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111. County Situation as it Affects the 1952 Program

Madison County is a rural county, the chief occupation being farming. The income of the farmers come from small grain, beef cattle, dairy cattle and poultry. There are several small factories in the county as flooring plants, chicken coop, furniture and overall factories. The overall factory employs only women who otherwise would work out of the county. A number of men and women nearer Orange and Culpeper, are employed in factories and stores. The majority of the teachers employed in the county are residents and are homemakers. This outside employment of a large number of women, with their homemaking, causes interest in time saving demonstrations. More money is available and this has led to interest in making home improvements. The Madison people are quite thrifty, so they make as many improvements as possible, such as; wall papering, painting, refinishing furniture, upholstering, etc. This thrift means that they are also interested in knowing how to buy and care for their clothes wisely.

The latest figures show that 29% of farm dwellings need major repair, 81%, (this has been decreased considerably), are without running water in the homes, and a large number of the homes need more convenient kitchens and more storage spaces.

A large number of accidents occur on the farms and in the homes, and this led to a desire to cut down on this.

The Health Unit is relatively new in the County, so this has resulted in more health work being done by the clubs.

IV. Contributions of the Program to Better Living.

A HOUSING AND HOME IMPROVEMENT has been a long time goal and some in-

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terest continues to be shown in this. Two adult members have moved into new homes, 14 have done some remodeling and 4 have installed running water in the home. Assistance has been given these families by the Housing Specialist and Agent.

From a carry over of the floor sanding demonstrations of previous years, 44 floors were sanded and refinished by club members. One floor sanding demonstration was held with a 4-H member. Interest in floor improvement has been shown among adults, not members, and even though they did not see the demonstration, they have been influenced by the members in having their floors refinished. One leader has assisted several families in doing this. As a result of the program, a great deal of interest has been shown in other improvements in the home as, redecorating walls and woodwork, and the addition of 38 storage spaces for books, clothes, etc.

B. HEALTH is another long time goal. The clubs were instrumental in getting the Health Unit in the County in 1949 and since that time, they have worked closely with the nurse in the T. B. clinics, Children's clinic, the Dental clinic and the Nutrition program. The clubs have also solicited donors for the Bloodmobile bank.

C. Safety in the home, on the farm, and on the highways has been emphasized as so many accidents occur in these places. This was stressed in several of the meetings and 51 hazards have been removed.

D. Entertainment of a higher standard has been of interest to the Clubs. Due to their efforts, memberships were sold to enable the

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county to have a series of 3 Concerts. This drive was continued for a similar program in 1953.

E. YOUTH is one of the outstanding interests of adults and this was shown by the club members' willingness to serve as leaders, to attend camp, and contribute toward expense of some of the delegates to camp. The clubs sponsored "Youth Go to Church Services" in 7 communities, and provided a \$50.00 scholarship for a 4-H boy and girl who entered college.

F. LEADERSHIP among the adults for the Home Demonstration and 4-H programs continue to improve. The leaders take more interest in getting information and seem more willing to assume the responsibilities of carrying on the meetings in the absence of the agent.

G. TIME SAVERS in doing tasks around the home such as, laundry, ironing, and food preparation have meant much to the homemakers, as many of the members work away from home or take part in community activities.

H. 4-H CLUB members concentrated on Personal Laundry, and Room Improvement, and through these projects, they have begun to laundry and care for their own personal items and care for the room, thus relieving their mothers of the duties.

V. Adult Work

A. Project Work

1. Foods and Nutrition

Objectives:

1. To interest more families in making garden plans in order to get

more of a variety and have a year round garden.

2. ~~Use~~ ~~more~~ methods of food preservation and increase the amount of ~~food~~ preserved.
3. ~~Each~~ club member to help one family in the production and food ~~preservation~~ program.
4. ~~Con~~ ~~gate~~ interest in better balanced meals.
5. ~~To~~ learn of quicker and better methods of preparing foods.

