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### III. SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Better family living was evident in Wythe's 1950 program of work. The previous programs have dealt so much cooking and nutrition that the 1950 program selected new fields for emphasis. These fields can be grouped under three main topics: (1) Home Improvement (2) Health (3) Personal Growth and Appearance. Special emphasis has been given to help the homemaker develop a finer appreciation of beauty, economic values, and comfort that can be brought into the homes and their personal lives through methods and skills and use of material on hand.

#### A. Home Improvement

The interest in home improvement is strongly shown by the H. D. Clubs' 1950 Program Calendar. 17 clubs received six months of demonstrations on color in the home, new fabrics and materials in the home, refinishing furniture, landscaping the farm home grounds and planting and care of shrubs and flowers.

New and available materials on the market early last spring increased demand for Home Improvement material sent from the office to the general public, numbering 4,802 pamphlets and bulletins on different phases of Home Improvement.

The 4-H Clubs stressed housekeeping and room improvement in five clubs. Various scattered 4-H members cared for home lawns during the summer.

#### B. Health

Polio and became evident with the outbreak of the polio epidemic. Health became the central thoughts of every resident of Wythe County. The prevention of this disease was fought in a variety of ways. General clean-up of home, community and the entire county was stressed. Spraying campaigns took place in towns and surrounding areas. Home Demonstration

**L-4-H Club members** headed the organization of clean-up groups in six communities. They cooperated with the officials in the other communities.

**Nutrition and well-balanced meals** were planned to keep the physical body fit. Donations were made to the Crippled Children's Fund and the Asheville Paralysis Rehabilitation Center in Wytheville. H. D. members worked out a schedule to aid in caring for the returning patients. This was the mothers for shopping and other necessities.

More help in food and clothing was given to underprivileged families to improve sanitation and living conditions.

The Home Demonstration Club women sponsored a drive for two and a half weeks. During this time \$2200.00 was raised to purchase and iron lung for the Lifesaving Crew to be used in Wythe County.

Health was selected as a long-time goal with special emphasis on clean-up for another year.

C. Personal Growth and Appearance

Wythe County has been stressing to develop leadership. The 17 H. D. Clubs have pledged to be responsible for six demonstrations during the year. 16 of 17 clubs gave all 6 of their demonstrations on an average of 85 per cent of clubs attended each leaders training meeting. This is an increase of 10 per cent over last year's attendance. Two of the leaders meetings were represented 100 per cent.

The L-4-H Clubs are striving to develop leadership within their clubs, and to obtain more project leaders. Wythe has a total of 24 project leaders. This includes both winter and summer projects leaders. The goal is at least one project leader to each club.

Personal growth through reading is stressed, with members being encouraged to read more. 14 of the 17 clubs are served by the bookmobile.

The H. D. Clubs spent 4 months on personal appearance. The selection of hats, coats, suits, and accessories, the well-groomed club member, reconditioning and styling hats and sewing tips.

187 of 220 L-H club members enrolled in winter projects selected and carried the project "Looking your Best."

Recreation for children, youth and adults has had a part in the program. Square dances, community feeds, picnics, hikes, pie suppers, and parties celebrating different holidays has added much to home and community life.

#### IV. ADULT

##### A. Project Work

##### 1. Home Improvement

##### a. New Fabrics and Materials in Home

Demonstrations were given to 242 club members. The demonstration was given by the agent with material and illustrative kit of plastics and other new materials furnished by Miss Ruth Jamison, Home Furnishings Specialist. Material was shown for curtains for wall, floor and upholstery coverings. As a result, 209 women reported they had used information gained from demonstration when buying home furnishings, some preferring other materials after hearing advantages and disadvantages of some of new materials. As a definite result, 89 pairs of plastic curtains, most of them used in bathrooms and kitchens, 32 pieces of plastic furniture bought, 28 chairs upholstered in plastic, 16 bought drapes of new materials, 5 bought plastic spreads, 8 made dust ruffles from chints, 18 put inlaid linoleum.

##### b. Color in Home

Color in home was given by agent to 18 groups with 272 present. The

printed material used was furnished by Miss Ruth Jamison, Home Furnishings Specialist. Wall color charts, upholstery and rug books were borrowed from local stores. All members reported that they were in some way able to use suggestions given on color in the home. If they could not use material in painting room or furniture selection, they could use it in choice of accessories for room. At the request of club members, the agent visited 18 homes and helped plan color scheme. Club members reported 88 rugs were bought, 39 were fabric and 49 were linoleum. 682 rooms were painted, 329 made color changes from information gained. 6 living room suites were bought. 38 pieces of bedroom furniture were bought.

c. Tufted Bedspreads

The tufted bedspread demonstration was given by leaders as a result of the leaders training meeting held by Miss Ruth Jamison. The 17 clubs were represented 100 per cent with 34 Home Improvement Leaders. 28 bedspreads were tufted and 78 used information gained in selection of the bedspreads. 88 bedspreads were bought.

d. Curtains

Curtains in the home demonstration was given by leaders. 33 home improvement leaders were trained by Miss Jamison. The 17 clubs were represented 100 per cent at this meeting. Information was gained on curtain selection, making and hanging. 2 curtain kits were furnished by Miss Jamison and 2 others ordered at her request. Greater results were shown by this demonstration than any other during the year. 301 women reported they used information gained. 36 pairs of curtains had lengths changed, and 224 pairs of curtains were selected or made. They became light conscious and stopped drawing their shades during the day.

c. Landscaping

Landscaping and planning the attractive farm home grounds was given by the agent. This demonstration was followed next month by the leader giving landscaping planting and care of shrubs and flowers. The agent showed landscape slides furnished by Mr. A. G. Smith. Information was gained by an all-day leaders meeting held by Mr. Smith. 15 of 17 clubs were represented at this meeting.

