

XI. IMPROVEMENT IN OFFICE AND WORKING CONDITIONS.

The Board of Supervisors provided a telephone extension in the home agent's office. New screens were also put up. A portable chalk board was added to the office.

XII. THE LOOK AHEAD

In looking toward the 1959 program the agent is still faced with the fact that more and more of the women are working outside the home. The problems of holding the older 4-H members is still evident. In view of these facts the agent has plans for a Home Economics Committee or Committees, hoping that some of the needs of the people can be met through special interest meetings. Another avenue has recently come to the agents attention, that of some special help to the young married couples in the county. It is recognized that their needs are quite different from the older and more experienced homemakers.

A need is felt for something as a drawing card to hold the older club members. Through the youth committee it is hoped that ways of holding the older member can be planned and executed. Having an Achievement day this year will help to give prestige to the 4-H program and will make the members more interested in remaining a club member.

has been included in the news articles. The agent has tried to express her appreciation every time to leaders who attend the training meetings and give the demonstrations. The agent has tried to take care of request for assistance as soon as possible.

C. Elected Representatives

The agent will make a report to the Board of Supervisors and keep them informed of the work being done.

D. Commercial Interest

In making request for demonstration material the agent has tried to keep the request to a minimum and express appreciation for materials sent.

E. Other Professional Workers

In working with other professional workers, particularly the teachers at school, the agent has tried to set a time for 4-H meetings that does not conflict with other school activities, and stayed with the schedule unless it was absolutely necessary to change it. If a change was needed to be made the principal and teacher involved were consulted.

I. PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

The reading of professional magazines has kept the agent up to date on a variety of subjects. The Nutrition Workshop was attended by the agent and two leaders.

The agent is a member of the State and National Home Economics association and the State and National Home Agents Association.

D. Activities and Accomplishments of an Outstanding Family

None

E. Activities and Outstanding Accomplishments of a Club

Each club could be cited for certain achievements.

Ruckersville Club has maintained a good attendance at meetings and has been represented at all training and planning meetings. Members have cooperated and participated in activities, such as fair, county lawn party, drives - cancer, polio, etc., furnished 4-H leaders, and sent a 4-H girl to camp.

VIII. COOPERATIVE WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES

The agent has cooperated with the health department and P.T.A. in trying to get a dental clinic for the county. With the school, an assembly program was provided by the 4-H clubs. Home Demonstration clubs have helped to make toys for the underprivileged children, to be distributed by the Welfare Department.

IX. PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS IN THE COUNTY

A. Co-Workers

The agent has tried to cooperate with the county agent in planning and carrying out the 4-H program and other activities.

Many of our farm and home visits have been made together.

Arrangements and supplies have been made and are ready for the specialist when they are conducting meetings for the agent.

B. General Public

Through the weekly paper and a daily paper the public is kept informed of the work of Extension. Timely information

3. Overall Youth Leaders
(Orig. leaders for County Youth Council)

No. 1958 No. 1958

None None

4. 4-H Club Leadership

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
No. Club Officers	55	75	84	76	77
No. Adult Project Leaders	19	25	25	25	15
No. Junior Project leaders	5	5	5		
No. result demonstrators					
No. training meetings by specialist	1				
No. training meetings by Dist. agent					
No. training meetings by agent	1	1	1		
No. training meetings by members club dept.					
No training meetings by others					
Total attendance at ldr. training meetings	21	4	31	11	
No. 4-H Club leaders trained individually	6	10	6	8	6
No. club mtes. held by ldr. without agent	13	33	27	8	3
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	8	13	17	20	36
No. demonstrations given by adult ldrs.	13	33	27	8	3
No. demonstrations given by junior leaders	15	15	25		

5. Young Men and Womens Work - None

C. Activities and Accomplishments of an Outstanding Leader

The agent feels that this leader would prefer to remain anonymous . Since being a member of the home demonstration club this leader has participated actively as a member, as an officer, and leader of her club. Many times substituting for someone else. Any activity or project undertaken by the club was supported whole heartedly by her. Somehow she always managed to meet the many calls or demands on her time. She served as a leader in one of the 4-H clubs until it was impossible for her to attend. Even though she cannot come to the meeting she always makes it possible for the 4-H club to have a picnic at her home. The children look forward each year to the plate of homemade cookies, and the games or ball game on the ground around her home. This leader is eager to pass on to others any help or information that will improve the homes and people.

or the home agent on demonstrations they would give to their clubs. Twenty-three meetings were held by leaders. This is a decrease in the number of meetings held in previous years. Due to so many women working, it has been impossible for them to attend training meetings. Serving as a leader helps the homemaker to develop in many ways.

