

II. Publicity

- A. Radio
- B. Newspapers
- C. Associated Clubs

III. General Use and Maintenance

- A. Associates Clubs Sharing Responsibilities through Committee Work.

B. Plans for Professional Improvement.

1. Organized Study

a. Short Course

The home agent will attend training meetings, district and state extension conferences in order that she might be kept well informed and up-to-date on subject matter and policies to improve her work with the county people.

b. Schools

Any opportunity for further formal education benefits will be taken advantage of.

2. Reading Professional Books and Other Publications.

Among the professional publications I shall read are Journal of Home Economics, Forecast for Home Economists, and Extension Service Review.

3. Membership in Professional Organizations.

I plan to continue membership in Virginia H.E.A., A.H.E.A., V.H.D.A.A., and N.H.D.A.A.

4. Participating in Programs and workshops Planned by Other Organizations.

At anytime that it is desirable and convenient, I will attend programs and workshops of other organizations. I will continue membership in the Junior Women's Club of Loudoun County, and the Soroptimist Club of Leesburg, both women's civic organizations.

5. Planned Educational Trips

Educational trips will be taken when convenient.

C. In my opinion, the 4-H club program and its sponsorship of the development of the permanent 4-H fair grounds will be the most significant contribution to family living during this year.

This development will be promoted by this plan.

I. Organization

1. Committees

- a. Finance
- b. Building
- c. Home Economics

2. Parent Institution

Agent will take the opportunity to attend conferences and publicize those open to the public which are held at the Land-Grant College. Agent will support the institution to the most loyal degree possible using discretion always.

3. Elected and Appointed Officials

An annual report of the programs made in the county is given to the Board of Supervisors. Board members will be sent copies of the 4-H Newsletter, "Head, Heart, Hands, and Health." A representative from the Board will be invited to attend the annual 4-H County Council and other activities of major interest and importance.

4. Organizations

An effort will be made to cooperate with other civic and professional organizations within the county and surrounding area. Benefits of such cooperation often bring about a greater understanding of work with the county people.

5. Businesses.

Because of the untold benefits of businesses within the county received in the past the greatest cooperation possible will be given to maintain good public relations with those serving the county.

6. Mass Media Personnel

Through the homemakers columns and other news articles written by the home agent, information of interest to the general public will be made known. Also, the needs of the greatest number of people will be considered in planning all extension programs in the county. The radio station, WAGE, will also be used for publicizing the work of the Extension sponsored groups. Nine to 15-minute programs is allowed for the agricultural workers on each Monday of the month. The home agent will use one Monday each month for a 15-minute broadcast.

7. Other Agencies.

All the support possible in good taste will be given working with other agencies, such as the County Health Department, the Virginia Electric Power Company, Loudoun County Guidance Center, etc. The agents will help the agencies whenever possible and they will be called upon for their assistance when needed.

8. Families

All families requesting information available through Extension will be served if at all possible.

3. 4-H Club Leadership

	No. in 1959	Goal for 1960
No. Club Officers	127	127
No. adult project leaders	22	27
No. junior project leaders	8	12
No. result demonstrators	18	20
No. training meetings by specialists	0	1
No. training meetings by dist. agents	0	0
No. training meetings by agents	8	8
No. training meetings by members club dept.	0	1
No. training meetings by others	2	4
Total attendance at ldr. tr. meetings	145	160
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	22	27
No. club mtgs. held by ldr. w/out agent	44	40
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	0	4
No. demonstrations given by adult leaders	24	27
No. demonstrations given by junior leaders	75	80

B. Strengthening Leadership

Areas which need the greatest emphasis during the year for strengthened leadership are in training leaders for subject matter, Federation Program of Work and in publicity of the work of H. D. work in order to promote new ideas for accomplishments. In the 4-H leadership it is true that volunteer 4-H leaders need training in 4-H organization and subject matter fields.

Plans for reaching strengthened leadership include: additional home visits, more publicity of 4-H and H. D. work, training sessions for leaders and more demand for cooperation on the part of clubs to promote attendance at training meetings. Additional assistance will be asked for developing the Federation Program of Work. Publicity will be a means of putting before the public a better understanding of the functions of home demonstration clubs and 4-H clubs.

