffer, religious education instructor, in charge.

A collection will be taken to benefit the County School Religious Education Fund.

The club has also fostered 2 religious services during the year, one given by Youth Fellowship of Leesburg and one by the young people of the community. Mrs. C. H. Kephart, a talented music teacher has

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taught the youth of the community group singing as an unorganized group in connection with these services. The young people of that particular community in Loudoun are fortunate to have adults so vitally interested in their social activities.

4. LEADERSHIP GOES FORWARD

Leadership in both organization and projects has strengthened throughout the year. When the county was without a home agent for 3½ months the Home Demonstration Club organization and subject matter leaders arranged for and held each monthly meeting.

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At our County Home Demonstration Committee meeting effort was made to give assistance and training for better conducted club meetings. With the help of the Extension Specialists leader training meetings were held for leaders in the various projects and for Federation Goal chairmen.

Follow-up was made by the agent and the district agent with definite suggestions to leaders on illustrative material, procedures and adaptations. The clubs at the 1947 planning meeting set a goal of holding four monthly meetings in the absence of the agent. In addition to taking care of the meetings during the three and a half months interim without an agent, club presidents, leaders and goal chairmen have averaged more than other monthly meetings in the absence of the agent. Thus, this year the Home Demonstration Clubs have held half the meetings in the absence of the agent.

People Reached Largely Through Newspapers

With three local weeklies, in Loudoun that publish any articles prepared by the agent or organized clubs, there are great possibilities of their conveying information of the program to every farm family and the majority of the non-farm families in the county. In addition to publishing prepared news articles, the papers are very anxious to publicize each activity of Extension nature that is of interest to the people--the sub-

scribers of the papers.

Besides the local papers, the Washington Post and Washington Star publish articles of 4-H and home demonstration nature. Mrs. Grace B. Popkins, news reporter for the Loudoun News and Mr. James Birchfield, reporter for the Evening Star and a resident of Loudoun county are responsible for the extent of contacts for the program through city papers.

Below is an article clipped from The Sunday Star, November 9. A similar article from a local county paper will be found under "Other Activities of 4-H Club Work" in this report.

4-H Club at Leesburg Wins Banner for 1947

Special Dispatch to The Star

LEESBURG, Va., Nov. 8.—The Leesburg 4-H Club was awarded the first place banner in the senior division at the annual achievement night program at the Leesburg High School last night.

The junior division winner was the Waterford 4-H Club. Both banners were presented by J. R. Lintner, former Loudoun County farm agent.

Second place in the senior division was awarded to the Lincoln club; third to the Aldie club, and fourth to the Lovettsville club. The Lincoln junior club was awarded second place in the junior division and Purcellville club was third.

Special awards presented by Miss Nova McGrady, home agent, and W. H. Cockerill, farm agent, were as follows:

George Miller, Lincoln, for achievement in raising Holstein-Friesian cattle; Adolph Ross, Lincoln, Guernsey dairy heifers; Linwood Reid, Lincoln, garden; Charles Poland, Aldie, poultry; Edgar Tiltz, Leesburg, meat animal industry.

Also Betty Litton, Lincoln, dress; Anne Caffey, Lincoln, clothing achievement; Audrey Furr, Aldie, food preparation; Frances Keesling, Lovettsville, grik records; June Marshall, Leesburg, frozen foods; Jean Douglass, Leesburg, canning; Frances Ritchie, dress review and home improvement.

Mary Ellen Myers of the Leesburg club presided.

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club presided.

The annual 4-H Club fair is an excellent method of contacting people other than those in organized clubs as well as club members, and leaders. Particularly was this true in the 1947 fair. The leaders for 4-H Club work were left in a position to assume more responsibility in directing project work in preparation for exhibits in the numerous classes. During the 3½ months in the absence of an agent these leaders solicited the aid of other people in the county to make further plans for the fair. They also made arrangements for conveyance of the club members and their exhibits to the fair grounds. Below is part of a clipping published in one of the local papers announcing awards.

The Winners

BABY BEEF CLASSES

Superintendents—Edwin Arnold, Owen Thomas, III. Sponsor—O. I. Omas, Jr. Judge—Ural G. Bee.)