4. Federation Program of Work Chairmen

The club Federation Chairman was responsible for the December meeting on Family Life. They also helped to carry out other phases of the program of work.

B. Growth of Leadership

No. 1957 No. 1958

1. Overall Program Leaders (Organizational Leaders for County Ext. Service Board) None None

2. Home Demonstration Club Leaderships
1954. 1955 1956 1957 1958

No. organizational leaders	36	36	36	36	38
No. Project leaders (Subject Matter)	50	50	55	56	51
No. Federation Program of Work Chairmen	9	9	9	9	9
No. Program Development Leaders	9	9	9	9	9
No. result demonstrators	28	20	6	10	5
No. training meetings by specialist	5	4	4	3	4
No. training meetings by Dist. Agent	1	1	2	1	1
No. training meetings by agents	1	2	2	3	2
No. training meetings by others
Attendance at all training meetings	74	55	99	67	38
No. meetings held without an agent	32	41	31	21	23
No. meetings leaders assisted	.	25	11	14	15
Demonstrations by leaders	28	41	31	21	23
Talks and Discussions by leaders	74	57	80	70	65

B. What Was Done To Increase Scope of Work

Publicity was given to the work in two papers, a weekly and a daily.

Home visits were made to a community in an attempt to work with a group.

Non-club members were invited to participate in special interest meetings.

A list of young married women, most of them working, has been given to the agent. Some request from this group indicates that the agent can work on some special problems with this group.

VII LEADERSHIP

A. Contribution of Volunteer Leaders

1. Organisational

These leaders were responsible for successful meetings in both the 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs. Without the aid of the teachers who served as sponsors and leaders in the 4-H clubs, it would have been more difficult to accomplish as much ⁱⁿ training the club member to serve as officers in their clubs.

2. Program Development Leaders

This leader was responsible for discussions in her club which made it possible to find out the needs of the people of the county. She also helped in the final selection of the 1959 program.

3. Subject Matter

These leaders receive training by specialist

and certificates will be presented to the host families of the IFYE student. A committee from the senior 4-H club will work with the agents on making final plans.

6. Contests

Two girls represented the county in Public Speaking and the Electric Demonstration.

7. IFYE Student

An exchange student from Uruguay spent a month in the county. Four families participated in this project. This was a nice experience for the people in Greene County. It has deepened our understanding of other people.

D. Young Men and Women's Work

There is no organized group in the county. Individual assistance has been given to about twenty women in this age group.

VI. SCOPE OF WORK

A.

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
No. H.D. Clubs or Groups	11	9	9	9	9
Membership	235	235	235	235	235
No. 4-H Clubs	11	11	12	12	11
Membership	178	105	190	186	173
No. YM Clubs					
Membership					
No. Community Clubs					
Membership					
No. Home Ec. Committees					
No. General Interest Committees					
No. Youth Committees				1	1
No. Other organizations					
No. Farm and Home Dev. Families				1	2
No. other families reached	200	150	200	200	250
No. different families reached	510	480	450	500	470

C. Other Activities

1. 4-H Camp

This phase of club work is one of the experiences the 4-H member looks forward to all year. Two camps were attended by club members this year. One older member and the exchange student attended the older camp. Ten girls attended the regular camp. Camp participation has made the girls strive to become better 4-H'ers.

2. Rural Life Sunday

All club members were reminded of Rural Life Sunday and urged to attend services at their church. Some provided flowers for the church. Special music was furnished by 4-H club members at one of the churches.

3. Short Course

One girl attended Short Course. She was taken into the All Star Organization.

4. Fair

Participation in the fair was greater from the standpoint of exhibits. About five girls served as assistant superintendents at the fair.

5. Achievement Day

The agents have held a conference with Mr. Bill Turner to formulate plans for an achievement day to be held in January. At this time county awards will be given to 8 girls for their project work. An Alumni Certificate will be given to a former 4-H member, I Dare You will be presented to a girl for leadership,

Thirty club members selected the project in ironing at the first meeting in the fall. Requirements were discussed in the beginning. The agent gave demonstrations at the monthly meetings. Girls were asked to do some of the demonstrations during the year. This project was one the children enjoyed, as most of them had to help with, or do the ironing at home. Reports show a total of 1321 pieces were ironed by these girls. Twenty-nine demonstrations were given.