VI. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

A. Maintaining and Strengthening Good Public Relations With:

1. State Extension Organization

Assistance will be sought and cooperation given whenever work is planned and executed with specialists and officials of the Extension Service. County staff meetings will be held to coordinate the efforts of the staff itself.

In each of the above areas the agent will seek to inform the public about the home economics program sponsored by Extension.

Special interest subject matter meetings will be publicized so that persons desiring the information may receive it. It is hoped that those persons interested in H. D. club work may become more familiar with it. Club enrollment may be increased through this participation.

V. LEADERSHIP

A. Plan for Leadership

	<u>No. in 1959</u>	<u>Goal for 1960</u>
1. County program leaders.		
a. County Agricultural Extension Service Board	-----0	0
b. Youth Council	11	11
c. Home Economics Council	0	0
2. Home Demonstration Leadership		

	<u>No. in 1959</u>	<u>Goal for 1960</u>
<u>No. organizational leaders</u>	59	65
<u>No. project leaders (subject matter)</u>	105	108
<u>No. Federation program of work chairmen</u>	28	13
<u>No. program development leaders</u>	13	13
<u>No. result demonstrators</u>	16	20
<u>No. training meetings by specialists</u>	2	7
<u>No. training meetings by dist. agents</u>	2	1
<u>No. training meetings by agents</u>	2	2
<u>No. training meetings by others</u>	2	2
<u>Attendance at all training meetings</u>	160	185
<u>No. meetings held without an agent</u>	67	60
<u>No. meetings leaders assisted</u>	67	65
<u>Demonstrations by leaders</u>	29	35
<u>Talks and discussions by leaders</u>	74	80

8. Picnic

A countywide 4-H picnic will be planned for the summer.

9. Rural Life Sunday

The 4-H Honor Club will sponsor the countywide program to commemorate this day. Four-H'ers will be in charge of the entire program. They will plan it and finance whatever speaker or program is necessary.

10. State Short Course

Delegates will be sent to Short Course from each senior club as far as the quota allows. Delegates will not go, if some leader is not available to travel with group.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

	<u>No. in 1959</u>	<u>Goal for 1960</u>
No. H. D. Clubs	12	13
Membership	302	315
No. H. D. Groups (unorganized)	0	3
Membership	0	45
No. of 4-H clubs	19	19
Membership	485	542
No. YFW Clubs	0	0
Membership	0	0
No. Community Clubs	0	2
Membership	0	67
No. Home Ec. Committees	0	1
Membership	0	10
No. General Interest Committees	1	1
Membership	8	8
No. Youth Committees	1	1
Membership	11	11
No. Other Organizations	2	2
No. Farm & Home Development Families	0	1
No. other families reached	252	300
No. different families reached	802	810

A greater need for contacting more families through home visits is seen and it will be the objective to reach as many of these as can be outside the routine meeting schedule and requests for information.

B. Plan for Publicity on Extension Home Economics Program.

1. Radio
2. Newspapers
3. Home Visits
4. Exhibits
5. Lectures
6. SPECIAL OPEN MEETINGS

C. Other Activities.

1. Achievement Night

Outstanding 4-H members will be recognized at this meeting which is a time for summarizing accomplishments. County medals will be given, banner clubs recognized and Honor Club candidates will be tapped. If there are no local conflicts this meeting will be held during National 4-H Club Achievement Week.

2. Camp

Four-H club members will attend the week long district camp at Powell's Fort Valley. Leaders will accompany the group. The camp will be the highlight of the summer activities and will provide a program of recreational, social and educational value.

3. Community Projects

Each club will be encouraged to complete some community project, not including monetary donations. This is a goal set up by the county council. Choice of the project will be left to the club and local leaders.

4. Conservation Camp.

Delegates to the Conservation Camp will be selected from Honor Club members.

5. Contests

Loudoun girls will put forth their best efforts to exhibit outstanding work and good sportsmanship in their contest participation. County contests will be held for junior and senior members. Share-the-Fun and Public Speaking meetings will be held.

6. County Council Banquet

The Arcola Senior Club will be host to the Annual County Council Banquet. Four-H officers, leaders, and especially interested persons will be invited to the meeting. A special program will be held and followed by a business meeting.

