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III. CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE 1950 PROGRAM TO BETTER FAMILY LIVING

The program for home demonstration work of 1950 has contributed to better living for a number of families in this county. Important results have been obtained from contributions made by women having more attractive and livable homes through house furnishings methods, by having more nutritious foods through better methods of selection, preparation and preservation as foods have received the major emphasis in the home demonstration program this year. The families have become more conservative as a result of learning how to buy new fabrics, what to look for on the labels, of materials, how to do some of their more common alterations, and how to make attractive buttons for use on their garments. Recreation also played a part in the program in which the women took time out for relaxation.

One of the main highlights of the project work was the tailoring school held at Darlington Heights and Farmville. Eighteen members enrolled in the school and eleven coats and seven suits were made as a result. An Achievement Day was held at Darlington Heights in October which was also a result, to a certain extent, of the tailoring school. Some of the coats and suits made were modeled at a fashion show at Achievement Day. All of the clubs were represented this year in comparison to nine of the

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ten clubs being present in 1949. Something new was added this year by the committee in the way of a hobby display either by the clubs or by individuals. Work such as refinished picture frames, aluminum trays, and crocheted pieces that had been made in the clubs were exhibited.

The fair has contributed a great deal to creating interest in club work. People do not realize what home demonstration work actually consists of, unless they have an opportunity to see some of the work on display. More people seem to participate in it each year and this is also a means for them to learn. Often homemakers will want to know why their canned products did not win a prize and this is the time to explain to them that their jar was packed a little too tightly or that their products were not quite uniform. This makes them want to try even harder next year.

The same interest is created in 4-H members too. They take great pride and joy in showing their parents and other people what they have done for the past year. Participation in the Area Contests of the six girls who had never given a demonstration before a group really brought about enthusiasm for their work, and they were very anxious to want to try again next year to see if they couldn't do

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better. Miss Hallie Hughes has been twice to this county to help put 4-H work on a firmer foundation than it has been previously. The agent and Miss Hughes were in conference on one occasion making some plans for the year's program, and Miss Hughes's assistance was given the second time to the 4-H County Council Meeting held in November. The results of this planning remains to be seen in the 1950 program.

Not any of the things accomplished this year, however, would have been possible without the leaders who attended the leader-training meetings of which there were five this year, and then took back to their clubs the things they had learned. These leaders assumed a lot of responsibility and seem to be more willing each year to do their part both for 4-H and adult work.

After having studied the families and the situation of this county, the goals for next year are to expand and extend the Extension program wherever possible, by forming more clubs and to encourage and to assist in 4-H Club work. More people are asking for help and are turning to the Extension program and leaders for guidance. "Better Family Living" is to be stressed even more for next year.

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IV. ADULT

A. Project Work

1. Clothing

Three months were planned in the program for clothing work this year. "New Fabrics, Their Use and Care" was the demonstration selected for July, in which the women were to learn a little about nylon, plastics, and other new materials; but mainly the object was to obtain information on the new chemical processes and treatments given to the fabrics, for example, the wrinkle-shed and water-proof resistance of a material. A lecture demonstration was given, followed up by a collection of different treated fabrics being shown with the women asking such questions as "What causes the wavy-looking effect on moire?" or "Will the new embossed material on the market now retain its shape?" The women benefitted from this demonstration in that they had quite a few questions to ask about current problems they were having with their summer prints and cottons; and then they took this information to the stores with them and looked for labels on material, and garments they had bought.

"Altering the Ready Made Dress" with a few remodeling problems was the topic for October. A leader-training meeting was held in August for this

purpose and approximately eighteen leaders were present. The leaders brought some of their own garments to the meeting to be worked on and they requested that the members of the individual clubs do the same thing at their meetings. The main problems of the clubs were hem lengths, waist misfits and shoulder difficulties. All of the clubs but one brought garments to the meeting to be altered, and since then about ten women have asked for help in doing their own altering which they have been accustomed to having done before this demonstration. Accessories, such as scarves, pins, and artificial flowers were brought and actually tried on various members to see what could be worn. As a result for example, several women have been instigators in wearing a scarf entwined around a strand of pearls.

The month of November was left for "Covering Button, Buckles and Belts", the leader training meeting being held in August along with the "Alterations" meeting. Practically every home demonstration member in this county, that attended a meeting, has made a button from a plastic ring, and many have decided to use these covered buttons on their dresses and suits.

Mrs. T. N. Dillon of Darlington Heights has already changed the buttons on her suit by covering some plastic rings to use and embroidering the front of the button with a contrasting colored thread. The covered buckles and belts did not interest the members as much as the buttons. All but two of the clubs had their demonstrations given by the leaders and the women took a greater interest in it when they saw that some of their own club members already knew how. This demonstration was also made into an exhibit at the fair by two members of the Buffalo Club, Mrs. Hazel Southall and Mrs. June Ellington. This club received first prize on the exhibit because they had worked out step by step the directions for covering the buttons.

A request was made for a tailoring school this year and was planned in the program for either February or August. A survey was made of the number interested in attending a tailoring school and plans were made to conduct the school in February. Miss Johnson met with three of the agents for three days of training before the work was started in the county. Eighteen members were enrolled in Prince Edward for the school, so plans were made to conduct two schools, one at Darlington Heights and one at Farmville. Nine

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members were enrolled in each group. Plans were made for the groups to have one-half day of training on style trends and selection of patterns, altering of patterns for individual needs, selection of equipment, and other plans necessary in preparation for the schools. Four full days were scheduled for each group during February and March. At the end of this each member was far enough along on her garment that it could be completed at home. As a result of the two schools, eleven coats and seven suits were completed, one being a three-piece suit made by Mrs. B. G. Noel of the Social Hour Club. Following the completion of the work the Abilene Grange sponsored a showing of the coats and suits on April 5th. Prizes were awarded for each member participating through the courtesy of a number of the Farmville Stores. Mrs. June Ellington, Farmville, Virginia, won first prize on suits and Mrs. E. A. Payne, Darlington Heights, Virginia, first on coats. The winners, Mrs. Ellington and Mrs. Payne, participated in a radio program with Miss Mary Moorman and the home agent on April 7, following the review.