3. Electricity

Thirty-seven girls enrolled in the Electric Project Unit I. Two were school clubs and the other met at night. The agents gave the instructions at the regular meetings. Children brought cards and equipment to the meetings to make repairs. Eighteen completed the project, making and repairing a total of thirty-six articles.

4. Forestry

Twenty-four girls of the eighth grade carried the forestry project jointly. Films and discussions were used at the meetings. Fifteen members completed the project.

5. Housekeeping

Thirteen girls selected housekeeping as the project they wished to take at the beginning of the year. Method demonstrations were used by the agent at monthly meetings. Members gave demonstrations on some of the methods demonstrated. Eight of these girls completed the project.

done on the selection of furniture, furnishings, and the yard.

The Herring family was host to the IFYE Delegate from Uruguay, Nybia Jorajuris.

V. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - YOUTH

A. Organization

1. County Youth Committee

This committee still exists, yet a meeting has not been held this year. The agent has conferred with some of the members individually on the problems confronting the work with the youth.

2. All Stars

There are not enough All Stars remaining in the county to organize. The agents have called on the few in the county to help in selecting the one to attend The Electric Congress.

B. Project Work

1. Clothing

Sixty-six members enrolled in the three clothing projects. Units I and III were carried in the regular school clubs. The members chose to take this project at the beginning of the year. Method demonstrations were used at the club meetings. Three leaders assisted at these meetings. Unit II was carried individually. Fifty-three completed the clothing projects, making a total of one hundred and seventeen articles and five garments.

2. Ironing

Through good management procedures in carrying on the poultry project the Collins family has been able to complete the exterior painting of the house and the sanding of the floors downstairs. By furnishing the poles and putting them and the wire up, they were able to get the phone in at a minimum cost.

Marie, the only child, continues to play her role in the family with much enthusiasm. She is doing a very creditable work in her 4-H. She helps her mother with all the canning and takes care of her room. She took a number of blue ribbons at the county fair in clothing, canning, and food preparation.

2. The Herring Family

The Herring family, since last year, has practically completed the remodeling of the house. There are just a few minor jobs to be done. The everyday living, dining, and kitchen area, is enjoyed by the entire family and friends. The whole family has worked on this project. Much of the work has been done by the father, or he assisted with it. Assistance was given in the selection of curtains and drapes and their construction. Since Mrs. Herring is a full time homemaker she can and does her own work. The two children are both at the top of their classes. Each does good work in the 4-H projects. Louise took more blue ribbons at the fair than any child in the county. Of the twenty-five entries she took twenty first placings and five second placings.

Work with this family is not yet complete. There is more to be

B. Subject Matter Areas and Assistance Given (Indicate with No. Families)

	Short-time Goals	Long-time Goals	Outlook Information	Buying Information	Improved Methods and Practices	Demonstrations	Specialist Assistance
<u>Foods and Nutrition</u>		1			3		
<u>Vegetable Gardening</u>	3		2		3		
<u>Clothing</u>	2	2		2	3		
<u>Housing</u>	3	3			3		
<u>Home Management</u>					3		
<u>House Furnishings</u>	2	3	3	3	3		
<u>Yard Improvement</u>	3	3					
<u>A-H Club</u>	2	2			2		
<u>Other (Specify)</u>							

C. Progress Stories

1. The Thomas Collins Family

Mrs. Collins has not been able to work as closely with the home demonstration as she has before. She has continued to work toward getting the yard in good shape, getting the exterior of the house painted, the floors sanded, and adding necessary equipment.

2. National Home Demonstration Week

During National Home Demonstration Week publicity was given to the work of Extension in the county. A feature article on one of the club members, having an almost perfect attendance since becoming a member ten years ago, was published in the local paper and the Charlottesville Progress. Mrs. Powell has only missed one meeting in ten years.

Twenty-four members attended the District Meeting in Charlottesville.

3. Work in Unorganized Communities

The agent made an effort to meet a group asking for some assistance. Sickness in the family of the promoter has prevented a meeting. Visits have been made and directions for reseating chairs have been given to the group.

4. Judging By Local Leaders

Two leaders attended the school for training judges held in Madison, Virginia. These same leaders and two other leaders, having assisted with judging before, helped judge at the Staunton Augusta County Fair in September.