As a result 11 Home Demonstration Clubs sponsored general clean-up on a wide scale. 3 clubs drew up goals and sponsored contests giving prizes. As a result some scattered mailboxes were improved in all communities. There were about 132. We plan to continue this goal another year. 142 reported lawn improvements, 42 improved entrances, 22 graded lawns, 61 lawns were reseeded. 107 improved ways of planting flowers and shrubs. 63 reported trying their art at pruning shrubs.

2. Personal Appearance

A. Selection of Hats, Coats, etc.

The Well-Groomed Club Member. 16 demonstrations were given to 181 club members. The demonstration was given by agent after she had received help from Miss Iva Byrd Johnson. 167 women reported they had been able to use information gained. 28 suits were bought and 17 coats. 29 women reported used buying aids in selection of accessories. 42 women reported changes in 69 garments that they owned. The changing of a neckline, removal of pocket or changing of trimming made old garments useful. 129 women reported use of buying tips in selection of dresses.

b. The Well-Groomed Club Member

This demonstration was given by the agent after receiving help from Miss Iva Byrd Johnson, Clothing Specialist. Only 72 women reported improving grooming habits. Belief is that results of this results demonstration is not measurable.

3. Sewing Tips

Leaders from 14 of the 17 clubs attended the training meeting held by the agent. Agent received help in this meeting from Miss Johnson.

346 women reported they were able to use information gained in 3,721 garments constructed and in 1468 garments remodeled.

4. Federation Goal - Art in Daily Living

This is WytheCounty's second year on this goal. This year the creative portion of the goal was stressed. Miss Catherine Perry, Rural Art Specialist, met with 15 of 17 chairmen and helped to outline the year's work. She suggested that short reports could be given at each meeting. The clubs devoted the entire month of May to the Federation goal.

A number of clubs adapted old designs to new uses and have developed new designs which have proven useful; for instance, a wardrobe was made from an old flour chest. 17 of the clubs reconditioned and styled hats. The agent gave this demonstration in an all-day meeting. She received training and material from Miss Johnson. 253 hats were cleaned, reblocked and trimmed.

Miss Jamison held a special meeting on making feather comforters from old feather beds. Six clubs were represented at this special meeting and as a result 6 feather comforters have been made. The leaders trained planned to repeat this demonstration next year for the benefit of other club members. 2 clubs braided rugs from old clothing. 9 clubs covered umbrellas. This demonstration was given by the agent. Material was furnished by Miss Johnson.

6 clubs displayed articles especially antiques. All available history of antiques was given and new uses were found for some. An art teacher and a representative of the Southern Highlander's Handicraft Guild made talks to five clubs and stressed the importance of striving to achieve a high standard of workmanship.

6 clubs made baskets for their own use and for sale. These 6 demonstrations were given by a leader who had worked out the art herself. 5 clubs did wall-toe painting after demonstration by agent.

5 clubs and 6 individuals made scrap books of appealing poems on rural life.

83 persons completed the first 6 articles outlined under creative art in the Federation Goal Handbook.

75 club members from 15 H. D. Clubs attended a special meeting given by a local Florist at which he taught the members how to make corsages, nosegays, basket arrangements and funeral wreaths from home-grown flowers.

1 club had the demonstration flower arrangements given by the agent. As a result 121 flower arrangements were made using information gained.

2 clubs prepared cook books, one club will publish their book.

One club grew 200 African violets and gave an afternoon tea at which they were displayed. Visitors came from neighboring counties, and around 175 people attended this tea. Plans are being made for another next year.

1 club made a tour of local knitting mills and the Prosser Food Locker Plant.

E. Other Activities

1. Farm Home Unit Demonstration

Mr. Horace Sharitz is Wythe County's Farm and home unit demonstrator.

The plans outlined for 1949 for the county are as follows:

1. Improve the milking sheds
2. Build more wire fences
3. Increase storage in four bedrooms of the house
4. Paint the house and outbuildings
5. Add household furnishings
6. Improve water system

The family finances did not permit all the improvements. The following improvements were made:

1. Purchased mattress and springs for bedroom
2. Bought linoleum for the kitchen
3. Improve the water system
4. Bought a washing machine and electric water heater

The plan for next five years is:

1. Sell Grade A milk
2. Send 2 boys to college
3. Provide more hay storage space
4. Get farm truck or jeep
5. Buy new car
6. Buy home freezer
7. Weatherstrip the house

#### 2. Black Lick Community

One community from Wythe County entered the community improvement contest sponsored by the Bristol Chamber of Commerce. Goals were:

1. Youth recreation
2. Pre-school children
3. Adult group
4. To win contest sponsored by Bristol

Results:

1. Built and equipped two ping pong tables
2. Established volleyball court and purchased equipment
3. Softball diamond graded and laid off
4. Repaired and installed old play ground equipment

5. Scheduled tri-monthly supervised meetings

Pre-School Children

1. Set aside buildings and play ground one afternoon each week for mothers with pre-school children.

Adult Group

Sponsored and held square dances, game nights, community sings and movies, dinners and regular monthly programs with outside entertainment of speaker.