Further interest is shown in the work by having requests for another school to be held in

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the fall for other members who could not attend in the spring. Mrs. June Ellington, Mrs. C. W. Wilkerson, Mrs. B. G. Cool, and other members of the groups have offered to assist as leaders if another school is planned in the fall. Six of the members have already reported making other coats and suits following the work done at the tailoring schools, and more results of this work were shown at a "Fashion Parade" held at Achievement Day in October when several of the suits and coats were modeled. Another tailoring school will try to be worked in next year's program.

2. Foods

Selecting The Home Freezer and Making The Best Use Of It" and "Preparing Foods For Freezing" were planned for the program in February and March, however, these two meetings were combined for the February meetings due to the small number of members that had access to freezing facilities. A leaders training meeting was held in January in preparation for this work. Nineteen leaders attended the training meeting and later gave seven demonstrations to their club groups. Demonstrations were given on preparing, packaging, and labeling foods for freezing and points to consider in selecting the freezer for home use.

For March the clubs selected "Cake Making" for their demonstrations and leaders training meeting was planned. Twenty-one leaders attended representing eight of the clubs and later gave eight demonstrations. Much interest was shown in this demonstration and numerous requests have come in recently from other people for the recipes used in these demonstrations. Since being in this county, practically three-fourths of the homemakers that belong to home demonstration clubs have said that they use the "One-Bowl Cake" recipe and remarks such as this have been made, "I never made a cake because it was so much trouble, but now we have cake at least once a week since I've been using the "One-Bowl Cake" recipe." These homemakers have also given this recipe to many of their friends.

For May and June demonstrations were planned on "Saving Time And Energy in Food Preparation Using Electric Mixers And Pressure Sauce Pans", and "Pickle, Relish And Catsup Making". A leaders training meeting was held in April in preparation for this work. Twenty-three leaders attended representing nine of the ten clubs. The leaders were supplied with material for both the May and June demonstrations. The demonstration on "Pickle,

Relish and Catsup Making" was carried on by the leaders in the absence of the agent in June, and as proof the women have served some of their Relish and pickle at other demonstrations. Quite a few requests were made in July and August for bulletins on the making of pickle and relish.

September was left open for club choice this year and all the clubs but one asked for demonstration on "One-Dish Meals" and "Sandwich Fillings". The women wanted to know some good ways to fix, in a short time, meals that were well-balanced. As a result, information and recipes were obtained from the food specialist and a one-dish meal was prepared at each club meeting by the agent with some leaders assisting. Afterwards, the homemaker's asked for recipes which were compiled by the agent and given to them. Recipes on Sandwich Fillings and suggestions for lunchboxes were also prepared and given to them at the same time, as this was when school had just gotten underway. Various women later made the remark that they used the recipes, especially on one-dish meals, frequently for evening meals when they attended a club meeting or some other function and it saved them a lot of time.

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3. Home Furnishings:

"Selecting And Hanging Pictures For The Home" was selected for the December demonstrations and "Window Treatment" for the January meetings.

A leaders meeting was held in November with Miss J. Wilson to prepare the leaders for both demonstrations.

Selecting of pictures suitable for the various rooms in the home was discussed and suggestions made as to where the members might secure pictures suitable for framing. The leaders were assisted in making a collection of pictures to use in giving the demonstrations to their club groups.

Methods of grouping and hanging pictures were discussed and illustrations and suggestions given at each of the meetings. One leader, Mrs. Hanson Harris, of the Abilene Club, also refinished a number of frames she had, and secured pictures suitable for the frames and places she planned to use them. These were used in giving her club demonstration, and the members invited to visit her home to see the pictures hung in their proper places. The results of her work were very pleasing.

Leaders from the Buffalo Club also produced some local talent in painting of pictures which was a direct result of the work done on tray painting last year by one of our members, Mrs.

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George Johnson. Her work on painting of both trays and pictures has been an inspiration to every member in her club. Her painting of pictures has been so successful that it has now become a source of pin money in her spare time. Mrs. Johnson says: "I had no idea that I could paint until we started work on the trays. I was as surprised as anyone else."

Leaders from the Worsham Club in addition to selecting of proper pictures demonstrated both good and poor methods for framing and hanging of pictures.

"Window Treatment" was discussed in each of the clubs in January. Methods of treating various types of windows were discussed and suggestions given for treating windows of poor proportion and design. Samples to use in giving the demonstrations were secured of the traverse rods, cornice boards, shades of various qualities, venetian blinds, made of different materials, and many samples of materials suitable for both draperies and curtains.

There have been no club demonstrations concerning home furnishings since July, but several individual problems have arisen. Miss Mary Dupuy of Worsham, bought some material recently for draperies for her living room, dining room and hall, and had another member of her club make them for her. She requested some advice recently on making her windows look wider when she was ready to hang

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her draperies, and it could be detected in talking with her that she was trying to apply the principles and suggestions she had learned at the demonstration on "Window Treatment" about the extension of cornice boards beyond the actual width of the window. Mrs. T. M. Dean, also from Worsham, requested some help on the dyeing of the draperies that she wished to hang in her new home. She finally decided to pick up one of the colors in her rug and also cover a chair to match the draperies. Mrs. Dean said, "I am trying to use some of the things we learned in the demonstration of "The Treatment of Windows".

A great deal of interest has been shown recently concerning the fundamentals of Interior Decoration as there have been requests for bulletins on the subject. Several radio talks have been prepared on this topic for that reason.

4. Home Management

"Saving Time and Energy in Housecleaning" was the topic selected for April. A training meeting was held for the leaders in March with the assistance of Miss Alverson. Careful planning in preparation for the house cleaning was stressed and the using of our energy wisely. Also demonstrated were methods of cleaning: screens, windows, walls, woodwork, floors, linoleum, metal surfaces,

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and other household articles. Members also discussed other methods of cleaning and gave suggestions that had proven most satisfactory for them. Resulting from questionnaires that were sent out asking the homemakers about saving time and energy in housecleaning regarding the demonstration given in April, about one-third answered stating that they used on the average of two or three of the new housecleaning methods that had been recommended.