E. Urban Work - (none)

IV. FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT

A. Problems Encountered Most Often

Reluctant to make changes

No. Families

2

Finances

3

Not sure of just what they want

2

family took part in it. Most of the clubs had a dinner for their families, and followed with devotions and games and also gift exchange. The families always enjoy these get-togethers.

Two projects were conducted to raise funds to remodel the jail. The County-wide lawn party and food booth at the county fair amounted to about two hundred dollars.

G. HDC Community Projects, Cooperative Projects with other Groups and Agencies

Home Demonstration Clubs took the lead in promoting the county fair. They are also cooperating with the Welfare Department in making toys to be given to the less fortunate children in the county this Christmas. In cooperation with the P.T.A. and other civic organizations in the county the clubs all made a donation toward a dental clinic for the county. Each club contributed to two or three drives. such as; Cancer, Polio, T.B., Heart, Red Cross, etc.

D. Other Activities

1. Club Objectives

With more and more of the club members working it has been impossible for the leaders to get to the training meetings at all times. Some individual training had to be done by the agent. Leaders held twenty-three meetings alone. They assisted with fifteen meetings. Club reporters were right on the job reporting their meetings, and club activities. They not only used the information received in the club but shared the help they received with neighbors and others.

Assistance will be given through personal contacts and the farm and home development program. Mr. C.D.Wheary was called in to visit some homes remodeling the kitchen or house. One of the farm and home development families has about completed the remodeling job started a year ago. Another family visited on remodeling has finished.

Four members of the homemakers club installed water and bath. Three others remodeled their kitchens. On several occasions the home agent advised the homemakers on selection of color to paint the walls. Approximately twenty-five families did some painting of the interior of their houses.

8. Other - Family Life

Family Life was selected as the Federation Program of Work, with emphasis on family recreation, safety in the home and on the highway, and work on getting funds to remodel the jail. A committee was appointed to go before the School Board in cooperation with the P.T.A. to try to get a driver education course offered at the local high-school. At the present time it has been impossible to get the course offered.

In cooperation with the county nurse films were shown at all the clubs on First Aid. This inspired the club members to ask for a course to be taught. As stated before plans are in the making for a class to start in January.

Clubs devoted the December meeting on Family Recreation. A very interesting family devotion was planned and members of the

on the simple and easy to care for house-dress.

Approximately one hundred club members attended the demonstration on the house-dress. Most of these reported making use of the information in some way. Some help has been given in clothing construction to individuals on personal problems.

6. Health and Safety

To help the homemaker take care of home emergencies and to teach everyone to be more courteous and practice safety on the highway. One month was devoted to First Aid For Home Emergencies or Safety on the Highways.

Since it was impossible for the county nurse to attend all the clubs individually, she secured a film on first aid in the home. Another problem was to get a projector and someone to operate it. This problem was solved by combining club meetings and asking some of the teachers to operate the school projector. Three groups were held. As a result of this a course in First Aid was asked for. Working with the county nurse plans are shaping up to have this course taught in January. Both, first aid and safety on the highway, were of interest to the people. Five clubs chose to have the State Trooper speak at the August meeting which was a club choice. Appropriate films were shown and the trooper gave an opportunity for questions and discussions. The entire family were included in these meetings.

7. Housing

As a long time goal an effort is made to help families improve their homes, in making them more comfortable, convenient, and attractive.

Slides and film strips were used in both these demonstrations. Both were enjoyed by the club members and many questions were asked about individual problems. Bulletins were distributed on control of insects. Some few people, planning to set out some shrubs, were aided in their selection from this demonstration.

With the good season this year everyone having a garden might qualify as a result demonstrator. However, none is counted as such.

4. Legal and Business Matters

To acquaint the homemaker with recent changes in the law in regard to inheritance and to impress upon the need of understanding the laws in regard to inheritance as it affects her, monthly demonstration were planned on what will become of your property.

Mr. W.J. Muckolls conducted a leader training meeting to acquaint the leader with some of the changes. These leaders were able to take the lead in asking questions in their club meetings. A lawyer was secured to speak to each club on this topic. Because of such interest shown a special meeting was held, at which one of the lawyers came and spoke again. Some non-club members attended this meeting.

A lot of interest was shown by the club members on this topic. As a result the agent feels that quite a number checked on their own personal affairs. At least one hundred and twenty-five attended these meetings.