Community Buildings

Repaired windows, installed heatrols, obtained and painted discarded church pew for seats, purchased twelve new chairs, changed electric wiring, now installing electric cook stove, made tables for serving food, made and displayed U. N. Flag and last but not least - displayed American Flag.

Community Grounds

Cleared of weeds, brush, rubbish and seeded and fertilized lawn, repaired toilets, set shrubbery, planted flowers and bulbs.

Churches

Lutheran: Graded, seeded and fertilized lawn, removed old fence, rocked entrance and drive ways, installed carpets, shalacked floors and wood work, installed hand railing at entrance and purchased altar hangings.

Methodist: Painted floors, repaired heating system and rocked drive-way.

Cemetery

Called work day with fifty-three appearing for work, grounds given cleaning, grass mowed, sunken graves filled in, fallen stones reset and arranged for regular caretaker at a fixed wages.

Development and Beautification:

1. Farm signs erected (8)
2. Mail boxes painted and lettered (21)
3. Road sides clipped
4. Fence rows cleaned
5. Signs erected at entrances to community and at community building

The tangible improvements are on paper; the intangible can best be expressed as reported by the Steering Committee of the Black Lick Community Clubs:

"The intangibles are even more important since we, as individuals by working and playing together have demonstrated to our own satisfaction that we are dependent one upon the other if we are to enjoy the happiness, the contentments, and the peace of mind that is the God-given right of all human beings regardless of race, color, or creed.

In conclusion, we, the citizens of the Black Lick Community, wish to thank our sponsors and The Bristol Chamber of Commerce for the opportunity given to work with and to know our neighbors. We may not win the grand prize offered, but we have won the contest in that Black Lick once more lives and breathes the air of a solid and united community."

3. National Home Demonstration Achievement Day

National H. D. Achievement Day started off with the Spring County Committee Meeting. The following committees were appointed: nominating, yearbook, achievement day, record judging. Future plans were set up and training was given to the Program Development Chairmen in lining up the 1951 program.

Two 4-H Clubs were organized during National H. D. Week, with a total membership of 20 members.

36 women from Wythe County attended the district meeting at Tasevell.

Both county papers publicised National H. D. Week in headlines. They also carried the 1950 program calendar. 66 visitors attended club meetings during National H. D. Week.

United Nations Flag Day

23 United Nations Flags were made in Wythe County. 14 H. D. Clubs made 19 flags, The Professional and Business Woman's Club made one and the Junior Women's Club made one. Five schools studied the history of the flag before flag day, and 2 since, making a total of seven. The D. A. R. presented a special program. On October 24, flags were flown on the street. All the stores put out Old Glory. The radio station gave a special program. Church bells all over town rang on that day and the request for Prayer during the entire week went out by radio.

H. D. Achievement Program

150 club members from 17 H. D. Clubs attended Achievement Day. Mrs. Ray Cassell was chairman of the program with Mrs. Oscar Buchanan and Mrs. Ellis Williams working with her. Exhibits were not featured due to the disorganization caused by the polio epidemic. Plans were made to feature exhibits during National H. D. Club Week next spring. The theme for the meeting was "Know your Neighbor a Little Better." Reports were given by Federation Goal Chairman and county secretary.

Miss Janet Cameron, was guest speaker. She illustrated her talk on life in Germany with colorful slides.

A gavel was awarded to the outstanding club and a leadership pin to the outstanding club woman. This award was based on records.

A social hour with punch and cookies was enjoyed after the meeting.

Special Project

The Home Demonstration Club members answered the call of need from the Life Saving Crew and sponsored a drive for 2½ weeks. During this drive around \$2200.00 was raised to purchase a Monahan Iron Lung for Wythe County. This piece of equipment can be used by anyone in Wythe County upon request without charge. The lung can be used in case of polio, drowning, gas suffocation, and heart trouble.

Other activities:

- 218 Pressure cookers were tested
- 18 layettes were furnished to save the Children's Federation
- 14 clubs sent toys to save the Children's Federation
- 3 clubs distributed toys to the needy children in their own community
- 42 baskets sent to shut-ins at Christmas
- 1600 contacts made to sick and shut-in
- 100 per cent affiliation with American Red Cross
- \$95 given to March of Dimes
- 6 members gave to Blood Bank
- \$1200 raised for Cancer Drive with help of clubs
- \$400 given to the Crippled Children's Hospital

The agent and representatives from 4-Clubs attended Achievement in Grayson County.

V. 4-H CLUB

1. Projects work

The winter projects carried by 4-H Club members are: (1) Looking Your Best (2) So You'd Like to Sew (3) Housekeeping (4) Home Improvement (5) Breadmaking. The summer projects carried by 4-H Club members were (1) Canning (2) Make or Remake (3) Food Preparation and Service (4) Room Improvement (5) Gardening (6) Lawn Beautification

A total of 320 4-H Club members were enrolled in winter projects and of this number 232 completed.