5. Rural Arts

A special interest meeting was planned for July and August on making "Aluminum Trays". A county or community meeting will be held for those interested in participating in this work. Members from the Busy Bee and Tuggle Clubs have recently completed twenty-one trays as a result of their interest and work on this special project.

The special interest meeting on "Aluminum Trays" was not held in August as scheduled because there was not enough time for the training of agent and leaders, but the making of these trays has been included in next year's program for all the clubs except the Tuggle and Busy Bee Clubs. The members of these clubs have agreed to act as leaders or assistants to the other clubs in their projects as they made trays this year.

B. Other Activities

1. Federation Goal

"Art in Daily Living" was the Federation Goal selected again this year since most members felt that this was the goal most needed and lacking. Mrs. T. M. Dean of Worsham was selected as the County Federation Goal Leader. Federation Goal leaders were selected in each of the clubs. Early in the year the County Chairman, the agent and the club goal leaders met and planned the Federation program for the year. A short program was planned for each month of the year and suggestions given to the club goal leaders for presenting the Federation program each month. The Federation program as planned for the year is as follows:

- Dec. "Folk Carols"
- Jan. "Study one well known picture and the artist"
- Feb. "Read A Book (Suggest list and sources)"
- Mar. "A Short Story"
- April "Planning the Flower Bed"
- May "Nature Study" (birds, wild flowers, etc.)
- June "Music Appreciation" (Recordings)
- July "Flower Show" (Individual exhibits)
- Aug. "Group Singing"
- Sept. "Let's Sing" (Select & memorize 2 songs)

Oct. "Nature Study" (Autumn season)

Nov. "Poems About Country Life"

The clubs have kept up their Federation Goal Program fairly well, although the individual flower exhibits for July brought forth the greatest interest. The Social Hour Club invited a garden club member to their meeting to give a talk on flower arrangement and then to judge the flowers already arranged, criticizing constructively as she went along. The Jamestown and Worsham Clubs also had their arrangements judged by outside people.

The Social Hour Club was the only club to actually spend some time on group singing and memorize songs, which were the goals for August and September. Mrs. J. Monroe Foster divided her club into four different singing groups and asked each group to memorize two songs for the next meeting, which they did.

All of the clubs took a part in "Nature Study" and "Poems About Country Life", the two goals for October and November. The Worsham Club had a speaker who brought along different mounts of leaves and decorative weeds to show for the Nature Study, and Miss Mary Dupuy, a member of the Worsham Club, who is interested in folk-lore, read

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several poems on country life and taught the other members a folk-song. The other clubs selected suitable poems for the occasion. "Art In Daily Living" has been selected again as the Federation Goal for the year of 1951 as the women felt they needed to know more about the "fine" things of life.

2. Community Activities

Community activities of the clubs are many and varied depending on the interest and needs of the clubs and community.

The Worsham Home Demonstration Club has worked with the school board to provide extra play ground space for the children at the Worsham High School. They have helped to sponsor a movement by the Worsham Community League to raise money to build a much needed indoor gymnasium at the Worsham High School. They have also worked with the Worsham Community League to raise funds for a new stage curtain at the High School.

The Community Rest Room in Farnville is sponsored by the Home Demonstration Clubs. The Social Hour Club donated a radio to the rest room this year. They also served 250 lunches for the Production Credit Association at the Farnville

High School in February.

Five of the clubs entered two club exhibits each at the Five County Fair in September.

The Buffalo Club continues to send clothing for overseas relief and averages sending one bag each month. In addition they have donated food and clothing for local relief. They also sponsored a "bake sale" to raise money for their club activities. They had another "bake sale" on Main Street in Farmville the Wednesday before Thanksgiving and made around \$18.00 or \$20.00 on their pies and cakes to which they limited the sale. The members of the club donate the ingredients for these products and their time for this.

This club regularly secures books from the Virginia State Library for people in their community to read.

The Busy Bee Club served as a "helping station" in their own community. The members made up a basket of food or donated milk, wood or anything else that was needed to people in their community who were unfortunate.

The clubs have participated in Community Drives, such as the Red Cross, March of Dimes, Community Chest, "CROP" and other relief organizations both at home and abroad. Most clubs in

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addition have given cash donations to these and other organizations.

They have visited the sick in hospitals and at home, sent flowers, cards, baskets of fruit and gifts to the sick and shut-ins.

Five of our members are serving as 4-H leaders in the 4-H clubs. Mrs. Raymond Chernaault of Worsham attended the 4-H camp at Holiday Lake and has attended every other function held for 4-H members of Prince Edward County. She was present at the 4-H County Council Meeting in November, to render help in teaching a group of 4-H leaders how to lead songs for their individual clubs.

3. Other Federation Activities

Thirty-nine members from Prince Edward attended the District Federation meeting in Charlotte Courthouse on May 2.

All clubs in the county have paid Federation dues of \$3.00

The County Home Demonstration Committee has appointed Mrs. Edward Frank as county delegate to attend the State Federation meeting and Institute of Rural Affairs at Blacksburg, the week of July 31-August 4. Mrs. J. Monroe Foster was appointed as alternate.

The Buffalo and Worsham clubs are also planning to send a delegate from their clubs.

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As a result of what had been planned for the State Federation Meeting and the Institute of Rural Affairs, Mrs. Edward Frank, of Rice went as county delegate, her expenses being paid by the Home Demonstration Committee, along with seven other representatives of the county. The Buffalo Club had four members attending who were: Mrs. Carl Vaughan, Mrs. June Ellington, Mrs. C. R. Wilkerson and Mrs. Phyllis Kelsey. The Worsham Club had three members attending, who were Mrs. Raymond Chernault, Mrs. Hugh Dunkhum, and Mrs. Jessie Southall. Mrs. Frank gave a report of her activities to the other Home Demonstration members of the county at Achievement Day. Three of the women who attended started making plans as soon as they got back to Farnville to go again next year.

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4. Community Rest Room

For a number of years the home demonstration

Clubs have sponsored a community rest room in the basement of the County Court House in Farmville.