7. 4-H Fair

The Loudoun County 4-H Fair, planned by a Fair committee will feature exhibits of all types of project work. Adding special interest will be club exhibits of floats and booths. The cooperation of leaders, businessmen, home demonstration clubs, and 4-H members combined will make possible this event. The fair creates widespread interest in 4-H club work. The fair will be held on the 4-H Fairgrounds. The 4-H members will help adults raise the necessary funds for constructing the auditorium in time for the 1960 Fair.

Notes on Results, Adjustments and Accomplishments.

Project: Looking Your Best.

Topics to be Included.

1. Rate Yourself Chart
2. Care of hair-styling, brushing.
3. Making Quick Repairs
4. Hanging up clothes
5. Washing sweaters
6. Putting in hems
7. Care of hands and feet
8. Care of shoes

Number of clubs Involved.

Two Junior 4-H Clubs.

Goals.

1. Create an awareness for the need to examine one's self with the objective to improve posture, voice, cleanliness, etc.
2. To study improvements.
3. Have a better groomed group of girls in 4-H.

What the Members are to Learn.

1. Rating oneself to find where improvements are to be made.
2. How to brush and style hair, what type comb and brush is good.
3. How to sew on buttons, snaps, hooks and eyes and replace loose hems.
4. How to wash sweaters.
5. How to polish and care for shoes.
6. How to care for hands and feet.
7. How to hang up clothes properly.

Plans for Carrying Out Project.

1. A "How Do you Rate" check sheets will be used at the beginning and end of the project.
2. The agent, leaders, and club members will give demonstrations on the various parts of the project.

Project: So You'd Like to Sew

Topics to be Included.

1. Making a sewing box from a cigar box.
2. Equipping the sewing box
3. Making an apron.
4. Making a tea towel-Swedish Weaving
5. Making a laundry bag.

Number of Clubs Involved.

Six Junior 4-H Clubs

Goals.

1. To teach members the importance of and the essential equipment for a sewing box.
2. To help members learn basic clothing construction.
3. To teach members to keep good, accurate records.

What the Members are to Learn.

1. How to make a sewing box, using a cigar box and cotton fabric.
2. The essential equipment used in sewing.
3. The use of the sewing machine in making the apron and laundry bag.
4. The use of hand sewing in making the tea towel.
5. Learn to keep accurate records and hand in record to agent.

Plans for Carrying Out the Project.

1. Leaders and agent will give demonstrations and lectures on phases of project. Leaders will be trained by agent.
2. Clothing classes for exhibits will be available at the 4-H Fair.
3. Club exhibits will be held also.

Notes on Results, Adjustments, and Accomplishments.

Plans for Carrying Out Project.

1. Local leaders will be trained to help agent conduct project. Leaders will help teach how to give demonstrations.
2. Each member will be encouraged to complete the requirements for her project.
3. Conduct county contests for juniors and seniors. Two sets of judges will be secured in order that contests be completed in a minimum amount of time.
4. Set up exhibits of food at the 4-H Fair.

Notes on Results, Adjustments, Accomplishments.

6. Project Planning Committee

Another effort will be made to use a committee composed of all 4-H club delegates to help select summer and winter projects to offer to 4-H girls.

7. County 4-H Leaders Association

An effort will be made to organize an leaders association. Much could be derived from it such as the securing of new leaders and a better understanding of the responsibilities and uses of the 4-H leader. Leaders will be encouraged to go to and participate in the state conference at Natural Bridge and Blacksburg.

B. 4-H Project Work

Project: Meal Preparation

Topics to be Included.

Table Setting
Menu Planning
Characteristics of Good Cookies
Congealed Salads
Biscuit Making
Meat Loafs
Cooking Vegetables

Number of Clubs, Groups, Involved.

4 Senior Clubs
7 Junior Clubs

Goals

1. Help members acquire acceptable techniques in handling foods.
2. Help members learn how to prepare foods well.
3. Teach members how to give a demonstration.
4. Teach members proper table setting and service.
5. Teach members to plan meals which meet nutritional standards.
6. Help members keep accurate records.

What the Members are to Learn.

It will be the objective of the agent and volunteer leaders to help members learn those things which are listed above under goals.

III. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - YOUTH

A. Organization

1. County Youth Council

The presently organized youth council will continue to function as a guiding group for the benefit of the Extension Staff and for the development of the youth program of the county. Representatives of the council will be from various sources such as adult project and organizational leaders, junior leaders, county council, All Stars, school board, and parents of 4-H members.

2. County Youth Committee

The executive committee of the 4-H County Council will serve to coordinate the affairs of County Council and to make decisions necessary between the two annual meetings.

3. County 4-H Council.

All officers of the nineteen 4-H clubs are members of the council. As an organization it will be responsible for promoting the county 4-H picnic, 4-H Fair, Achievement Night, and the District Camps.

Two business meetings will be held during the year, one of which will be devoted to training officers and the other will be at a banquet meeting. The council sets up a score card based on the chosen county goals and is used to determine the banner junior and senior 4-H clubs of the county. This council is responsible for the planning of the major activities of the year for the 4-H clubs.

4. All Stars

The Loudoun Chapter of 4-H All Stars will cooperate with 4-H activities such as camp, serving and acting as leaders, Four-H Fair, and honor club dances. It will be their objective to make each of these activities function more smoothly and more successfully. As an organized group, they will hold at least two meetings during the year.

5. 4-H Honor Club

The Honor Club will endeavor to strengthen the 4-H club program, develop leadership, and promote recreational activities. Delegates to the Conservation Camp will be selected from the Honor Club members. The club will plan the observance of National 4-H Club Sunday. Each member will select and carry out an individual pledge or goal as a recognized part of junior leadership.

The district meeting will be held in Front Royal, Warren County.

4. Achievement Day

One day will be set aside for H. D. Club members to summarize the year's work. Opportunities will be provided for exhibiting articles made and things learned from the club program. A special program will be planned to encourage better homemaking.

5. Judging

The county-wide meeting for instruction on "What to Look for in Fair Exhibits" should train additional leaders for judging.

6. Publicity

As much publicity as possible will be given home demonstration club work through the local paper and radio station. More of the clubs will be asked to use a publicity chairman. The county publicity chairman will be given an opportunity to coordinate the news of the H. D. Clubs.

D. Plans for Urban Families in the County.

As the Northern Virginia area becomes more urbanized it is expected that more families will be settled in urban areas of the county. Requests for information will be filled when necessary and when possible. Persons interested in the H. D. clubs program will be invited to attend the sessions. Publicity will be available from the radio and newspaper when open meetings are given which might help to answer questions of the urbanized families.

E. Farm and Home Development.

When the need arises, or requests are received for farm and home management, assistance will be given. A greater effort will be made to fill these requests which require individual attention.

C. Other Activities

1. County Objectives

1. Pay State, and County dues, Pennies for Friendship, Health, Fund, and fees for Yearbooks on time.
2. Have at least one leader at training meetings and at least one leader at H. D. committee meetings.
3. Have two or more all-day meetings during the year to work on projects of interest to the club.
4. Have two active members to assist with the 4-H Fair and to support 4-H work as needed.
5. Carry out a definite project in the Federation Program of Work.
6. Carry out a definite project in the Federation Program of Work.
7. Have club program development leader report accomplishments to county program development leader by October 1.
8. Increase attendance in clubs and stress use of yearbooks.
 - A. Each member invite non-members to meetings as visitors.
 - B. Make programs more educational and interesting rather than just social.

County objectives will be used to strengthen the Home Demonstration program as each of the 12 clubs make an effort to achieve the eight goals and to be recognized as a standard club. Clubs will be checked at intervals during the year on their programs toward the goals.

2. National Home Demonstration Week

A special effort will be made to increase interest in the work of the home demonstration clubs through newspapers publicity, teas, exhibits, displays, high school teas, membership drives, radio broadcasts, etc.

3. District and State Federation

A good county representation will be the goal for the women of this area to attend the District and State meetings. The value of these meetings is in the inspiration given delegates to build a better local program and in the realization that they are part of a large and active organization.

Goals

It is the desire of the club members to create an awareness among the people of the communities that certain topics need to be discussed and stimulated. Better communities result from properly informed and prepared people.

What People are to Learn

The homemakers are to learn how to administer direction for sharing responsibilities in the household, and the type of adult guidance needed by youth. The various safety measures to know with the use of electrical and power driven equipment and practical preparation for emergencies will be studied and promoted.