5. Clothing

To help the homemaker in selection of an attractive and easy to care for house dress whether she constructs it herself or whether she gets it ready-made. A monthly demonstration was planned

of furniture by minor changes and use of accessories. It seems that following a demonstration the homemakers view their own situations and try out some of the suggestions used in the demonstration. As a result of the demonstration on the selection of rugs, some few have purchased a rug for their living area. Through the special interest meetings on upholstering non-club members were reached. Two groups were held. One meeting was held in a home where five of the children are girls and all 4-H members. It is interesting to see them come in from school and check the progress on the sofa immediately. Not only did they do this, but each girl helped in some way to do the job. The older girls helped with the covering of the cushions while the younger girls enjoyed the final driving of the tasks. ⁺It was a pleasure to work with this family. Each time any instructions were given for something to be done before the next meeting it was done. The agent is sure each member of the family is happier after having this experience of working together on this project.

The lighting meeting did not materialize. The family working on the lighting demonstration was not ready for it this year.

3. Home Grounds and Gardening

In order to help the homemaker make the home grounds more attractive and to help her produce a better garden, monthly demonstrations were planned in the selections and planting of flowering shrubs and the control of insects and diseases on the garden and yard plants.

Forty -one used some fluid milk in other ways, such as cereal, soup, gravy, etc. Ten reported using dry milk, mostly when the supply of fresh milk was low at home. Eighteen reported using some can milk because of its cost and convenience.

In addition to milk twenty-two of these homemakers ate some cheese, thirteen ate some cottage cheese, and eighteen ate ice cream the day before the check was made.

The agent feels that this is not a true picture of the milk consumption in the county. Yet, from discussions and conversations with the homemakers she does feel that the average persons getting the required amount of milk is low.

More requests for bulletins on canning and freezing were made this year than in previous years.

2. House Furnishings

As requested by the homemaker, assistance was planned to help her in making her home more attractive through better arrangement and selection and use of furniture and accessories; to help her make wise selection of rugs for the price she can afford; and to help her upholster her furniture having good lines at less cost.

Monthly demonstrations were set up on the following topics: arranging furniture and accessories in the living room. and Beauty Under Foot - Selection of Rugs For The Living Area. Special Interest Meetings were planned in upholstering and lighting.

Reports show that club members found these demonstrations interesting and helpful. Many report being able to make better arrangements

B. Project Work

1. Foods and Nutrition

Since the number of women working is on the increase and the women are also engaged in a greater number of activities, the assistance planned for had as its objective to help the homemaker prepare better balanced, more attractive, and a variety of meals for her family, keeping in mind all the while that she has less time. It is also hoped that she will make better use of selecting and using small equipment in food preparation.

Monthly demonstrations were given on Time Saving Main Dishes, Pressure Sauce Pan Meals, and Small Equipment to Save Time in Food preparation. Leaders were trained by Miss Janet Cameron, Extension Food Specialist, for two of these demonstrations. Reports from club members show that these two demonstrations are being used extensively by the club members. Request for recipes used in these demonstrations have come in from non-club members. The demonstration on Small Equipment has just been given. It is too early to see results, however, comments by members indicate that some of these small pieces might be included in the gift exchange at the December meeting. They have also indicated that a better use will be made of their small equipment.

Publicity of the meetings was made in the local paper. Included in the news article was information on foods and recipes.

A milk check sheet was used with fifty club members. According to the reports filled out by the fifty women, eight drank plants of milk, eleven drank about two cups of milk, seven drank about a cup of milk, twenty-four drank less than a cup the day before check was made.

III. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - ADULT

A. Organization

1. County Agricultural Extension Service Board

There is no Agricultural Extension Service Board at the present time, but a board will be set up after some of the other committees have been set up.

2. Home Economics Council - None

3. General Interest Committee - None

4. Home Economics Committee

The agent has had a conference with the District Agent to make plans for a meeting to be held in early December. This committee will, after viewing the county situation, set up long time goals and set up committees needed to reach these goals.

5. County Home Demonstration Club Committee

The County Home Demonstration Committee is composed of the county chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer, Federation program chairman, county publicity chairman, club presidents, program development leaders, and a few other key people. Two meetings are held annually, one in the spring and one in the summer. Through the Cooperative efforts of the club presidents and the program development leaders discussions are held in the clubs to find out the needs of the club members. These same persons also make the final selections for the years program after careful consideration of the request. The president and program development leaders have helped in carrying out the program by seeing that their clubs are represented at training meetings and letting the agent know of requests for assistance.

The median school years completed are 5.6 for male and 7.1 for female. The number of high school graduates going to college is on the increase. Approximately one-third of the children eligible for membership in the 4-H clubs are enrolled.