The Town Council and the County Board of Supervisors appropriate funds for the matron's salary, and the Town Council has raised its appropriation for this year. The home agent acts as supervisor.

A small library is located in the lounge. Two traveling libraries from the Virginia State Library are borrowed regularly every four months and are available to the visitors. One hundred and thirty six books were loaned for this past year. Current issues of magazines are also available.

The lounge serves as a convenient meeting place for rural people and children are cared for by the matron while mothers do their shopping or transact business in town. The lounge was reported to have accommodated 6,095 people for the year of 1950 with 978 children having been left in the care of the matron by the mothers for a short time while they did their shopping.

Cord for rebottoming stools and chairs is also sold in the Rest Room and right much money is taken in that way, besides the appropriations and voluntary contributions. This seems to be a worthwhile project especially for use by the rural people.

5. Achievement Day

Achievement Day was held at the Spring Creek

Baptist Church of Darlington Heights on October 20. Around sixty-five to seventy home demonstration women attended the program which included, in the main, group singing, club reports, the report on the Institute of Rural Affairs by Mrs. Edward Frank, a United Nation's Flag report by the agent, and a fashion show. Mrs. June Ellington was moderator for the "Fashion Parade" in which approximately 19 women participated modeling the garments that they had made as a result of different demonstrations during the year. Some of the tailoring school members were also present in the parade. Individual hobby displays and a social hour were held in the basement of the church as a conclusion of the program worked up by Mrs. J. A. LaSueur, chairman, Mrs. John Campbell and Mrs. Ann Faulkner. This meeting brought together various members and officers of the individual clubs who did not previously know each other.

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6. Five County Fair

This fair is directed by the Five County Fair Association, which meets in November of the preceeding year to make plans for it, and includes the counties of Appomattox, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, and Prince Edward. This year it was held the week of the 18th of September with every home demonstration club but two entering at least one exhibit. Four clubs entered two exhibits, the Thanksgiving Meal and the Educational Exhibit, and out of these four the Buffalo Club and Social Hour Clubs won first prize on both of their exhibits.

Each year the Fair Association strives harder to obtain the objectives of developing better standards of judging good quality in the products displayed and by having more people to participate in the Homemaker's section by bringing the things they have achieved during the year so that other groups and individuals may see the progress being made.

Many of the women entered canned goods and garments individually rather than in the club as a group, and it is always interesting to see Mrs. Louise Craft and her mother Mrs. Nannie B. Cason of Prince Edward compete against each other. Together these two homemakers entered 71 products in the fair and won a great number of prizes. As a

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As a result of such participation the fair should prove more successful each year.

7. Fair Association

The Fair Association of which the home agent is a member usually has one big annual dinner meeting each year, this year's being held in November. The purpose of this meeting is to make plans for the Five County Fair for next year keeping in mind that the main function is for the benefit of the rural people of the five counties previously named. It is an opportunity for the people to enjoy themselves as well as to display what they have accomplished during the year in the way of growing crops, improving farm and homemaking practices, and for 4-H members to learn homemaking and farming methods.

The Association is made up of important business men of each county and the farm and home agents of each county. Around twenty people were present at the last meeting and plans were discussed for improving the fair for another year with committees being appointed by the president, Mr. R. B. Crawford of Farmville, to work on the plans. The meeting was adjourned to meet again in March for the purpose of getting started on the actual preparation of the fair for next September.

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8. Radio Activities and Newspaper Articles

These have not been developed as much as they could be for this county as far as ability is concerned.

Members of the Buffalo Club have been on the radio twice since May, one time staging a program around "The Virginia Federation of Home Demonstrations Clubs" worked up by the members themselves and the second time in connection with United Nation's Day. Mrs. June Ellington, Mrs. Hazel Southall, Mrs. Gene Ward, and Mrs. Carl Vaughan each had a part on the first program which was given in June, while there was no agent in this county. Mrs. Ellington was announcer and the program consisted of Mrs. Southall giving a brief outline of the organization of Home Demonstration Clubs, followed by Mrs. Ward who told of Home Demonstration work in Virginia, and brought to a close by Mrs. Vaughan who told about the Home Demonstration Club and how it functions.

Mrs. Carl Vaughan and Mrs. June Ellington were on the air on United Nation's Day as a part of a program given by Radio Station WFLO here in Farmville. The Buffalo Club presented their United Nation's Flag to Station WFLO on that program.

A regular Homemaker's Program has been worked out now with WFLO in that a home agent goes on

the air five days in the week every week. Twelve radio broadcasts have been made. A radio school was held in Farmville in November by Mr. Ed Hyman in order to develop better programs for the rural homemaker's and other interested people, so they will benefit by the fifteen minutes which the home agents, and sometimes home demonstration members spend on the program. The object of the radio program is to create enough interest in the public for them to ask for information concerning the subject talked about. That is something to work toward.

Newspaper articles have been sent in each week to the Farmville Herald with a total of twenty-seven articles having been published from the agents office since July. Each home demonstration club and 4-H club have their own reporters to send in each month a report on their activities and three-fourths of the sixteen clubs have been doing their part well. So much enjoyment is obtained by the people from these articles that if one is published in a later edition of the newspaper than was planned, the women want to know why it wasn't in the paper. They are very anxious for other people to know what is going on in their club.

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9. United Nations Flag

The home demonstration clubs of Prince Edward County decided to make a United Nations Flag to present to some school or hospital within the County. The Buffalo Club presented a hand-painted flag to Radio Station WFLO, as has been previously explained. Mrs. George Johnson, a member of the club and a painter, gave her time to do this for the club. This flag was also used at the Achievement Day Exercises. All the other clubs except the Social Hour Club presented theirs to a school in the county, with the schools cooperating to such an extent that they had a special assembly for the presentation. The Social Hour Club presented theirs to the hospital in Farmville, which seemed very glad to receive it. The manager of the hospital told some of the members that he would even arrange to have a picture taken and a write-up put in the Farmville Herald.