Angus — Thomas Bros., Round Hill, 1st. Arnold Bros., Lucketts, 2nd. Gar Tillett, Waxpool, 3rd.

Hereford—Arnold Bros., Lucketts, 1st. Johnny Kitts, Leesburg, 2nd. 1st. 3rd.

Shorthorns—Sam and Ann Leard, Purcellville, 1st. Edgar Tillett, Waxpool, 2nd. Tommy Fleming, Leesburg, 3rd.

Fitting and Showing, jr. — Bill Omas, Round Hill, 1st. Ann Leard, Purcellville, 2nd. Tommy Flinn, Lucketts, 3rd.

Fitting and Showing, sr.—Owen Omas, Round Hill, 1st. Edwin Hold, Lucketts, 2nd. Jack Arnold, Lucketts, 3rd.

Grand Champion—Thomas Bros.

DAIRY CALF CLASSES

Superintendents—George Miller, Ger Fields. Sponsor—Charles R. Se. Judge—G. C. Graf.)

Holstein Calves — George Miller, Purcellville, 1st. Lloyd Rawlings, Purcellville, 2nd.

Holstein Heifers—George Miller, Barty Johnson, Waterford, 1st. Sally Megeath, Leesburg, 3rd.

Junior Yearlings—Donald Kelley, Belmont, 1st. Anna Fields, Purcellville, 2nd.

Senior Yearlings—Joan Sprague, Purcellville, 1st. Jean Sprague, Purcellville, 2nd.

Holstein Cows — George Miller, Edgar Tillett, 2nd.

RAND CHAMPION — George

Jersey Senior Calves—Claude Shaw, Leesburg, 1st. Frankie Howell, Round Hill, 2nd. Bobby S., Lincoln, 3rd.

Jersey Junior Yearlings — Ralph Rose, Lincoln, 1st. Gallham, 2nd. Nancy Graham, 3rd.

Junior Yearling — Adolph Rose, Frankie Cornwell, 2nd.

RAND CHAMPION — Claude

Shaw.

Fitting and Showing Junior — Sally Megeath, Leesburg, 1st. Skip Rawlings, Lovettsville, 2nd. Mike Cornwell, 3rd.

Fitting and Showing Senior — George Miller, 1st. Adolph Rose, Bobby Potts, 3rd.

Swiss Bull—Mickey Lynn, Alton, 1st. Ayrshire Bull—Went Macknet, Aldie, 1st. Jersey Bull—Adolph Rose, 1st.

FAT PIG CLASSES

Superintendents—Linden Blocker, Frank Keesling, Jr., Sponsor—B. Simpson. Judge—George C. Ring.)

At Singles — Linden Blocker, Woboro, 1st. Ed Utterback, Purcellville, 2nd. Frank Keesling, Lovettsville, 3rd.

At Trios—Linden Blocker, Hillsboro, 1st. Frank Keesling, Lovettsville, 2nd. Jackie Reynolds, Aldie, 3rd.

At Pairs—Milton Skinner, Haystack, 1st. Millicent Simpson, Ash Fork, 2nd. Robert Florence, Purcellville, 3rd.

Unbred—Frank Keesling, 1st. Les Schooley, Arcola, 2nd. Milton Simpson, 3rd.

Pigs, Roebuck Pigs — Linden Blocker, 1st. Charles Everhart, Purcellville, 2nd. Bobby Florence, Purcellville, 3rd.

RAND CHAMPION — Linden

Blocker.

POULTRY CLASSES

Superintendents — S. G. Pressee, Pete Myers. Sponsor—C. Omas. Judge—Marshall Bee.)

White Leghorns—Jackie Campbell, Waterford, 1st. Louise Ellis, Waxpool, 2nd. Pete Myers, Lovettsville, 3rd.

White Rock—Pete Myers, Lovettsville, 1st.

Red Rocks — Phyllis James, Purcellville, 1st. (RESERVE MPION). Jimmy Simpson, Purcellville, 2nd.

New Hampshire—Charles Poland, Waxpool, 1st. (GRAND CHAMPION). Thomas Wynkoop, Blumont, 1st. Louise Ellis, Leesburg, 3rd.

GADE CLASSES

Superintendents—Linwood Reid, Tribby. Judge—J. R. Lintner.)