1. A county Gardening meeting conducted by Mr. E. H. Scott and Mr. Bruce Aroian, Horticulturist Specialists from V. P. I, Blacksburg, was attended by 20 interested gardeners from different sections of the county. One of the highlights of the program was a panel discussion on which 4 gardeners in the County participated. The local locker and Farm Bureau gave door prizes. The information received was presented at the club meetings, published in the County paper and used over the radio. Literature on recommended varieties of seeds for planting were distributed and members were urged to plan their garden early for a good variety and to plan for a year round garden. Twenty-five bulletins on freezing, and canning were sent to non-club members upon request in addition to the ones given to club members. A few pressure cooker gauges were checked during the year. The agent attended a Frozen Foods demonstration given by Mrs. Mary Thompson, State Food Specialist, and while no demonstrations were given to the members on this, information was given to the people through the County paper, over the Radio and at the club meetings.

Club members have frozen 4956 pounds of vegetables, 4367 pounds

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fruits, and 10,952 pounds of meats. They have canned 15,073 quarts of vegetables, including tomatoes, 8,851 quarts of fruits, and 2,371 quarts of meat. This shows a small decrease as compared with the food preserved in 1951. Fifty-six of the club members have home freezers, and 58 use a community locker.

2. Food Preparation and Nutrition

A. Objectives

1. Create interest in better balanced meals.
2. To learn of quicker and better methods of preparing foods.

Three demonstrations on foods, including Low Cost Dishes, Meringues, and Basic Pie Fillings were given to all the clubs. Two of these demonstrations were given by 23 leaders who had been trained by the agent, who in turn had received explicit information concerning the training meeting from Mrs. Mary L. Thompson, State Food Specialist. The attendance at this training meeting was excellent. The leaders seemed very willing to give the demonstrations. Contacts with these leaders were made by the agent prior to the demonstrations. In each of the clubs along with the Low Cost dishes, stress was placed on the seven Basic Foods. The members have remarked on how interesting and helpful the demonstrations were and that they were preparing these dishes at home. They were especially interested in the Pie Filling, using the Master Mix, as so many were anxious for time savers in meal planning. Making of Meringues, also, appealed to them, as so many were having failures in this. A number of non-club members hearing about the recipes, have requested the same.

In cooperation with the Health Unit during Better Health week, Home

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Demonstration members prepared and served dried milk, the purpose being to introduce people to dried milk. Also, for their community Health program, one of the clubs contributed food for a booth which illustrated a well balanced day's menu.

3. Home Management

A. Objectives

1. To interest more women in keeping home accounts.
2. To stress time and energy savers in Laundry and Ironing.

While no one group concentrated on keeping home accounts, this was stressed at club meetings and 17 women have indicated keeping home accounts for 12 months. This will cause additional ones to do so another year.

Two club meetings were devoted to Laundry and Ironing, and these were given by 26 leaders. Miss Alverson, Home Management Specialist, trained the leaders for the Laundry demonstration and the agent for the Ironing demonstration, who in turn trained the leaders. At least 25 women have changed their laundry methods to save time and energy. Two of the leaders giving the ironing demonstration purchased adjustable boards. A number have made ironing board covers by recommended method.

4. Housing

A. Objectives

1. To decrease the per cent of houses needing major repairs.
2. To have housing specialists visit the County to give individual assistance on remodeling and adding storage spaces.
3. To interest families in installing water systems.

The housing specialists, Miss Mary Settle and Mr. Cecil Wheary, visited in the homes of 3 families to give house remodeling suggestions. These were also interested in getting water into the home, and Miss Settle was in the County for another day to give assistance in kitchen and living room remodeling, and also visits were made in two homes to see the work completed, following suggestions given in a previous year. Two families installed running water in the kitchen and 2 had bath rooms constructed.

Mrs. Wayne Jones, of Aroda, has a well arranged kitchen, as results of planning. The agent visited in this home to give help in arrangement of equipment and color combinations. Following suggestions, one window was lowered and one raised, the refrigerator was moved from around the corner to be in convenient line with the other equipment, the stove was moved from out of the corner, and with additional cabinets, the kitchen is U shaped. Mrs. Jones is very pleased with her kitchen and says it saves her many steps, and enables her to prepare meals in a shorter length of time.