The objectives of this flag making were to teach people more about the United Nation's Organization and flag, and to show the schools, the hospitals and the people of Prince Edward County that the home demonstration clubs wish to work with them. Both of these objectives, it seems, were fulfilled.

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o V. 4-H CLUB

A. Project Work

1. Clothing

Fifty-six members were enrolled in the winter projects in "So You'd Like To Sew". The objectives were to learn simple techniques in clothing construction and to develop skills in clothing construction.

Demonstrations were given on: making needle

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cases, wrist pin cushions, guest towels, handkerchiefs and simple blouse or skirt. Forty-seven members completed this project making 193 articles of clothing.

Twenty-five girls were enrolled in Clothing Unit I, "Looking Your Best". The objectives were to interest the girls in better methods in personal grooming and in being prepared to make necessary care and repair of their shoes, clothes, etc. Demonstrations were given on "Care of Your Feet and Shoes", "Shoe Cleaning Outfit", "Care of Your Hands and Skin", "Care of Your Hair", "Quick Repairs, Emergency Kit", and "Hanging up your Clothes". Twenty-three girls completed the project.

Sixty-five girls are enrolled in "Make & Remake" for the summer. Subject matter material will be given in May and demonstrations in June, July and August, will include "making a simple blouse", "cutting and fitting a dress" and "completing a dress". The girls of the Darlington Heights and Prospect Clubs continued with this project and learned how to put in sleeves, bind the neck of a blouse or dress, and put in a hem by the agent giving a demonstration and then asking the members to try doing what she had shown them. They did not get around to putting in a zipper or making buttonholes as

was planned because the majority of girls stopped coming to the meetings as summer advanced. Jennie Leigh Smith and Ruth Brisentine of Prospect, however, did complete their dresses and entered the "Style Dress Revue" contest held here in Farmville at the Elementary School luncheon in August. Ruth Brisentine won third prize on her dress. Only twenty-one members enrolled in the project completed it, so completed records are something to work on for next year. The girls made for themselves and others a total of 95 garments at a total cost of \$118.03 and remodeled 29 garments at a total cost of \$110.4.

2. Food Preparation

Thirty-one girls were enrolled in the "Food for PeP" project. The objectives were to teach them better methods in food selection, preparation and serving. Demonstrations were given on the seven basic food groups, also, "How To Measure Accurately", "How To Set The Table Correctly", "How To Wash Dishes Correctly", and "Milk Drinks For The Family". Twenty-five completed the project.

These girls are planning to continue their foods work during the summer months and thirty-one girls of the Rice and Green Bay Clubs are enrolled in "Meal Planning and Food Preparation" project.

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The objectives for the club were to learn how to make an attractive garden salad and how to plan for simple refreshments for club meetings or other get-togethers they may have in the summer. Demonstrations on making salads and refreshments were given by the agent at the July and August meetings, and then one or two members of the clubs were called on to give a simple demonstration practicing what they had been taught.

The 4-H members were given at each meeting certain things to perform at home for their project that could not be worked in at their meetings. They set the table a total of 380 times, made a cake 39 times and some milk dish 49 times. A salad that was made at home a total of 35 times. Only six members completed the entire project, however, because they stopped coming to meetings for the summer. There was an average attendance of five girls at each meeting, so the results were not as successful as they could have been.

3. Food Preservation

Twenty-four girls are enrolled in "canning" for the summer projects. Subject matter material will be given in May and arrangements made for summer meetings.

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Demonstrations will be given in June on "Canning Tomatoes", in July on "Canning Berries, and Peaches", and in August on "Judging Canning". This project was carried on in the homes of a few of the 4-H members of the Prospect Club and Green Bay Club. The girls were given a demonstration about the care of jars and jar tops to be used for canning and in June the demonstration on "Canning Tomatoes" was given. In July several of the girls made apple sauce instead of canning berries, and peaches as was previously planned. Canning booklets were passed out to be studied by the girls and in August they learned a few points that would be used in judging canning. This project was followed up by one of the girls, Velma Moore of Prospect, giving a demonstration on the "Making of Apple-Sauce" at the 4-H Area Contest in Farmville in August.

Only six of the thirty-one girls enrolled, completed their projects, however, because of failure to come to the summer meetings. There were 822 jars of food reported canned this summer by 4-H members and 178 packages of food frozen although there were no freezing demonstrations given.

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Twenty-three girls are enrolled in the "Garden" project. All girls are eligible to participate in the Sears contest this year. Subject matter material will be given in May and arrangements made for summer work. Visits will be made to each of the gardens by the home agent and the best gardens selected to be scored by the garden specialist twice during the year.

The garden project was not carried out because the 4-H members stopped working their gardens and stopped keeping records after the agent left. There were no gardens that were suitable for the garden specialist to come to Farmville to judge although there were three or four girls from the Green Bay Club who did do some canning from their spring garden. No fall gardens were planted.

B. Other Activities

1. 4-H Camp

Fourteen girls and one leader attended the 4-H camp at Holiday Lake this year, from July 10 to July 15. 4-H members from the Green Bay, Prospect, Rice, and Worsham, Junior Clubs were present along with Mrs. Raymond Chagnault, leader of the Worsham Club. Two scholarships were given by the Farmville State Theater to two girls who were up-to-date on.

their club work and who deserved to go to camp but did not have the money. Wilma Sue Smécer of the Worsham Junior Club and Mary Ellington of the Rice Club received the scholarships for the past year. The Jamestown Home Demonstration Club also wished to give a 4-H member from their community a scholarship to camp because they felt this particular member would benefit largely from being with other boys and girls. They sent the required amount of money to the agent for the girl to go, but at the last minute the girl became sick and was unable to attend.

The program at camp included classes in wild-life conservation which were taught by movies and hikes, poultry, handicraft, and the making of tea tiles. There were classes in swimming too, which the majority of children enjoyed. Various forms of recreation which included dancing were enjoyed by all the 4-H members. Not to be left out were the Visper programs held each night after supper. The 4-H members present from Edinboro County were in charge of Vispers on Thursday night and gave an interesting program. To end the activities of camp a candle light service was held on Friday night. The agent's job during 4-H Camp Week was to assist with

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the various classes and games and to take charge of a cabin.