Fresh Vegetables—Linwood Reid, Waxpool, 1st. Bill Tribby, Furber, 2nd. Sidney Snellings, Purcellville, 3rd.

Tomatoes—Frank Keesling, Lovettsville, 1st. Mike Womeldorph,

Lovettsville, 2nd. Joy Keesling, Lovettsville, 3rd.

White Eggs—Pete Myers, Lovettsville, 1st. Thomas Campbell, Waterford, 2nd. Ralph Peyton, Round Hill, 3rd.

Brown Eggs — Charles Poland, Sterling, 1st. Phillip Marshall, Arcola, 2nd. Ted Williams, Hillsboro, 3rd.

JUNIOR CANNING CLASSES (Superintendents — Mrs. R. R. Larrick, Mrs. P. L. Baumgardner, Judge—Miss Leona Kline.)

Quart of String Beans—Wanda Buck, Aldie, 1st. Irene Fleming, Lincoln, 2nd. Betty Lanham, Lovettsville, 3rd.

Quart of Tomatoes—Irene Fleming, Lincoln, 1st. Betty J. Fleming, Hamilton, 2nd. Wanda Keister, Lovettsville, 3rd.

Quart of Applesauce — Irene Fleming, 1st. Mary Bodmer, Aldie, 2nd. Jennings Baxter, Blumont, 3rd.

Quart of Blackberries—Marjorie Kephart, North Fork, 1st. Barbara Simpson, Purcellville, 2nd.

Quart of Cherries—Patricia Ann Alder, Blumont, 1st. Betty Lanham, Lovettsville, 2nd. Kathleen Hummer, Round Hill, 3rd.

Quart of Peaches—Irene Fleming, 1st. Rose B. Compher, Round Hill, 2nd. Jennings Baxter, 3rd.

Quart of Beets—Irene Fleming, 1st. Barbara Parks, Round Hill, 2nd. Betty Snellings, Purcellville, 3rd.

Quart of Peas—Irene Fleming, 1st. Marjorie Kephart, 2nd. Joanna Keister, Lovettsville, 3rd.

Quart of Corn—Barbara Simpson, 1st. Irene Fleming, 2nd. Nancy Cooper, Lincoln, 3rd.

Glass of Jelly—Hattie Tomblin, Round Hill, and Barbara Parks, both 1st. Jane Hummer and Barbara Parks, 2nd. Polly Ann Kephart, Blumont and Barbara Hummer, 3rd.

Quart of Carrots—Patricia Ann Alder, 1st. Wilmer Turbeville, Hillsboro, 2nd. Sally McGeath, Leesburg, 3rd.

Best Collection (two jars canned vegetables, one jar canned fruit)—Irene Fleming, 1st. Martha Spring, Hamilton, 2nd. Wanda Keister, 3rd.

SENIOR CANNING CLASSES

Quart of Tomatoes—Phyllis Kephart, North Fork, 1st. Bernice Everhart, Lovettsville, 2nd. Agnes Fry, Lovettsville, 3rd.

Quart of String Beans—Frances Keesling, Lovettsville, 1st. June Marshall, Aldie, 2nd. Audrey Flynn, Aldie, 3rd.

Quart of Applesauce—Mary Jane Dodd, Leesburg, 1st. Phyllis Kephart, 2nd. Bernice Everhart, Lovettsville, 3rd.

Quart of Blackberries — Mary Jane Dodd, 1st. Phyllis Kephart, 2nd.

Quart of Beets—Phyllis Kephart, 1st. Audrey Flynn, 2nd. Mary Jane Dodd, 3rd.

Quart of Peaches—Bernice Everhart, 1st. Phyllis Kephart, 2nd. Maude Marshall, Arcola, 3rd.

Quart of Peas—Agnes Fry, Lovettsville, 1st. Bernice Everhart, 2nd. Phyllis Kephart, 3rd.

Pint of Corn — Mary Elizabeth Simpson, Purcellville, 1st. Phyllis Kephart, 2nd. Maude Marshall, 3rd.

Glass of Jelly—Maude Marshall, 1st. Bernice Everhart, 2nd. Audrey Flynn, 3rd.

Best Collection (two jars canned vegetables and one jar canned fruit)—Phyllis Kephart, 3rd.

CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION JR. (Superintendents — Mrs. John Cockerill, Mrs. Claude Owens. Judge—Miss Mary Moorman.)

Skirt—Jo Ann James, Leesburg, 1st. Barbara Stowers, Arcola, 2nd. Sue Clagett, Leesburg, 3rd.

Dress — Harriet Caffey, Round Hill, 1st. Rosalind Poland, Arcola, 2nd. Barbara Herndon, Waterford, 3rd.

Sleeping Garment—Louise Ellis, Leesburg, 1st. Bernice Sunday, Hamilton, 2nd. Shirley Fishback, Hamilton, 3rd.

Sports Outfit — Peggy Poland, Ashburn, 2nd.

Garment Made from Feed Bags—Barbara Mann, Hillsboro, 1st. Barbara Simpson, Purcellville, 2nd. Nancy Litton, Round Hill, 3rd.

Blouse—Henrietta Smith, Lincoln, 1st. Candy Smith, Lincoln, 2nd. Barbara Simpson, Purcellville, 3rd.

CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION SR. Skirt—Ann Legard, Purcellville, 1st. Anne Caffey, Round Hill, 2nd. Betty Litton, Round Hill, 3rd.

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Dress—Betty Litton, 1st. Anne Caffey, 2nd. Mary E. Simpson, Purcellville, 3rd.

Sleeping Garment—Anne Legard, 1st. Phyllis Kephart, North Fork, 2nd. Mary E. Simpson, 3rd.

Garment from Feed Bags — Maude Marshall, Arcola, 1st. Frances Ritchie, Leesburg, 2nd. Phyllis Kephart, 3rd.

Sports Outfit—Betty Dunn, Aldie, 1st. Betty Litton, Round Hill, 2nd. Elsie Downs, Aldie, 3rd.

Madeover Garment — Anne Legard, 1st. Phyllis Kephart, 2nd. Frances Ritchie, 3rd.

Blouse—Anne Caffey, 1st. Betty Litton, 2nd. Anne Legard, 3rd.

CARE OF CLOTHING, JR. (Superintendent — Mrs. J. S. Buck.)

Sewing Box — Rosalind Poland, Arcola, 1st. Lois Myers, Waterford, 2nd. Anne Baumgardner, Waterford, 3rd.

Darned Sock—Anne Baumgardner, Waterford, 1st.

Laundered Sweater—Lois Myers, Waterford, 1st.

CARE OF CLOTHING, SR. Sewing Box — Eleanor Costello, Lucketts, 1st. Shirley Griffith, Leesburg, 2nd. Anne Legard, Purcellville, 3rd.

Darned Sock — Anne Legard, 1st. Anne Caffey, Round Hill, 2nd.

Patched Garment—Anne Legard, 1st.

Laundry Bag — Shirley Griffith, Leesburg, 2nd.

Laundered Sweater—Anne Caffey, 1st. Betty Litton, 2nd.

Cleaned Skirt—Shirley Griffith, Leesburg, 1st.

FOOD CLASSES, JR. (Superintendents—Mrs. Kenneth Litton, Mrs. W. B. Turbeville. Judges (of bread classes also)—Miss Charlotte Andrews, Miss Grace Jenkins.)

Fruit Salad—Wanda Buck, Aldie, 1st. Marjorie Kephart, Lincoln, 2nd. Janice Buck, Aldie, 3rd.

Baked Custard—Thurston Simpson, North Fork, 1st. Rebecca Ward, Aldie, 2nd. Marjorie Kephart, North Fork, 3rd.

Six Cookies—Wanda Buck, Aldie, 1st. Janice Buck, Aldie, 2nd. Joan James, Leesburg, 3rd.

Ice Layer Cake—Wanda Buck, 1st. Betty Lou Snellings, Purcellville, 2nd. Thurston Simpson, 3rd.

Eggs Any Style — Wanda Buck, 1st.

FOOD CLASSES, SR. Fruit Salad—Phyllis Kephart, 1st. June Geiman, Leesburg, 2nd. Anne Legard, 3rd.

Vegetable Salad — Anne Caffey, 1st. Betty Geiman, Leesburg, 2nd. Phyllis Kephart, 3rd.

Boiled Custard — Anne Caffey, 2nd.