1. Looking your Best

Ten clubs carried this unit. 187 girls were enrolled and of this group 145 completed projects. 145 club members showed improvement as a result of demonstrations on care of feet, hands, hair, skin, posture, voice, and teeth. They also kept records for 3 months. 145 provided shoe-shining kits and 130 prepared small sewing kits for quick repair. 132 4-H members laundered 9080 sweaters as a result of a demonstration on laundering sweaters. Material was furnished by Miss Johnson.

2. So You's Like to Sew

45 club members carried this project with 32 members completing. The purpose of this project was to teach 4-H club girls the first fundamental steps in sewing. 4 leaders assisted the agent in giving demonstrations. 24 demonstrations were given by members of the group, and a total of 180 garments were made and 326 articles.

3. Make or Remake

Thirty-four girls enrolled in this summer project. Of this group 16 completed their work. 20 girls made 92 garments. 4 girls made 6 garments for others, and 16 remodeled for themselves 18 garments. The total cost for garments made would be about \$236.50. 8 demonstrations were given by the agent. The girls completed their work during the polio epidemic under the guidance of friends and leaders.

#### 4. Bread-Making

One club carried this project. 6 members enrolled in the project and 5 members completed. Members gave 6 demonstrations, leader gave 1 demonstration, and the agent gave 4 demonstrations. As a result 5 girls made bread 204 times.

#### 5. Home Improvement

77 4-H Club girls enrolled in room improvement and housekeeping. Of this group, 56 completed their projects. Six clubs carried room improvement with the aid of 2 leaders. 56 cared for their rooms for 3 months, 62 re-arranged furniture, 77 made dustless dust cloths.

Miss Ruth Jamison trained the agents in the demonstration on sheets and pillow cases and how to make bed-side tables. As a result, 28 girls bought sheets. 14 improved sheets by mending and re-seaming. 8 bed-side tables were made and 4 desks. 34 girls provided bed-side tables and 15 girls learned to refinish furniture. 67 girls studied color schemes for her room. Girls gained information of care and arrangement of her room that will help her to establish good cleaning and arrangement principles.

#### 6. Floor Preparation and Service

For summer project, 70 girls enrolled and 36 girls completed. This low completage may be accounted for the polio. During this project ~~1998~~ 1008 meals were planned and 1262 meals were served. This project was carried in small groups with the help of neighbors and friends acting as project leaders.

#### Canning

25 girls enrolled in canning during the summer with 6 completions. 700 cans of fruits and vegetables were canned by the girls alone. They helped with 1200 cans. 8 demonstrations were given by the leader, 4 by the agent, and 2 by the leader.

Gardening

28 girls carried garden projects with 14 girls completing.

B. Other Activities

1. County Council

On April 29, 224 4-H Club Council members and 5 leaders were present at the spring council meeting. Plans and discussion were made for 4-H camp and 4-H state short course. New council officers were elected as follows: President - Buster Wilson, Rural Retreat; Vice President - Billy Jones, Ivanhoe; Secretary and Treasurer - Garnita McGee, Austinville; Reporter - Patty Sisk, Ivanhoe; Song Leader - Gaye Shinault, Ivanhoe. Committees were set up for making definite arrangements for achievement day program.

Fall Council meeting was held Saturday, October 28. 12 members and 5 leaders were present. Plans were completed for Achievement Day to be held on November 4th. The following program was drawn up:

"TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER"

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4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY

CARTER MEMORIAL PARK

November 4, 1950 10:30 A. M.



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

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to give certain projects with a high priority.

II. Other Activities

A. County Council

On April 23, 1964 the County Council members and 7 leaders were present at

the regular council meeting. Plans and discussions were made for 1-4 hour

and 1-2 hour short courses. The council officers were elected as follows:

President - George Wilson, Term Expires; Vice President - Billy Jones,

Secretary and Treasurer - Donnie Nelson, Term Expires; Auditor -

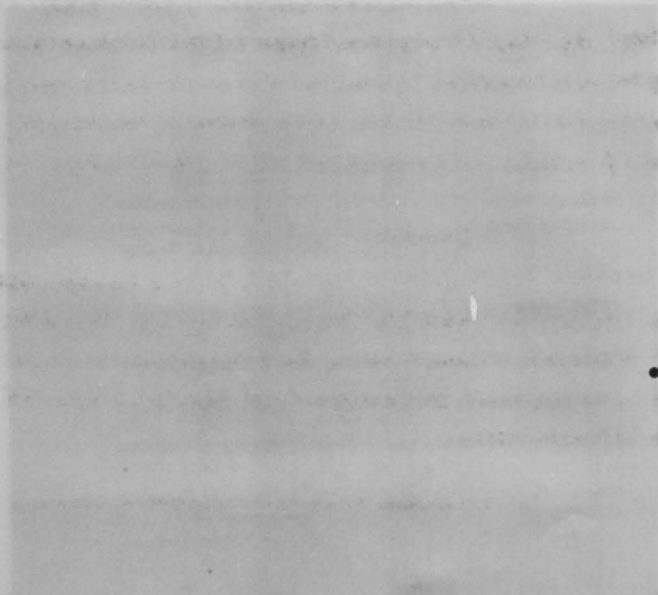
Earl King, Term Expires; Tax Collector - Guy Stewart, Term Expires. Committee

was set for various definite arrangements for achievement for program.