Plans for Carrying Out Program and Measuring Results

Assistance for training leaders will be secured from capable persons trained in the fields of sociology, law, guidance, safety, etc. Each leader will devote 10 minutes at each club meeting toward emphasis of some phase of the program.

Notes on Results, Adjustments, and Accomplishments.

Special Emphasis - Federation Program of Work - Family Life

Problem

The county-wide Federation Program of Work chosen was Family Life for this year. It is a timely subject and one which all members thought could hear another year's emphasis on the club program.

Topics to be Included

A. Encourage Family Togetherness:

1. Have participation of members and their families in one planned activity together as a family at least once a week.
2. Each club member relate the activity to other members at a specific club meeting.
3. Have a club get-together for family members.
4. Each homemaker get family cooperation with sharing responsibility and carrying out one household duty.

B. Promote Safety Measures for Family Members:

1. Study and practice safe measures to follow in use of electrical and power driven equipment. Know poisonous materials and how to store them out of reach of children.
 - a. Every member make a check of the home and surroundings for safety hazards and remove at least two of them.

C. Know Everyday Emergency Measures:

1. Every member study the essentials for everyday emergencies and make suitable preparations to meet the needs in the event of accidents or emergencies.

D. Adult Guidance:

1. Adults make a greater effort to understand youth and study ways of discussing youth situations together.
 - a. Conduct a "clearing house" for club members and youth.
 - b. Club members discuss typical case situations.

Members of clubs Involved.

12 H. D. Clubs

Special Emphasis - What to Look For in Fair Exhibits.

Problem

The quality of fair exhibits desired is of question to those who exhibit or those who have never exhibited at either the local 4-H Fair or other fairs. What the judges look for is of continual question to the exhibitors.

Topics to be Included.

Qualities to look for in baked goods, frozen foods, canning, clothing, and household articles on exhibit at a fair will be discussed and questioned.

Member of Groups Involved.

1. County-wide meeting to include invitation to all H. D. members and 4-H leaders.

Goals.

To improve the quality of fair exhibits, and satisfy the exhibitor as to the judge's decisions.

What People are to Learn.

Qualities to look for and qualities to prepare in articles for exhibit.

Plans for Carrying Out Programs and Measuring Results.

Specialist assistance will be secured for instructions at a county-wide meeting on the topics to be included. Members will be asked to bring items to be used for judging.

Notes on Results, Adjustments and Accomplishments.

Subject Matter or Special Emphasis Area - Clothing

Problem

Homemakers who sew or those who do not desire assistance on sewing machine operation and cleaning. A wide spread group of requests for simple sewing instruction has prompted a program for community gatherings to receive this instruction.

Topics to be Included.

Sewing Machine Operation and Cleaning and Simple Sewing Construction.

Number of Clubs or Groups Involved.

Twelve H. D. Clubs (Machine Operation)
Three community groups (Simple Sewing)

Goals.

Homemakers desire to understand the sewing machine and the use of its attachments. They are also seeking the construction of garments for themselves and their families.

An evaluation of time spent in sewing, an appreciation of skills necessary to simple sewing and a satisfaction of creation of garments will be only a few of the goals on the agenda.

What People are to Learn.

Operation of the sewing machine
Use of attachments
Cleaning the machine
Simple Sewing Construction

Plans for Carrying Out Program and Measuring Results.

The agent will receive instruction to train homemakers on the operation and cleaning of sewing machines. The agent will conduct the simple sewing construction classes in the communities where requested.

Notes on Results, Adjustments and Accomplishments.

Subject Matter - Home Management.

Problem.

With the rapid changes of the developing area and the increasing number of homemakers working outside the home there were many requests for a study of time and energy savers in homemaking.

Topics to be Included.

Time and energy savers in homemaking should cover space savers, arrangements of equipment, comfortable heights of equipment, and a study of the homemaker's time and what the time is to be saved for.

Number of Clubs Involved.

Twelve H. D. Clubs

Goals.

Homemakers have some definite things for which time and energy is to be saved. A study of this should reveal these reasons.

What People are to Learn.

Aside from learning to evaluate their time, homemakers should learn the best ways to arrange their time planning and scheduling their time for the things they have to do and the things they want to include in a day's events and some of the energy saving techniques to be practiced.