Baked Custard—Phyllis Kephart, 2nd. Mary Simpson, 3rd.

Six Cookies—Phyllis Kephart, 1st. Anne Legard, 2nd. Lois Poston, Round Hill, 3rd.

Ice Layer Cake—Betty Litton, 1st. Maude Marshall, 2nd. Audrey Flynn, Aldie, 3rd.

Plain Cake—June Elmore, Leesburg, 1st. Anne Caffey, 2nd. Mary Simpson, 3rd.

The Labor-Saving Shows in nearby counties definitely was a means of contacting people in Loudoun. A more explicit description of this method has been given elsewhere in this report.

V. Work With Youth

A. 4-H Clubs

1. Organization

a. County Council

Beginning with year's plans for the work of the 4-H Council in the county an all day session of the Council was held in February of 1947.

The morning was devoted to business and the appointment of committees. These committees met at the noon hour and reported when the group reassembled; thus completing worthwhile plans.

An added feature of the day was a display of pictures and souvenirs taken and collected at various 4-H events, including camp, 4-H Fair, and National Club Congress. In this way at least a part of the club members had an opportunity to see these things which heretofore had been limited to a small group coming in the office to see them.

Following reports of committees the remainder of the afternoon was de-

voted to the training of the club officers. The all day meeting proved to be an excellent plan and was adopted for coming meetings. Ninety 4-H officers and leaders attended the meeting which was an increase over the record of attendance last year.

The 4-H Council of Loudoun County promotes and carries the responsibility of a large part of the county wide 4-H program and activities including Rally Day, District Camp, 4-H Fair and the sending of delegates to State Short Course.

Perhaps the outstanding achievement of the Council in 1947 was a Banquet held in April. This banquet was given by the council with one 4-H Club preparing and serving the meal. The Council had as their guests members of the County Board of Supervisors and principals of the county school, bankers and 4-H Club adult leaders. The occasion gave worthwhile publicity to the county 4-H program and promoted fine fellowship.

The 4-H Council is financed by contributions from each organized club. In 1947 the Council sent 2 delegates to district camp.

2. Project Work

a. How The 4-H Club Program Was Determined

In deciding upon the 4-H projects for the girls in Loudoun County for 1947 the agent and 4-H leaders carefully analyzed the club setup with the members.

Individual, family and community needs were the most important factors considered in project selection.

It was also necessary to consider the length of time for meetings held in and out of school, place of club meeting, equipment for demonstrations and the number of leaders.

Projects were then selected that could have demonstrations given in schools as the schools were the places decided upon for 4-H Club meetings during the winter months. Projects for summer months were selected that might have all

day clinics and demonstrations given in the homes.

b. 4-H Projects 1947

Club contests were held and winners selected for each project chosen in the plan of work for 1947. County winners who entered area contests held in Winchester were: June Marshall, Leesburg Sr. club, who won a blue award in the area contest for Frozen Foods; Jean Douglas, Leesburg Sr. club, who placed second in the area Canning Achievement contest; Audrey Flynn of the Aldie club won a blue award for the demonstration on "A Variety of Salads from Cabbage" in the Food Preparation contest; Anne Caffey of the Lincoln Sr. club was the county winner in the Clothing Achievement contest; Frances Ritchie, county winner in the Home Improvement contest is also a member of the Leesburg club; Frances Keesling, Lovettsville club, won the county medal for Girls' Records contest; and Betty Litton, Lincoln club, was the proud winner of the blue award in the area Dress Revue contest and had the honor of being mentioned the second runner-up in the State Contest. Pictured below is Betty in the garment she constructed and a clipping from a county paper announcing the girls' achievements.

Local 4-H Win In Area Food Preparation

Loudoun County 4-H girls were among the winners in the area contests in food preparations and making of clothing held last week in Winchester. The awards received by local girls are as follows: June Marshall, first place in frozen food contest; Audrey Flynn, first in food preparations; Betty Litton, first in dress review. Second awards went to Jean Douglass in canning, and Anne Caffey, in clothing achievement.

Mias Nova McGrady, home agent, accompanied the girls to Winchester. The winners will compete in the district contest for the honor of entering the State contest.