Full Council meeting was held Saturday, October 26, 1964. 17 members and 7

leaders were present. Plans were completed for achievement for to be held

on November 4th. The following program was given:



Group Consisted by Earl King, Jr., Asst. Co. Agent  
Presentation of Report  
Report 1-4-64 DHP with summary  
Council was held on 1-4-64  
Girls' 1-3 Club was started  
Involvement  
Participation  
Announcements  
Assistant State Agent, Earl King  
Group Speaker, V. L. Turner



4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY



- Call to Order. . . . . Buster Wilson
- Opening Song. . . . . "America"  
Faye Shinault, Leader
- 4-H Pledge. . . . .
- Club Songs. . . . . Led By Faye Shinault  
4-h Trail, 4-H Candle
- Roll Call of Clubs. . Garnita McGee, Council Sect'y
- 4-H Camp Report. . . . . Donald Moore
- The Joys of Living. . . "Jimmie Whirlaway" Hutton  
County Clerk
- District Baby Bee Show. . . . . Luther Havens
- State Short Course. . . . . Garnita McGee
- Introduction of Speaker. . . George Simmerman, Jr.
- Guest Speaker. . . . . W. A. Turner,  
Assistant State Boys' Club Agent
- Announcements. . . . .
- Devotionals. . . . . Reverend Alfred Shumate  
Lutheran Church
- Lunch. . . . .
- Girls' 4-H Club Work Summary. . . . . Irene Martin,  
Home Agent
- Boys' 4-H Club Work Summary. . . P. E. Bird, Co. Agent
- Presentation of Awards. . . . James Kegley, Pres.  
Wythe County Farm Bureau
- Group Games. Led by Carl Bird, Jr., Ass't Co. Agent

## AMERICA

My country 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee, I sing.  
Land where our fathers died,  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride,  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring.  
Our Father's God, to Thee,  
Author of Liberty  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright,  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy Might  
Great God, Our King.

## THE 4-H TRAIL

Over hill, over dale, we will find the green  
wood trail,  
As we club folks come swinging along.  
Let it rain, let it shine, we will keep a  
steady line,  
As we club folks come swinging along.  
With its Hi, Hi, Ho, the 4-H trail for me.  
Shout out your numbers loud and strong,  
(one! two!)  
Where'er we go, you will always know,  
That we club folks keep swinging along.

## 4-H CANDLE

This little 4-H light of mine,  
I'm going to let it shine,  
(Repeat these two lines two times)  
Let it shine, all the time, Let it shine.  
All around the neighborhood, etc.  
Hide it under a bushel? No! Etc.  
Don't you go and (blow) it out, etc.

2. Achievement Day

The Achievement Day scheduled to be held at Carter Memorial Park was transferred to the court house. The program had been planned to include a speaker in the morning with lunch on the ground and games in the afternoon. 200 club members, leaders, and friends attended this program. Special recognition was given to the county winners of various projects. The most outstanding club of the county was awarded the 4-H silver loving cup, the second outstanding club of the county was awarded the 4-H pennant. All 4-H Club members completing projects were awarded 4-H Club skull caps.

3. 4-H Camp

23 club members, one leader and both agents attended camp at Camp Pocahontas, Washington County, from June 13-17.

Miss Edith Vaughan, district agent, met with agents from Wythe, Grayson and Lee Counties in May to assist agents in making final plans for camp.

4. State All-Star Conference and Short Course

Katie Pack, Cripple Creek; Nancy Umberger and Garnita McGee, Austinville; Berlyn Marshall, Speedwell, attended the short course at Blacksburg. They were accompanied by Leader Miss Nannie Graham Sanders of Max Meadows. Reba Patton, recommended for all-star recognition could not attend due to illness in her family.

5. Contests

Wythe County had 4 girls to enter Food Preparation Contests. Garnita McGee received county medal; Nancy Umberger, Austinville, received Foley food chopper for second place winner. Doris Williams, Speedwell, won county medal in sewing project "Make or Remake." Ola Williams and Elinor Williams received a garden medal.

Shirley Kinder won Foley food mill for second place in canning. Reba Patton, Speedwell won the Room Improvement Medal. Wythe County's 4-H girls were not permitted to compete in the district contest due to the polio epidemic.

All 4-H Clubs in the county were striving to win the silver loving cup that is awarded to the outstanding club. Second place winner received a pennant.

#### 6. Community Projects Completed

12 clubs kept school ground and building clean; 5 clubs assisted H. D. Clubs with clean-up campaign in community, while 2 schools helped with school lunch program. 1 school bought trays, 1 helped with the milk program. 3 clubs put on programs to raise money to pay half of expenses thus enabling more members to go to camp. \$188 was raised. 8 baskets of food and clothing were sent to needy families at Christmas and Thanksgiving. 2 4-H Clubs presented U. N. Flags to their school.

#### 7. National 4-H Week

Seventeen clubs observed 4-H Week by having a program at club meetings. Five clubs packed boxes and baskets for needy families; three clubs arranged school bulletin boards; 2 clubs gave an assembly program in high school; 2 clubs put on an exhibit of work done this year and invited school to attend. There were exhibits on display in the library. Four newspaper articles were written and one radio program. One new 4-H Club was organized.