2. Contests

An Area Contest was held in the Elementary School lunchroom in Farmville during the month of August in which the counties of Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland, Fluvana, Goochland and Prince Edward participated.

Six girls from Prince Edward County entered the contest, two being in Dairy Foods, two in Clothing, one in Food Preparation and one in Food Preservation. Virginia Bass and Judy Odham of Rice were together as a team to give a demonstration on one-bowl cakes. These girls won first prize but were not old enough to compete in State Contests as Prince Edward was holding both it's County and Area Contest together. Jennie Leigh Smith and Ruth Brisentine of Prospect entered the "Style Dress Revue", the first girl modeling a cotton dress for school and the latter modeling an organdy dress for parties. Ruth Brisentine won third with her outfit. Rebecca Armes of Green Bay won second place for her demonstration on salad making in which she made a very attractive vegetable salad decorated on top with a 4-leaf clover made from pieces of cucumbers. In Food Preservation,

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Velma Moore of Prospect gave a demonstration on "Making Apple Sauce", for which she won third place. Each of the girls received a county medal for their particular demonstration.

This was the first time that any of these six girls had ever given a demonstration except for the practice demonstrations that were given in front of the agent prior to the contest. Each of the girls are looking forward to participating again next year because they developed a feeling of security and pride in giving the demonstrations and receiving the medals this year.

3. Fair and Farm Show

The Five County Fair in Farmville is always a big event for 4-H members. It was held the third week in September this year, and the Worsham Junior and Senior Clubs and Prospect Club each fixed an educational booth. The Prospect Club won \$10.00 in their booth and the Worsham Clubs won a prize on their educational exhibit too. Several of the 4-H girls from two of the other clubs, Green Bay and Rice, entered canned goods to be judged. Jennie L. Smith won several first and second prizes on her canned goods besides winning a prize on her calf. Anne Harris of the Worsham Junior Club won second prize on her self-made garment in the "Style Dress

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Revue", while Judy Odham from Rice entered a gift box and won \$7.50. Much enthusiasm was shown, but not as much as could be shown in years to come.

The Lynchburg Farm Show is another opportunity that the 4-H members have to display the results of their project work. This was held during October with eight girls from this county participating. The girls winning prizes were: Nancy Brisentine, Judy Odham and Shirley Crump winning first, second, and third prizes, respectively, on some of their canned products and Jennie Leigh Smith winning third on her registered calf along with several second and third prizes on her canned goods. The goal for next year regarding the Farm Show is that there be many more participants from Prince Edward County at Lynchburg.

4. State Short Course

This event was held at VPI in June with only one 4-H member attending from this county, Jennie Leigh Smith of Prospect. She gave report of her activities to her club when she returned, and made the statement "I hope more girls will decide to go next year because you really have a wonderful time making new friends and learning new things about 4-H Club work".

OVI OLDER YOUTH

There are no organized older youth groups on this county but there are approximately twenty women between

the ages of eighteen to thirty that are members of home demonstration clubs. These younger club members are very active in club work and in many cases are the reasons for advancement in the work as far as getting the older members to try new methods of doing things in the projects carried as well as the business procedures used. Several in this group are officers of the club, one even being the president of her club. She is always present at the meetings and therefore is an example for the other members to follow. One of the youngest home demonstration members in the county, belonging to the Darlington Heights Club, was the cause of her club having a booth at the fair. Some of the other members of the club had decided not to try to have a booth this year, but Mrs. Clinton Childress of Darlington Heights, said, "We can certainly try to have an exhibit at the fair because we would like to participate along with the other clubs, wouldn't we? I will be willing to work on the booth if some of the rest of you will help me." The club fixed a booth on the Thanksgiving meal and won a prize for the time and energy they had spent. Of course, this younger group is not the majority of any club, but they have a part in the activities of their club along with the members who have belonged to a club for some time.

VII. SCOPE OF WORK

	1948	1949	1950
Number of Home Demonstration Clubs or Groups	11	11	10
Membership	275	260	265
Number 4-H Clubs	7	6	6
Membership	200	130	112
Number Other Youth Groups	2	--	--
Membership	--	--	--
Number of other families reached	925	1160	925
Total number families reached	1250	1400	1200

VIII. COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

1. Professional Workers Council

The agencies represented are: Production and Marketing Administration, Farmers Home Administration, Production Credit Administration, Veterans Administration, Vocational Agriculture and Home Economics, County Agent and Home Demonstration Agent, County Health Department, Welfare Department and negro professional workers. Monthly meetings were held to elect officers, appoint program committee, and make plans for the year. The home agent was appointed to serve on the program committee for the year. Meetings planned

for the first half of the year included: Agricultural Outlook Information, Wiring the Farm Home and Buildings, County Health Problems, the Rural Telephone System, Recent Housing Acts and How They Will Be Applied, and Educational Aids for Crippled Children. One topic was discussed each month by members of various agencies or by speakers secured from other agencies such as REA.

Since July there has been a re-appointment of the program committee of which the home agent is a member. For the five remaining months in this year the program was as follows: August, a talk on "Polio", by the health nurse; September, a "Report On The Five County Fair", by Mr. Striplin, County Farm Agent; October, "An Outlook For the Coming Year"; November, left open for the women to use; and December, Reports and Election of Officers. For the first two or three months the meetings were held as planned, but later on they were just discontinued because so few people attended the meetings.

2. County Home Demonstration Committee

The home demonstration committee composed of the presidents of the tea clubs and the program development leaders met in March to discuss the progress of the home demonstration work in the county and to discuss methods to use in planning the 1950 program. Outlook information covering the various fields of home-

making was discussed and material given the program development leaders to plan their club program-planning discussions.

A delegate, Mrs. Edward Frank, was elected to attend the State Federation meeting and Institute of Rural Affairs. Committees were appointed to make plans for Achievement Day and other things of county interest.

The committee will meet again in the fall to plan the program of work for the year.