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Fifteen girls took bread for their project during the winter months. In most cases these were older club members who had already had some instruction on this subject. Since this was true, demonstrations were not given in all of the clubs, but thorough discussion on particular problems

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took their place. Some judging of bread was done. The Bread exhibits at the fair were said to be the largest and of the best quality in the 12 years of fair exhibits.

Ninety-five girls selected food preparation for their winter project. Actual demonstrations in custard making, egg dishes, and vegetable cookery were given by the local leaders or agent. Most of these were given at schools as a part of the regular meetings. Judging products made at home in line with project requirements was also a major emphasis in club meetings. Thurston Simpson, a boy in the Lincoln Jr. club, astonished his sister competitors by winning a blue ribbon on a cake he had baked as an exhibit at the 4-H Fair.

Demonstrations on bed-making, table setting and room arrangement were given as project demonstrations to the 80 members enrolled in Housekeeping. Frances Ritchie, winner of the County Room Improvement contest, had Miss Mary Moorman, Home Demonstration Agent-at-Large at a recent demonstration in this project. Frances proudly exhibited her room and carefully explained the changes that had been made through concentrated effort on the part of herself and her carpenter father who built the closet for her wardrobe. Several members of her club were also guests at this demonstration.

The 19 members who selected Care of Clothing did a creditable job, following demonstrations in darning, patching and sweater washing. Articles that might be made to provide for easier care of clothing were exhibited in the April meetings.

172 jars of fruits and vegetables were exhibited at the 4-H Fair as a result of project work in Food Preservation. The major part of the demonstrations were provided for by the leaders in the absence of an agent. All project records have been completed by the 93 girls who took the pro-

not during the summer.

The district agent who judged the clothing exhibits at the Fair commented on the fine workmanship of the many garments in the exhibit both in the junior and senior classes. There were 54 senior garments exhibited and 65 junior garments from 100 girls who chose Clothing Units I and II.

3. County and Community 4-H Activities

The 4-H Club camp at Powell's Fort Valley held jointly by Loudoun and Shenandoah 4-H clubs, leaders and agents was attended by 80 boys and girls from Loudoun County. Peggy Anne Benedum, an active Loudoun 4-H member, served as Big Chief for the encampment. Under her guidance the three tribes planned and carried out the activities during the week with zest. The tribes took responsibilities including program planning for vesper services and evening programs as well as the necessary duties as host and hostesses at meal time and upon arrival of guests. "Talent Night" was made more interesting through competitive spirit. The Mohawk tribe program for the evening was a huge success because of the ability of June Marshall, Song Leader of the County Council. June acted as Mistress of ceremonies and director of the a capella chorus who provided background music for the enactment of the song "The Trail of Sante Fe". June showed no mike fright as she announced the program into the tin can that topped a broom handle. The Wahoo tribe, with Lloyd B. Womel-dorph directing its activities as Lesser-Chief, won the majority of notches with close competition of the Creole and Mohawk tribes. L. B. (Mike) Womel-dorph was elected by popular vote to lead camp activities at the 1948 encampment.

Mary Ellen Myers, Paul Myers and John Lindsey, and Phyllis Kephart attended the Conservation Camp at Holiday Lake the same week. The three members repaid their expenses which were paid by the County Council by giving

Interesting accounts of the week's activities at this encampment. Mary Ellen says "The candlelighting ceremony was truly the most beautiful and most impressive service I have ever beheld. I was enchanted by the sight of the many lighted candles floating out into the lake on their cardboard boats."

John Lindsey and Frances Keesling were received as All Stars at the Short Course at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg in July. Loudoun clubs sent 8 delegates to the 4-H Club Short Course. They were accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Thomas and Mrs. Kenneth Litton, leader of the Lincoln Sr. club. The delegates attended all classes and were prepared to lead their clubs in many different activities as a result of this. The Leesburg Sr. club held a picnic during the latter part of July following a swimming party and a session of games. June Marshall and Mary Ellen Myers led the club in games they had learned in the Game Leadership classes at the Short Course. The club members also presented the new home agent with a Welcome Cake at this outing. There was a contagious spirit of happiness in addition to cooperativeness and a keen sense of duty.