The population is slightly under five thousand with about thirteen percent colored. There is one high school in the county, located at Stanardsville-the county seat; three elementary schools- located at Stanardsville, Ruckersville and Dyke; one Mission School - located at Wyatt Mountain; the Blue Ridge School located near Dyke, operated through the Episcopal Church; and the Greene County Elementary School (colored) located about three miles from Stanardsville.

Recreation facilities are limited, being sponsored mainly through the schools and church.

In setting up the 1958 program, the Planning Committee considered the problems and suggestions presented by the homemakers in their clubs. In view of the fact that a greater number of homemakers are working and that there is an increase demand on their time the committee endeavored to plan a program that would meet the long-time goals and immediate needs, through monthly demonstrations, special interest committees and farm and home development. Monthly demonstrations were set up in foods, management, house furnishings, clothing, health, and Gardening.

Family Life was selected as the Federation Program of Work.

Special Interest Meetings were set up in Farm and Home Lighting, cuts of meat, and upholstery.

Agriculture is the leading industry. Livestock and livestock products now supply most of the cash farm income. In recent years turkey production has expanded rapidly, and now turkey sales account for about 40 percent of the value of all farm products sold. Cattle and calves provide about twenty percent of the cash income; chickens and eggs nearly fifteen percent; milk 10 percent; and hogs about ten percent. The remainder comes from sheep and lambs, horticultural specialties and forest products.

About fourteen thousand acres of the Shenandoah National Park are located in the county.

More than a fourth of all farms are less than thirty acres in size. Almost two-thirds of the farms are classed as residential or part-time.

There are no railroads in the county, and bus facilities are limited. The greater number of families have either a truck or automobile.

About eighty percent of the county is rural farm. As stated before about two-thirds of the farms are part-time. Consequently a great number of the people work in adjoining counties to supplement the farm income. Charlottesville, Orange, Crozet, and Elkton are close enough for the people to commute daily. A compressor station of the Virginia Gas Transmission Corporation near Stanardsville employs about fifteen. Some are professionally employed. The number of homemakers working is on the increase. The median income for Greene County is \$1720.

have carried. In addition to training in project work the 4-H members have made progress in developing leadership and becoming better citizens through serving as officers of their clubs and taking part in club activities.

To further a better understanding of the people of the world four families were host to an IPYE from Uruguay.

II. THE COUNTY SITUATION CONSIDERED IN WORKING OUT THE 1958 PROGRAM

Greens County with an area of one hundred and fifty three square miles lies in the north-central part of the Piedmont Plateau, with the Blue Ridge Mountains on its western border. In 1954 land in farms totaled 67,311 acres, 68.7 percent of the county's area of 97,920 acres. According to the 1954 census of Agriculture there were 662 farms which averaged 101.7 acres in size and \$5,490 in value of land buildings. The number of farms dropped nearly one-third since 1935 when the peak of farms was enumerated. Land in farms now is about 20 percent less than in 1935.

The topography in the central and eastern part of the county is rolling to hilly with elevations from 600 to 1000 feet above sea level, but in the western and northern sections the land is steep, and only the coves and foothills are suitable for agriculture. Elevations of the foothills and mountains ridges range from 100 to 3500 feet. Temperatures vary widely, but average about 34 degrees in January and 75 in July. The frost free growing season averages around 175 days, extending from April 26 to October 18. Annual precipitation averages about 43 inches.

I. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1958 PROGRAM

With the changing trends of women working in the county the fact remains that they still participate in Extension Activities. Attendance this year is a little more than three hundred above that of last year. In some clubs it has meant changing the meetings to night.

In working with the people one finds the homemaker eager to improve her home and home practices. Every woman, whether or not she works, has asked for help on shorter cuts in preparation of food. She is also making better use of the information on selection of equipment and caring for it. They have become very much interested in legal and business matters as was evidenced by the attendance shown at the club meetings when this topic was discussed.

In order to make better use of materials and furnishings on hand a great deal of interest is shown in upholstering furniture, refinishing furniture, and in making drapes.

Realizing that so many things tend to draw the family in separate ways, the club has taken Family Life as the Federation Program of Work. The December meeting has been devoted to a meeting for the families of the club members. They have enjoyed the fellowship of eating, a short worship, group singing and games.

Through the 4-H clubs families are reached that are not reached through the H.D. Program. 4-H club members have been responsible for their parents improving practices as a result of the projects they

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