The committee met in September to make plans for another year's program and every club in the county was represented at the meeting. Around 20 women were present, and Miss Lucy Blake was here to guide them in choosing their projects. Food will be the main topic for next year, and the Federation Goal will remain the same, "Art In Daily Living". The regular business was discussed and a few suggestions made that this county have printed yearbooks for next year. A committee was appointed to work on the project, but could not get very much cooperation from the merchants at this particular time. The project was discontinued until spring when it will be taken up again.

Mrs. Edward Frank went as the county delegate

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to the Institute of Rural Affairs, and gave a report of the Achievement Day Committee on the plans they had made for the annual event which was to be held on October 20th. The last minute details were decided upon for the committee to work up.

The meeting was adjourned with the hope that the program would be carried out to the fullest extent with the committees doing their part.

3. County 4-H Club Council

The 4-H Council held a meeting in December with 26 members present representing all clubs except one in the county. The program included the purpose and re-organization of the Council, setting up goals for 1950 and the program calendar of activities. Officers elected for the year were: President Elizabeth Shorter; Vice-Pres. Jennie Leigh Smith; Sec. and Treas., Phyllis Jenkins; Reporter, Mary Francis Gibbs and Song Leader, Barbara Franklin.

The 4-H County Council held its second meeting of the year when the officers of the six 4-H Clubs of the county had a joint meeting in Farmville in November with Miss Hallie Hughes present to lead the discussion. Eleven club officers attended with five of the 4-H Clubs being represented. Mrs. Raymond Chernault of Worsham, 4-H leader, came to help in discussing some of the duties of 4-H officers to the members. Mr. Reginald Speir, and the agent, were also there to conduct the meeting.

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The meeting was opened and acquaintances made by starting off with three new games which the members could take back to their individual clubs. Then the 4-H Pledge was said led by the acting president for the day, Sue Culler, of Worsham. Then followed an introduction of club presidents who introduced the other officers of their clubs and the necessary reports were given. Miss Hughes explained the purpose of a 4-H County Council before the members were divided into groups to learn something more about the duties of officers. Most of these officers were newly appointed ones who had never had the opportunity to serve and therefore, learned a great deal. The afternoon session was left open for making a county Plan of Work and for the election of officers for the council. This council decided not to have as many goals as was planned for this past year, but wanted to spend more time on the five which it did select. Approximately six of the ten goals set for this year were attained. The council has planned for another meeting in the spring to find out how well the committees appointed in the fall have functioned.

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IX ACTIVITIES OF LEADERS

A. Adult

1. Organizational

Each of the ten home demonstration clubs have three organization officers: namely, president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. In addition each club has a program development leader, making a total in all of 40 organizational leaders.

Club presidents presided at the meetings, and were responsible for making necessary arrangements for meetings, appointing committees, sending semi-annual reports to the county chairman, attending meetings of the county committee; in general, conducting the business of the clubs.

The vice-presidents of the clubs have presided in the absence of the club presidents and most of them serve as program development leaders for their clubs.

The secretary-treasurer of each club has kept records, sent notices of meetings, made reports of club activities, conducted the club correspondence and performed other duties as are customary to this office.

The program development leaders attended the county committee meeting and received outlook information which they will present to their clubs in

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May and June. They will keep a record of the interests and needs of the members of their clubs and be prepared to report and discuss this information at the county planning meeting in the fall.

The officers or leaders of the home demonstration committee are some of the most active members in the county, and carry on all the business that the clubs as a whole should conduct together. This committee functioned well as a whole this year, but needed to realize that the chairman of the committee is more than just a "figurehead". As a result, the vice-chairman of the committee had to do most of the presiding at meetings and carry on most of the business as it was never possible for the chairman to get to any of the meetings of the County Committee. More participation is a point that the members who elected the county chairman for next year looked for. The new chairman, Mrs. J. Monroe Foster, has already asked to go with the agent to the various individual club meetings to have an opportunity to meet and know more of the home demonstration members.

2. Subject Matter

Each club had a federation goal leader and from two to six or eight project leaders depending on the size of the club. In all there are 73 pro-

ject leaders and goal chairmen.

To date five training meetings have been held with the assistance of the state specialists. One was held with the home management specialist on "Selecting and Hanging Pictures For the Home" and "Window Treatment". Thirteen leaders attended this meeting representing seven of the clubs. These leaders gave nine demonstrations to their clubs.

One training meeting was held with the assistance of Mrs. Thompson, on "Preparing Foods For Freezing" and "Selecting the Home Freezer". These two demonstrations were combined and the leaders gave 7 demonstrations. Nineteen leaders attended the training meeting.

A training meeting for the leaders was held on "Cake Making", with the assistance of Mrs. Thompson. Twenty-one leaders attended and gave 7 demonstrations, and assisted in giving 3 demonstrations.

Miss Alverson assisted with a leaders meeting held in March for the April demonstrations on "Saving Time and Energy In Housecleaning". Eight leaders attended and gave 4 demonstrations to their clubs.

In April a leaders meeting was held with the assistance of Miss Cameron for the leaders conducting the May demonstrations on "Saving Time and Energy

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In Food Preparation With Electric Mixers" and the June demonstrations on "Pickle, Relish, and Catsup Making". Twenty-one leaders attended and are planning to conduct all of the demonstrations in May and June.

Two more leader-training meetings have been held since July for the purpose of making aluminum trays and for learning various things about clothing. The clothing specialist, Miss Iva Byrd Johnson, came to Farmville and held a meeting in August on "Alterations" and "Covering of Buttons and Buckles". Approximately fifteen leaders attended the all-day meeting and obtained printed material they could use in giving the demonstrations. All of the clubs in the county but three had leaders who gave their own demonstrations in October and November.

A leaders training meeting on "Making Aluminum Trays" was held in Cumberland in October and the agent and several club leaders from Prince Edward were invited to attend. Eight volunteer leaders were present along with the agent and these eight women and the agent are planning to hold a leaders training meeting in this county in December to teach the other leaders of the county.

The Federation Goal leaders have spent about

fifteen minutes at each club meeting on the topic that was planned for that month on the Federation Goals Program. Of the ten clubs, seven have followed up their federation subject for the year and the members said they derived a great deal of pleasure from it.