Plans for Carrying Out Program and Measuring Results.

A V.P.I. specialist will train leaders and leaders will present this information to club members. A satisfaction from jobs done with more ease and less energy should bring about the results desired.

Notes on Results, Adjustments, and Accomplishments.

Subject Matter - Household Furnishings.

Problem

Cleaning, finishing and caring for hardwood floors in the house is of particular interest to all homemakers. Many of them are living in homes older than ten years and the maintenance of hardwood floors has brought about a need for information on restoring the quality of these floors.

Topics to be included.

How to clean, how to finish and refinish and the daily and routine care of hardwood floors will be the items to be discussed and learned.

Number of clubs Involved.

Twelve H. D. Clubs.

Goals

Houses of the club members will have well cared for floors and restored quality in the floors. Useful and economical techniques for caring for the floors will be given.

What People are to Learn.

The value of well-cared for floors, the best methods of restoring hardwood floors, and the daily and routine care of floors are items to be learned by today's homemakers.

Plans for Carrying Out Program and Measuring Results.

The agent will be trained by the V.P.I. specialist. The agent will undertake to present the information to the homemakers in their clubs on the subject discussed above.

Notes on Results, Adjustments, and Accomplishments

Subject Matter - House Furnishings

Problem

Homemakers have been requesting instructions for making slipcovers. They want this information so that they may make their own and avoid the high costs of custom work. Also, the selection of fabrics will be a greater satisfaction to the homemakers who select coordinating fabrics for the slipcovers.

Topics to be Included.

The actual construction of slipcovers will be taught. Fabric selection has been covered in previous programs but any assistance requested will be given where necessary.

Number of clubs Involved.

Twelve H. D. Clubs

Goals

Homemakers will construct chair or sofa slipcovers for themselves or others. Actual construction will be the aim of the instruction given.

What People Are to Learn

Actual construction instructions will be given on making slipcovers and it is hoped that the homemakers will learn this well enough to make slipcovers for their own furniture or to teach others the construction.

Plans for Carrying Out Program and Measuring Results.

A combined leader and agent training conducted by V.P.I. specialists or well-informed agents will serve to obtain sufficient instruction on this topic. Leaders will be used to conduct the sessions on this topic within their respective H.D. clubs.

Notes on Results, Adjustments, and Accomplishments.

Homemakers will be given an opportunity to exhibit baked goods at the 4-H Fair. Results will be measured by the members participation and interest shown at club meetings.

Notes on Results, Adjustments, and Accomplishments.

Subject Matter Area - Food and Nutrition

Problem

Requests for preparation of unusual quick breads came from homemakers who work outside the home and whose families desire hot breads for their meals. Party snacks and party sandwiches were requested because some new ideas are needed for the many teas and coffee hours and other entertaining done by the home demonstration clubs and as individuals. Meringues and their uses were requested, because of the problem many homemakers have with making a good meringue. Other uses for meringues were asked for with the thought in mind that they may be used for desserts and party ideas. Making yeast breads and variations will answer the requests for homemakers who would like to learn the skills of making good yeast products.

Topics to be Included.

Unusual Quick Breads
Party Snacks and Party Sandwiches
Meringues and Their Uses
Making Yeast Breads and Variations

Number of Clubs Involved.

Twelve H. D. Clubs

Goals.

Changes which may be brought about may be the making of better breads, the making of new breads, party ideas and meringues and an increased skill and liking for these items.

What People Are to Learn.

Homemakers will be learning new ideas for foods, the development of new skills or improved skills for preparing these foods. They will be developing a greater appreciation for baked goods, the nutritional value of breads, and the variations of party food ideas.

Plans For Carrying Out Programs and Measuring Results.

Written information derived from V.P.I. specialists will enable the home agent to present sufficient information to home demonstration club members on making unusual quick breads.

The food specialist will train leaders for developing meringues and making yeast breads and variations. The leaders will relay this information to their respective club members.

Notes on Results, Adjustments, and Accomplishments.