The program planning committee for Achievement Night-1947 selected as the theme of the occasion "The Harvest of 1947". Mary Ellen Myers in her opening address compared the Achievement Night program to a harvest in this manner, "As a harvest of wheat yields to the farmer so many bushels to the acre, so does achievement night yield to the clubs and members joy from summarizing and announcing work well done". Below is a clipping depicting the program in full.

1947 Harvest is 4-H Achievement Theme

"The Harvest of 1947," main feature of the 4-H Club Achievement Night program at Leesburg High School on Friday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. will review for the county the outstanding accomplishments of Loudoun 4-H Club work and activities. It will also enlighten those present as to the highlights of individual and club achievements in recognition of the National 4-H Achievement Week—November 2-8.

It is believed that the following program should be of vital interest to everyone interested in the 4-H program in Loudoun County. As the annual fair, Rally Day, and club camp are "Red-letter" days of 4-H Club activities, achievement night is the final tribute to the effort put forth.

The program is as follows: "It's Time to get Acquainted," in charge of Mary Ellen Myers, 4-H County Council, president and June Marshall, 4-H County Council song leader; the pledge and motto, by Rosebud Compher, Round Hill and Bill Tribby, Purcellville; the invocation by the Rev. Robert T. Fulton, Leesburg Presbyterian Church; "Follow the Gleam," with June Marshall leading; and "The Harvest of 1947," under the direction of Mary Ellen Myers, Leesburg, Owen Thomas, Round Hill, Maud Marshall, Alva L. B. (Mike) Womeldorph, Lovettsville, Edgar Tillet, Leesburg, Lynn Blocker, Hillsboro, and Charles Poland, Arcoia.

Betty Litton will talk on "Contests and The Dress Revue" and will be followed by a "Song Fest" led by the council song leader, Miss Nova McGrady, home agent, and William Cockerill, county agent will make special awards, and former county agent, J. R. Lintner, will award banners for 1947. Honor Club Recognition is in charge of Anne Caffey, Keith Gardner, Mary Ellen Myers, Edgar Tillet and Betty Litton.

A trophy was awarded to the Junior and Senior clubs winning the highest scores on athletic events and Correct Dress at the annual Rally Day which was held this year at Leesburg, June 10. The Leesburg Sr. and Parcellville clubs won these trophies after making high score during the day. For the boys the events on the athletic program included the 60-100-220 yd. dash; the high jump, baseball throw, shot-put and numerous other contests. The girls' events included a potato race, sack race, softball throw, and a 60 yd. dash.

The County Council also provided funds for paying a part of the expenses of 22 club members who placed first and second at the Rally Day program.

Pictured below are the winners in the Correct Dress contest.

1947 4-H Rally Day Winners



These are the blue ribbon winners of the 4-H Rally Day held recently at the Leesburg High School. Contests included everything from running and jumping to correct dress competitions for the girls. Back row, 1 to r, Milton Skinner, Keith Gardner, Westley Keys, Ann Legard, Owen Thomas 3rd, and Marshall Fleming; front row, 1 to r, Jean Sprague, Anne Caffey, Betty Mae Geiman, Betty Litton, Peggy Fleming, and Kenneth Dale Macknet.



June Ellmore (left) and Harriet White, both of Leesburg, represent the 15 4-H Club baking projects in the parade at the fair yesterday at Purcellville. —Star Staff Photos.

Pictured here are two 4-H Club girls proudly exhibiting their baking results in the parade of 4-H club members and their exhibits in spite of the chill of a drizzling rain. The fair is also a big day in the life of 4-H club members and leaders.

A Prize Winner



CLAUDE BRADSHAW of Leesburg is shown holding his champion Guernsey heifer after receiving his award at the 4-H Fair. Williams Photos.

Thomas Bro. Get Top 4-H Fair Prize

Large Attendance At Annual Youth Event Despite Poor Weather

The Thomas Brothers, of Round Hill, Owen and Bill, carried off top honors in the baby beef classes by winning the grand championship at the 12th annual 4-H Fair held Saturday at the Firemen's Community Center in Purcellville. They carried off this prize with an Angus baby beef, which was judged the best animal at the Show. They won over the Arnold Brothers, of Lucketta, who for the past two years had taken the grand champion honors. Arnold Brothers placed second in the Angus class and won the reserve with a Hereford baby beef.