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1. Organizational

Each of the six clubs had the following officers: President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, reporter and one or two song leaders. There were thirty-nine junior organizational leaders. These leaders received training at the County Council meeting in December on how to conduct meetings and perform their duties. The club presidents were given instructions in one group, vice-presidents in another, secretaries in another, reporters in another and song leaders in another group. Very noticeable improvements in the way the meetings were conducted was noted as a result of this training received by the club officers. These officers conduct all the regular monthly club meetings. They also form the county council and planned the goals for the year.

The club leaders have functioned well as a result of the training given them in the 4-H

County Council Meetings, but more time needs to be spent with the 4-H presidents and vice-presidents especially concerning parliamentary procedure in order to avoid a loss of time at club meetings. The secretary-treasurer has been given a book in which he or she keeps their records from meeting to meeting, and then the reporter can get his facts for the newspaper from the secretarial book without any trouble. The song leaders were given about five minutes at each meeting to either teach the members a new song or else sing one or two familiar songs. The song leaders also act as game leaders.

2. Project leaders.

Seven leaders are serving the 4-H clubs. These were trained both individually and in small groups. These leaders will meet with all the clubs in May and will make plans for the summer meetings. They will assist in planning Rural Life Sunday programs, recreational programs during the summer and with planning and preparing the exhibits at the Five County Fair and the Lynchburg Farm Show.

Junior project leaders have been elected for the 4-H clubs as well as having adult leaders, and these six junior leaders, one for each club, assist the adult leaders in seeing that the members are reminded of the materials they might

need for a demonstration ~~Or~~ in the keeping of records for the projects from month to month. This gives more members an opportunity to have a part in carrying on the work of their club besides their individual contribution. One junior project leader, Judy Odham of Elce, showed how well this functioned this past year.

Growth of Home Demonstration Club Project Leadership

	1948	1949	1950
No. project leaders and goal chairman	39	47	73
No. training meetings held			
By Specialist	5	5	7
By Agent	12	5	2
Attendance at all training meetings	69	81	108
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	53	46	42
No. club meetings at which leaders assisted	21	26	40

Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership

	1948	1949	1950
No. adult project leaders	60	5	7
No. junior project leaders	3	2	1
No. training meetings held			
By Specialist	0	0	1
By Agent	10	5	1
Attendance at leader training meetings	21	20	43
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	10	5	7
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	20	6	1
No. club meetings at which leaders assisted	32	28	47
No. demonstrations given			
By leaders	26	7	7
Adult	20	4	7
Junior	6	3	0

X. Work in Cooperation With Other Agencies

1. Farmers Home Administration

The home agent has worked with one of the members of this agency in the use of the pressure-cooker gauge tester. Mr. Don Spencer who visits many of the rural homes has taken the cooker-tester with him on many of his visits to help the housewives in their efficiency of canning. There were quite a few requests coming to Mr. Spencer and the home agent this summer by homemakers who wished to have their cookers regulated for better results.

2. Virginia Farm Electrification Council

Extension Service cooperated with the Virginia Electrification Council this fall in an "Electric Range Field Study" conducted with people of farm homes. The purpose was to obtain information on how electric ranges were performing and holding up under operation and how well the homemakers liked their ranges. This study was also designed to find out what changes women would like on their stoves. The homemakers, both club members and non-club members of Prince Edward County were very interested in the questions asked and were quite cooperative in answering the questions. Six surveys were made by the home agent and five of the six families interviewed

lived on the farm. One survey was made of a non-farm family to see if there were any differences in the use of the ranges of which there did not seem to be any noticeable contrast.

II. Significance of the Year's Work

The help from this past year's program has already been explained through April, and from July through November the feeling is the same. The clubs have benefited to a great extent from such demonstrations as "Window Treatment", "Selecting and Hanging Pictures" and "Covering Buttons, Buckles and Belts" to mention three on this year's plan of work. An example of how the program contributed to better principles of homemaking can be shown by the incidents given previously in this report of Mrs. Deeg and Miss Mary Dupuy in their request for help on draperies. They wanted to do just as they had learned in the demonstration on "Window Treatments" concerning the selection of fabric and colors and the hanging of the draperies. This shows that they had changed their ideas about certain principles.

Better rural living has been accomplished too as one or two families have included bedrooms, and rearranged their kitchens as a result of the "Sewing Time and Energy" demonstration given. Seven four or five families are buying home freezers and have asked for bulletins on the selection of this equipment. Requests have often come from rural neighbors who are not club members, but who say, "My friend who is a member of one of the home demonstration clubs has recommended that I come and ask for some advice or bulletins about home freezing."

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This program is being extended all the time and reaches many people it would not do otherwise through the use of the radio, newspaper and fairs. There have been two requests recently from certain sections of Prince Edward County to have an unorganized home demonstration meeting once or twice to find out more about the program which may lead into the organization of two more clubs.

The people have also improved in their willingness to try new ideas and their desire to carry on meetings in the absence of an agent. All but two of the clubs continued their meetings through May and June without the assistance of a regular agent and actually performed the demonstrations. The members of these clubs have also improved in that they wish to help families who do not have any contact with the clubs and who really need help. The adult club members in their program for 1950 have decided to help 4-H club members too by showing more interest in the youth work than has been previously done, and this has already been started by three-fourths of the home demonstration clubs presenting their United Nations Flags to schools. A feeling of unity is being developed whereas before, the 4-H clubs functioned alone and the home demonstration clubs functioned separately. The projects of clothing and foods that the 4-H members took have contributed very much for the young girls in that they will know how to do these things which will help them in establishing their own homes as

well as using them in their parent's homes. One mother made the remark, "My daughter taught me how to make this salad and we use it quite often. She learned how to make it through her 4-H club at school." The 4-H members help their parents as well as their parents help them.

The Federation Goal program has contributed to this factor of unity as the making of the flags were really "Art in Daily Living". Much information and enjoyment has been derived from the flower shows, the music appreciation, the poems and the nature studies. The Federation slogan is "Beauty in Everyday Life"; and the women have felt there is beauty in the things that they see and hear practically every day, but do not have time to listen to.