B. Subject Matter of Special Emphasis Area - Color and Design for Braided Rugs.

Problem

Homemakers often seek some project in the line of craft work or homespun type of activity which renders results from hand work. Making braided rugs is one of these. For this year the clubs (eleven out of twelve) selected this after a number of requests for it in previous years. Beautiful rugs with high sale prices are exhibited each year at the Water Foundation. These clubs expressed a desire to learn to create this valuable article.

Topics to be Included.

The creation of braided rugs will be a new experience for some. Therefore, color, design, dyeing and preparing of materials and the construction of the rugs will be taught.

Number of Clubs, Groups or Committees Involved.

Eleven Home Demonstration Clubs

Goals

Homemakers receiving instructions on braiding rugs will be prepared to distinguish between well designed and poorly designed rugs in the areas of color, design and construction. A deeper appreciation of the craft and skill will be developed. A number of rugs should be available for exhibit at the 4-H Fair and at H. D. Achievement Day.

What People are to Learn.

1. How to prepare to make braided rugs.
2. What materials and equipment to use.
3. How to design a rug with respect to color, textures, proportionate sizes and placement in rooms.
4. How to construct the rug from beginning to end.
5. How to teach others to make the rugs.

Plans for Carrying Out Program and Measuring Results.

Leaders from each club will be trained to relay the instructions for making braided rugs to the members of their respective clubs. Specialist assistance from V.P.I. will be secured. Publicity will be given when groups are working on their rugs. Results will be measured by the number participating in the rug-making and by the number of exhibits during the year.

Many business firms and establishments have shown interest in and have given support to the 4-H club program. This interest in the youth program has helped to put 4-H club work on a sound basis. The permanent 4-H Fair Grounds has been a county-wide project involving the interest of farmers, homemakers, 4-H members and business establishments. It is the plan of the Loudoun 4-H Clubs and Associates, Inc. to build the two-story auditorium building on the grounds by Fair time in August. The most interested people in the county are behind this project pushing.

The county is served by two power companies, VEPCO and Tri-County. Again VEPCO will assist in conducting the 4-H Electric project for 78 members.

The Extension Staff will continue to cooperate with other business establishments and civic organizations of the county in order to maintain a sound public relations program.

II. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - ADULT

A. Organization

1. County Agricultural Extension Service Board.

There are no plans for setting up this Board as yet.

2. Home Economics Council.

There are no plans to establish a Council as such.

3. General Interest Committee.

Any committees necessary for general interest planning will be formed, if found necessary.

4. County Home Economics Committee.

The need for such a committee has not been felt by the H.D. Committee as yet. The home economics phase of the extension sponsored groups are represented on a home economics committee of the Loudoun 4-H Clubs and Associates, Inc.

5. County Home Demonstration Committee

The County Home Demonstration Committee is composed of such lay leaders as county H. D. officers, club presidents, program of work chairmen, and program development chairmen. The women representing the club women function as a planning and coordinating body. Two or more meetings of the County Home Demonstration Committee will serve as a planning session for the home demonstration program in the county. It will set goals toward which the clubs will work. The committee will also publish a yearbook, sponsor an adult Achievement Day, assist the 4-H club activities, and continue to raise funds for the 4-H Fair auditorium.

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I. COUNTY SITUATION

Loudoun County is an essentially agricultural county. Its families derive their income from dairy farm, beef cattle, swine, sheep, and poultry, and from the principal crops of corn, wheat, barley, and orchardgrass.

Forty percent of the county incomes are from wages and salaries of commuters to jobs in Maryland and Washington. Relatively high for the state, the median income is \$1902. The total population is 23,000 with half of this being rural farm and half rural non-farm families. With the changes being brought about by the Dulles International Airport of which the greater area is in Loudoun, it is expected that the population will increase and the areas now farm will be converted to industrial and residential.

Of the total female population, 24% are working away from home; therefore, the total enrollment for home demonstration clubs is decreasing. However, there is an increasing tendency for requests coming from non-members for help with problems in interior decorating, landscaping, and clothing construction. This is very pleasing to the agent and she will plan to increase the help given to these special interest requests.

The Waterford Foundation each year sponsors an exhibit at which craft articles which have been made locally are displayed and sold. This is one of the factors influencing a wide interest in crafts throughout the county. Thousands of people from near and far come to watch the making of apple butter, pottery, cutlery, chair canning, braided rugs, leather goods and numerous other items.

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