8. 4-H Sunday

8 4-H Clubs went to church and sat together. They wore 4-H bands on their arms. 2 4-H Clubs took over Sunday School programs. 2 local ministers mentioned 4-H Clubs and their work in their sermons.

9. Crafts

After completing project requirements, 2 clubs learned to knit, 4 clubs did textile painting, 2 clubs did some leather work, 2 clubs made toys and pins from yarn, 1 club made doll clothes.

VI. SCOPE OF WORK

	1948	1949	1950
Number H. D. Clubs or Groups	16	17	17
Membership	322	365	420
No. 4-H Clubs	17	17	19
Membership	228	307	350
Number Older Youth Groups			
Membership			
Number other families reached	1200	13,785	7935
Total number families reached	1540	14,394	9377

VII. FUNCTION OF ORGANIZATIONS

1. County Home Demonstration Committee

This committee holds 2 meetings a year - one in the spring, and one in the fall. It is the purpose of this committee to assist in planning and evaluating the club program, also to set up county goals. Sub-committees are used and other meetings held as needs arise.

2. County 4-H Council

4-H Council meets twice a year. The officers and leaders are together to outline objectives for leader training and to appoint such committees to help with planning and carrying on the year's program.

### VIII. VOLUNTEER LEADERS

#### 1. Adult Work

Program Development leaders attended 2 meetings during the year.

At the first leaders meeting, the leaders received instruction that helped them in getting suggestions for next year's program. Program leaders took suggestions all during the year. From the group of suggestions turned in the clubs voted on 3 or 4 things they preferred most. The program development then knew that the entire club backed her when her suggestions were turned in at program planning meetings.

#### Subject Matter Leader

Each club elected their leaders to work in pairs in giving demonstrations. This increased attendance at leaders meetings from 75 per cent in 1949 to 85 per cent in 1950.

### IX. PUBLIC HEALTH

All H. D. Clubs have worked with the public health program.

Donations and contributions have been made to all projects undertaken.

Clean-up campaigns were done at the request of Public Health officers.

An iron lung was purchased to be used in Wythe County. Women volunteered time to help in home nursing for returning polio victims.

#### Agricultural agencies

Home agent attended 2 meetings of V. S. D. A. Council. Holds office of secretary. Long-time goals have been set up for county fairs, radio program in Wytheville, and work toward obtaining an air port.

<u>Growth of Home Demonstration Club Project Leadership 1948 1949 1950</u>			
No. Project Leaders and Goal Chairmen	48	80	85
No. Training meetings held			
By Specialist	5	2	7
By Agent	6	5	2
Attendance at all Meetings	165	112	303
No. Club Meetings held by Leaders without agents	83	111	91
No. Club Meetings at which Leaders Assisted	178	121	148

<u>Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership 1948 1949 1950</u>			
No. Adult Project Leaders	14	22	24
No. Junior Project Leaders	1	2	12
No. Training Meetings held			
By Specialist	2	0	2
By Agent	3	0	6
Attendance at Leader Training Meetings	90	0	303
No. 4-H Leaders trained individually	0	7	1
No. Club Meetings held by Leaders without Agent	0	53	45
No. Club Meetings at which Leaders Assisted			24
No. Demonstrations given			
By Leaders	20	70	45
Adult			
Junior	4	3	4

## I. SIGNIFICANCE OF YEAR'S WORK

The adults and youth of Wythe County deserve a tribute for the spirit of cooperation and general "stick together" shown during the polio epidemic of the past summer. The manner in which the adult and 4-H Clubs carried on during the epidemic and the spirit which was evident after the epidemic; the eagerness of the people to face facts and look ahead, the well-planned fall planning meetings following the epidemic is evidence enough that the people know what is going on and are ready to face the future and work toward long-time objectives that will improve home and community living for both youth and adults in the future.

# FOUR HUNDRED WYTHER MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL H. D. WEEK

## SEVENTEEN CLUBS IN COUNTY TODAY AGENT REPORTS

Full Week of Activity Planned For Next Week

The seventeen Home Demonstration clubs with four hundred members in Wythe County will observe the National Home Demonstration Week (April 30-May 6) with many activities. The special week will be observed with a county committee meeting to be held at St. Paul Methodist church on May 2 at 1:30 P. M.

### Officers To Meet

The County Officers, the H. D. Presidents and Program Development Leaders, representing the various clubs will be present to discuss current problems and make plans for the year ahead. Miss Edith M. Vaughan, District Agent of V. P. I., will also be present to offer suggestions, criticism and to train the Program Development Leaders in their official duties.

The officers of the Wythe H. D. Association are Mrs. F. S. Fontaine, president, Wytheville; Mrs. Oscar Buchanan, vice-president, Rural Retreat; Mrs. Ronald Frye, secretary, Rural Retreat; Mrs. C. E. Collins, treasurer, Max Meadows; Miss Mae Snavely, Federation Goal Chairman, Wytheville; Miss Hazel Sharitz, reporter, Route 1, Wytheville.