One hundred and five major repairs are reported as having been completed by club members. Thirty-eight storage units have been built in. In the majority of the homes, where improvements have been made, meetings have been held and persons have had a chance to see the changes made.

5. House Furnishings

A. Objectives

1. Continue to create interest in floor sanding and the re-

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finishing of floors.

2. To improve furniture by refinishing, upholster, and caning.

3. Teach color harmony, selection of wall paper, rugs, and other furnishings.

While there were no floor sanding demonstrations held with the adult groups this year, (previously held in every community) a carry over was made from previous demonstrations. Forty-four rooms of club members were sanded and refinished. Quite a few non-club members have either sanded their floors, or had them sanded as a result of club members influence.

As a carry over from a demonstration in 1951 on interior painting, the walls and woodwork of 148 rooms were improved with wall paper or paint.

One refinishing furniture clinic was held at which time 4 pieces of furniture were refinished. These members, since the demonstration, have each refinished an additional piece. Seventy-one pieces of furniture have been refinished as indicated by club members.

As a carry over from the 6 slip cover demonstrations given in 1951, 103 slip covers have been made. The agent and 2 leaders attended an upholstery clinic conducted by Miss Ruth Jamison, House Furnishing Specialist. The agent and 1 leader have given individual assistance on upholstering. Nineteen pieces of furniture have been upholstered.

Three chair caning special interest meetings were held, at which time, 42 chairs were caned. Two additional chairs were caned by members following the meetings. Chairs were bottomed using Simonite material, and as a result of this phase, 30 chairs have been bottomed.

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The agent attended a Lampshade clinic conducted by Miss Ruth Jamison, House Furnishing Specialist. Following this, the agent conducted 2 of these clinics. Thirty-six lampshades were made. Mrs. Walker Hood has some outstanding work in this. She made 6 shades for her home, and 2 for her mother.

The correct type of lamps and shades, and the right amount of light in the home, was stressed by Mrs. Colleen Collett of the Northern Virginia Electric Power Company, when she gave this demonstration to 4 clubs.

The agent has given individual assistance to a number of ladies in the selection of wall paper. Timely information on House Furnishings has been presented over the radio and in the paper.

6. Clothing

A. Objectives

1. Keep women informed on clothing conditions in relation to clothing styles and materials available.
2. Have women learn the principles of wise buying and better care of clothing.
3. To create a desire among women to make more clothing.
4. Hold 1 tailoring school.

A demonstration on Better Care, and Wise Buying of clothes, was given in all of the clubs. Much interest was shown in this. One of the leaders after seeing the demonstration, gave it to another group. During the year, information on style trends and materials available, as prepared by Miss Iva Byrd Johnson, Clothing Specialist, was presented at club meetings and over the radio.

As a result of the Better Cotton Clinics held in 1951, reports show that 151 better cotton dresses were made, this year.

One tailoring clinic was held for 3 ladies. From those held in previous years, some results are noted as 63 tailored garments were made.

7. Crafts

A. Objectives

1. Develop an appreciation in Art, a sense of Color Harmony, and the proper use of articles.

One meeting was devoted to Craft principles at which time, emphasis was placed on selection of pattern in relation to article and color harmony. Following this, an all day meeting was held in each club and in two unorganized groups. Improvement was noted in the stenciled articles over those of former years. Two hundred and thirty-eight articles were decorated with textile paint. Along with the textile painting, was the painting of tile to be used on the wall, or on the table for hot dishes, or to rest flower containers on. The ladies were extremely interested in this, as it was something entirely new. Two clubs had additional meetings for this. More than 75 of these tiles were decorated. The agent had been trained by Miss Catherine Perry, Rural Art Specialist, for the Textile painting. Also, Miss Perry held a chair decorating workshop for the agents. Following this, the agent assisted one family with ~~the~~. This phase of work will be continued in the 1953 pro-

8. Lawn Improvement

A. Objectives

- 1. Have specialist hold one club meeting on Lawn Improvement and give individual assistance on this.
- 2. Publish timely information in newspaper on Care of Lawns and Shrubbery, and present material of interest to the public on the radio.