Edgar Tillett, of Waxpool, placed third in the Angus class and Johnny Kitts, of Leesburg, took second and third in the Hereford class. The Shorthorn class was won by an entry of Sam and Ann Legard; Edgar Tillett placed second and Tommy Fleming, of Leesburg, was third. The fitting and showing class for juniors was won by Bill Thomas, of Round Hill, and the senior fitting and showing by Owen Thomas.

Miller Entry Wins

A three-year-old Holstein heifer, belonging to George Miller, of Lincoln, was awarded the grand championship in the dairy calves, and another Miller entry was the reserve. The grand champion Guernsey heifer belongs to Claude Bradshaw, of Aldie, while the reserve went to an entry of Adolph Rose, of Lincoln. Linden Blocker's entry won the grand champion in the swine classes.

A feature of the afternoon was a parade of the exhibitors with their livestock and entries around the show ring. A pony show followed with Patsy Pancoat's Farnley Sunflower taking the championship. There was fun for all in the closing feature, the chase for the greased pig. Three were turned loose and squeals from the pigs and cheers from

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recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI.

4. Leadership

Thirty-six club members served as officers for their groups during the year. In all clubs except one, in which case the leader was not conveniently located to assist, these officers were responsible for holding meetings of the club during the absence of an agent. The clubs also have a community project chairman who held committee meetings on the selection of suitable projects and headed financial ways and means activities.

Sixteen adult leaders assisted the agent with project work during the first four months of this year's program. During the 3½ month period without a county home agent, these leaders helped the officers to hold the club together and continue with meetings and project work. In several instances these leaders held extra meetings in their own homes in order to strengthen project work and ensure a larger percentage of completed records. They have also met with special club committees in planning and carrying through money making affairs, community projects and the like. They assisted very definitely in training new officers at the County Council meeting and at the 4-H Fair where they took complete charge of exhibits as superintendents of classes. These leaders are indispensable in a large 4-H club program. Their interest and vitality are vital to the life of 4-H club accomplishments.

B. HONOR CLUB

The Honor Club for 1947 is composed of 46 members, their enrollment taken after 16 new 4-H club members were pledged at the conclusion of the Achievement program. The Loudoun Honor Club was organized in 1945 and has had as its annual objective to supplant the responsibility of helping other members do better work into the goals of its members. The club members each pledge a definite contribution each year. The following are examples of the individual goals as stated by Honor Club members. "Encourage membership and see that at least two projects are completed."

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"Encourage attendance at 4-H meetings". "Help three members with projects and records".

The Honor Club is planning a meeting soon for the purpose of initiating new members and electing officers.

VI. Agent's Evaluation of the 1947 Home Demonstration Program

Although the broad objectives set up as guides to certain achievements in the Federation Goal of the county for the year were reached; club women showed a continued interest and figurative planning when they elected that Housing, the county goal for 1947, be continued for at least one more year.

The first objective:

A. Hold county wide training meeting for club housing chairmen was realized in the club year. Next year, the committee sees the possibility of having a larger attendance; likewise a greater number of improved practices by continuing an objective similar to this. Though definite plans have not been drawn together, the major emphasis at the county meeting for the new year has been placed on Water in the Home. Much could be said in evaluation of the effort put forth on attaining objectives set up as the adult county goal and on the continued interest that prevails.

Because the program of work for 1947 was planned by the leaders of the different clubs in the county, it is believed that the program has been a strong one. An evaluation of a year's work is rather abstract after only four and one half months experience in the program. However, the spirit with which adult leaders in their own clubs carried on the program adhering as nearly as possible to the original plan of work is truly an evidence of the strength of the program. These same leaders did not greet the new agent with the feeling of turning the full responsibility over to her jurisdiction. They have accepted guidance with gratitude and have shown anxiety to develop further the potential leadership uncovered during

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this period without an agent.

The 4-H Club program has completed a successful year, carrying on with all the activities that make a club year eventful and far-reaching. This success may be attributed to the interest of the club members themselves, their parents and the leaders of the different clubs. It was the leaders who made it possible for Loudoun to be well represented at out of county activities, namely, the State Short Course and 4-H club camp.

This program may be made even stronger through more leader training meetings in order that project demonstrations may be effectively held as planned. This will no doubt be one means of obtaining more completed projects and better workmanship from the program during the year 1948.