### To Attend Dist. Meet

Later in the week (May 5), a large number of Wytheville women will attend the District I. meeting in Tazewell. An inter-  
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## FOUR HUNDRED WYTHER MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL H. D. WEEK

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outing program has been planned. Group singing will be led by Miss Louis Sullenger. The principal talk will be "How Europe Demonstrates The Importance of Home In Building Democracy," by B. L. Hummel, Rural Sociologist of V. P. I., who has just returned from a tour of Europe. Miss Maude Wallace, assistant director, of V. P. I., will lead a panel discussion on "A Challenge To Homemakers."

In commenting on the observance in Wythe County of the week, Miss Irene Martin, H. D. Club Agent said:

"Wythe County now has 17 clubs with approximately four hundred members. It is hoped that each club woman will take this week as a special opportunity to invite

someone to visit or join a H. D. club in the county. We believe one visit will help to acquaint individuals with the benefit that can be derived from meeting regularly with these active club women."

### Summary of Meetings

A summary of the week's meetings is as follows:

April 29 at 10 o'clock the 4-H County Council will meet at the Court House.

May 1, at 10 o'clock the 4-H Planning meeting will be held in the Home Demonstration office at the Post Office.

May 2 at 1:30 the Home Demonstration Committee meeting will be held at the Methodist church.

May 5, at 10 o'clock the District Home Demonstration Club will meet at Tazewell.

PUBLICITY

# IN WYTHE COUNTY TODAY

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**Board Of  
Of Club Is Outstanding**

Edwin Shaffer, Ralph Whitt, George Young, T. J. Noell, Paul Walke, Leonard Cooper, Jason Burke and A. B. Barrett.

The Committee on Elections and conducting the election at which time the officers were elected consisted of Lennord Cooper, chairman, Harold Wampler, Jason Burke, William Rich, Jr., and Edwin Shaffer.

### An Active Club

The Wythe Kiwanis Club was the latest civic club to be organized in Wytheville. It has been successfully functioning since the organization, and is noted for the fine services that it renders to the community. Work among the underprivileged children is one of the outstanding services of the club.

## AUTO DEALER SCORES DRASTIC CREDIT TERMS

**Grave Effect On  
National Economy  
Is Foreseen**

"The drastic and unjustified automobile credit terms, which were imposed on the American public on October 16th, will not only make it impossible for many local wage-earners to purchase essential transportation, but it will also have an effect on our national economy", W. G. Shores local dealer warned today.

"In reducing the time limit on payments for all new and used cars from 21 months to 15 months, the Federal Reserve Board has discriminated against many who are working in essential occupations. Many Wythe County workers will be unable to purchase needed cars until monthly payments are again reduced to the sensible levels at which they were formerly purchased.

"Moreover, the new harsh terms will force a serious slow-down of the vast automobile industry and a drastic curtailment in employment affecting almost every community. One out of every seven workers in the country is employed in some branch of the automobile industry.

"The new terms by creating havoc with essential transportation and crippling one of the nation's greatest industries will obviously have a grave effect on our entire economy that will affect everyone, not just those directly connected with the automotive industry", Mr. Shores said in a statement issued to the Enterprise.

## MADE BY THE HD CLUBS AND OTHERS IN THIS COUNTY

**Prayers For Peace  
This Week Requested  
By H. D. Agent**

Twenty-three United Nations Flags are flying in various sections of Wythe County today—October 24. It is the goal of Wythe County to familiarize as many people as possible with the United Nations Flag and its true meaning in bringing about World Peace.

The flag is shown with the map of the world and a white polar field surrounded by olive wreaths. This white design is shown on a background of blue. The flag flies over General Douglas McArthur's headquarters and also flies with U. S. forces in Korea.

### 14 H. D. Clubs Cooperate

Flags will be seen flying in the large communities of the counties. Fourteen Home Demonstration clubs made nineteen flags. The Professional and Business Women's Club made one and the Junior Woman's Club one. Two local town people helped with the construction on the U. N. flag and the United Nations. Five schools have studied the history of the flag. After October these flags will be placed on exhibit at schools, Recreational Rooms and other public gathering places.

### Requests Prayers

"Let us request that United Nations Flag Day will bring about world peace if we will use the entire week of the 24th as a week of prayer. There is power in prayer and surely if we concentrate our efforts victory will come the sooner", Miss Irene Martin, Wythe County Home Demonstration Agent said.

efforts in making United Nations Day in Wythe County, the club members have as usual manifested their fine cooperation under the efficient leadership of Miss Irene Martin. The responsibility the homemakers feel in making their communities, as well as the feeding and clothing of the family is keenly felt by all members. However, the Home Demonstration members also have an interest in international cooperation, and in spending time and money to make a UN Flag, they have cheerily demonstrated their interest in building friendship and mutual understanding of common problems throughout the world.

The observance of United Nations Day this year is of particular significance. The world is passing through a period of anxiety and crisis, and although the forces of Right are on the march victoriously in Korea, the fact remains that a great portion of the world is a mere powder keg with the slightest other spark that could cause a conflagration.

The flare-up in Korea bringing the UN into the spotlight more fully has the value of the one by many. We among those limitations see the action long range capabilities for action can be ahead.

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## H. D. CLUBS TO AID LIFE SAVING CREW

A very concrete expression of cooperation will shortly be forthcoming in Wythe County, when the members of the various Home Demonstration clubs will stage a drive in the county to secure donations to purchase extra equipment for the Life Saving Crew. Heading the committee is Julian Shupe, who for many years has been interested in the county and its development.