Mr. Albert Beecher, Horticultural Specialist, visited 7 homes and gave individual instructions on Lawn Care and Shrubbery. Two of these have made some of the recommended improvements. A club meeting was held at one of these homes, and information was presented over the radio 2 times on Care of Lawns and Shrubbery.

B. Other Activities

1. Safety and Health

A. Objectives

- 1. To remove hazards in the home, on the farm and on the highways.
- 2. To improve the health of the county through health discussions, films and clinics.

The County Health nurse, Mrs. Smith, attended the County Home Demonstration Planning meeting, and she brought out ways in which the clubs might cooperate with the Health Unit. From these suggestions and others, the Health and Safety goals were as follows:

1. Devote January meeting to Safety and Health.
2. Have each club cooperate with the Health and Safety program by:
 - a. At two meetings during the year, have short talks on health and safety with a State Trooper at one meeting stressing safety on the highways.
 - b. At end of year have each member report her accomplishments on the Federation Goals.
3. Contribute to at least 3 of the following:
 - a. Health Committee
 - b. T. B.
 - c. Cancer
 - d. Infantile Paralysis
4. Cooperate with Health nurse in two of the following:
 - a. Pre-school clinic
 - b. Contribute to Loan Closet
 - c. Federation Chairman leave name, phone number, and address for reference in health office.
 - d. Cooperate with the County Health committee program.
5. Each club member have a T. B. X-ray during the year.

Each club had a chairman to see that the above objectives were carried out. This chairman submitted a report of accomplishments to the County Goals chairman twice during the year.

At the beginning of the year, Mrs. H. R. Linkins, from the Virginia Electric Power company, showed 3 films to the groups - one dealt with Fire Safety, and the other two, with Food and Nutrition. At the March

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meeting. State Police attended each of the clubs and discussed Highway Safety. Both the films and the Highway Safety programs were most informative. As a result of the discussions on fire and accident prevention, 45 hazards were removed.

The clubs made contributions to such organizations as Cancer, T. B., Infantile Paralysis, and Health Unit, totaling \$87.50. The club members made individual contributions and assisted with collecting for these drives in their communities. Pre-school clinics were held, and members, in a rotating system, assisted with these clinics. One member, Mrs. D. S. Lewis, assisted with a monthly clinic for the year.

The Home demonstration clubs, jointly with the Health Unit, and T. B. Association, sponsored the County X-ray clinic, at which time, 1050 persons were X-rayed. Additional help along the health line, was the refilling of first-aid kits in 4 schools.

Two first-aid courses were sponsored by the Elly, Rochelle, and Radiant clubs. Thirty were enrolled in these classes, and 25 received certificates. These courses were held at the community schools. In the Rochelle school building, no school is held, so in order to have the meeting in a public place convenient to a greater number of people, the Rochelle club paid to have the lights turned on, and also the monthly light bill. They also provided a stove and chairs for the comfort of the class.

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There is a Health Committee in the county of which the Health Unit is a part. The federation chairmen of the clubs serve on this committee along with other people in the county. This committee had as an objective the Dental clinic. This was quite a success. Because of the great number of children having cavities, it was thought advisable to have an educational program and a concentrated program went on for a month, and ended with Better Health week. Climaxing this, was Health Day at one of the county schools. On display were rats which had been fed good diets, and poor diets by the children at various schools over the county. One of the clubs furnished foods to illustrate a good diet. Other members made fluid milk from the dry and served it at this county function. During this Health week, there were radio programs, and $\frac{1}{4}$ of the adult club members appeared with the agent to discuss nutrition.

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2. Youth

4. Objectives

1. Have Home Demonstration member to be 4-H leader of each club.
2. Sponsor "Youth Go To Church Service".
3. Provide scholarships for furtherance of the education of a 4-H Senior Boy and Girl.

Twenty of the 21 4-H leaders are Home Demonstration club members, and

they have been most interested in this work. They have kept the Home Demonstration clubs informed as to what is going on in the 4-H clubs.