On Wednesday night the members of the H. D. Clubs are asked to meet at the County Modors for a demonstration of the equipment now owned by the Life Saving Crew, or to be realistic by the citizens of Wythe County. At this meeting the final plans for the campaign will be made, and unless our predictions are incorrect the response of the rural citizens to the appeals of their

neighbors and friends will be tremendous.

Another phase as to why we are confident that the people of the county will want to "do their bit" is that during the polio epidemic this past summer, there was ample proof that the Life Saving Crew, the National Foundation, and the Citizens of Wytheville proper, were extremely anxious to see that every county child was given equal opportunity for the best of treatment with the child or person living within the corporate limits of Wytheville. It is indeed a wonderful spirit that is being manifested these days. Is it not the "new spirit"—the spirit of pulling in double harness that we have discussed so many times that is now prevalent? We are convinced that it is. What else could it be?

## FARM TOUR OF BLACK LICK TO BE HELD FRIDAY

Citizens Of Wythe County Are Invited To See Improvements

The Black Lick Community Club will sponsor a farm tour of the community Friday, October 13. Anyone interested please meet at the Club House promptly at 1:30 so the tour may start on time. This tour is part of the program sponsored by the Wythe County Chamber of Commerce.

The farms to be visited are: C. W. Cassell, C. G. Smith, Sr., Joe Hounshell, and E. E. Cobb.

"All Wythe Countians are cordially invited to attend," a member of the club stated in making the above announcement.

PUBLICITY

# Wythe H. D. Achievement Day Voted "The Best Ever Held"

Jackson Trail Club Voted Most Outstanding, Bethel Club Runner-Up; Miss Mae Snavely Green Leadership Pin—Miss Cameron on Program

All Howe Demonstration Clubs

of Wythe County were represented at the annual Achievement Day held at the Presbyterian Church house last Friday afternoon. At this annual event the most outstanding H. D. Club in the county was awarded a grand recognition for their year's work. This year the award went to Jackson Trail club with Bethel Club runner-up. Miss Snavely of Wytheville was awarded the leadership pin for the most outstanding club member. Runners-up for this award were: Mrs. A. B. Hornbuhl, of Crockett and Mrs. A. D. Buck, of Royal Center. Other persons whom *demerit* outstanding recognition were: Mrs. E. Collins, Max Meadows; Mrs. Carl Watson, Petunia Club; Mrs. R. W. Galt, Fairview; Mr. Preston Club and Mrs. Fred Bour-

nell, Black Lake Club.

Miss Janet Cameron, Food and Nutrition Specialist from V. P. I., guest speaker, took the group on an imaginative trip to Germany. Through her colored slides she was able to show the living conditions in Germany. Her talk was enlightening and entertaining to her audience.

Iron Lung Collections \$2500

The Iron Lung was presented to the Life Saving Crew by Mrs. Reuben Umberger. The total amount collected by date was \$2500.00. Rural Retreat club collected \$600.00. The individual collecting the most money was Mrs. E. S. Fobbs with a total of \$450.00 to her credit.

Mrs. Edith Vaughan, district Agent said "This is Wytheville's recent Achievement Day." Mrs. Day Cassell, Achievement Day

chairman and to all the cooperatives committees who worked with her deserve a lot of credit. Also those who deserve congratulations are all members having a part on the program, and those who deserve, the refreshments committee and all members who made the occasion a success.

Work Of Miss Snavely Praised  
Following are some interesting facts concerning Miss F. Mae Snavely, outstanding H. D. Club member of Wythe County. Miss Snavely is and has been a great asset to Bethel Club and Wythe County in that she is never too busy to work in the interest and for the uplifting of her club and community. Any organization needs a guide and she is just this. The club members know that her judgment is sound and that she

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## WYTHE H. D. ACHIEVEMENT DAY

### VOTED AS "THE BEST EVER HELD"; MISS SNAVELY GETS LEADERSHIP PIN

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will not fall them in their undertakings.

She appreciates the better things of life as you can readily see in her home and associates. She is a member and attends regularly the Lutheran church, assisting in any phases of work in and through the church. Her garden is colorful with beautiful flowers for her church and elsewhere.

Miss Mae has helped tenant families in reconditioning clothes, teaching cleanliness and economy, aiding children to speak better English, taking children to and from Sunday School who otherwise could not go. Other organizations know too, that Miss Mae is capable and dependable, for she is

-serving on Southern States Farm Advisory Committee, reported Farm Bureau membership meeting, and assisted with membership drive.

She was county chairman of the 1959 Cancer drive which went "over the top."

She contributes regularly to the March of Dimes, Red Cross, crippled Children's Fund, T. B. Seal, Community Chest, Boggs' Town, and to her church.

She has a keen interest in her home and farm which she owns and operates, cooking, sewing, and doing all the chores that a farm woman has to do.

Miss Mae Snavely is a club member every club could be proud to have as a member.

## Outstanding Leader



Pictured above is Miss Mae Snavely, who was selected as the most outstanding H. D. Club member in Wythe County at the Annual Achievement Day held Friday. (Greene Photo Studio).