The clubs have cooperated with the 4-H clubs in serving dinners and other work. Two of the Home Demonstration clubs helped to pay the expenses of 2 delegates to camp.

For the past several years, a \$50.00 scholarship has been awarded a senior boy and girl having done creditable work, and who plan to continue their education. This was done this year, but to a 4-H senior boy and senior girl.

The clubs have made plans to sponsor "Youth Go to Church Services". A representative from each club met with the ministers of the county to make plans for the services. These services will be held in 6 churches in December.

3. Recreational Activities

A. Objectives

1. Sponsor a series of Concerts under the auspices of the Virginia State Guild Orchestra.
2. Each club have some type of social or outing during the year.
3. A social Get-to-gether of all Home Demonstration members of the county.

The clubs were not interested in making money from the concerts of the Virginia Orchestra Guild, but in bringing better type of entertainment to the county. Heading the Madison Chapter, was a chairman and two co-captains. These, with their workers, put on the membership drive in 1951

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for the concerts in 1952. The programs were quite enjoyable, and so much so, that the Chapter was reorganized, and another series of concerts will be enjoyed in 1953. A reception was held following the last concert and punch and cookies were furnished by the clubs.

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Each club had a planned social activity, some in the form of Christmas parties and others in outings and picnics.

The social get-together of the Home Demonstration clubs brought out 135 members. Each club brought sufficient food for its members and all of this was put together and served buffet style. Following a delightful supper, recognition was given to the club presidents and leaders. A short musical program closed the social event. A number of the ladies have asked that we have another such next year, as it is such an enjoyable occasion.

The club sponsored a trip to places of interest in Washington, D. C. Forty-five ladies went on this trip.

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4. Library

The county Library was started as a Federation project in 1937 and the clubs have continued to be interested in the progress. Each club contributed \$6.00 per year to the library for the purpose of buying books. The library has 3408 volumes, and this was an increase of 200 over last year. Library books are taken to the clubs during the winter months, so that a greater number of people might have an easy access to the library. This has resulted in a wider circulation of books.

5. Community Building

A. Objectives

1. Continue to improve the kitchen by purchasing a covering for the floor and other needed equipment.

The kitchen in the County building has been furnished by the Home Demonstration clubs, and as the years have gone by, a few improvements have been made. Two were made this year, and they were the purchase of a hot water heater with some assistance from the County and linoleum for the kitchen floor. The Madison club purchased material for stage curtains in the auditorium, and members have made these. The auditorium and connecting kitchen are used by all organizations in the county.

6. Federation Meetings.

A. Objectives

- 1. Interest at least 50 members in attending the District Federation meeting and 10 in attending the State meeting.

Thirty-seven club members attended the District meeting held in Manassas. Mrs. S. C. Morgan gave the response to the welcome. The County chairman, Mrs. Billy Mahanes, gave an excellent report of accomplishments on the panel. The county contributed \$10.53 to the fund, "Pennies for Friendship", an increase of \$.47 over that of 1951. A report was given of the District meeting to the clubs by a member.

Four ladies representing different clubs attended the State Federation meeting. Part or all the expenses of each was paid by the club which they represented. Mrs. Jessie Gibbs represented the county, and had all of her expenses paid. These delegates gave good reports to their club and county committee.

7. Dinners Served

As a means of cooperation, and to add finances to the treasury, the clubs served dinners to agriculture groups and Lions' club. The Madison club served dinner to a group in the early spring, and all clubs went together to furnish lunch for those attending the Cattle Feed Demonstration Field Day. Eleven hundred plates consisting of sandwiches, pie, potato chips, and tea served. The donor of the lunch was the Purina Feed Company. Each club shared alike in the proceeds, as they furnished the same amount of food. The committee was given \$125.00, and each of the 11 clubs had \$60.00.

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8. National Home Demonstration Week.

A. Objectives

1. Have several ladies speak over the radio on club activities.
2. Publish in the paper activities of the clubs.
3. Decorate a window at the County seat showing the type of work done by the club members.

Posters concerning the observance of National Home Demonstration week were displayed in each community. A window in one of the stores at the County seat, was attractively decorated with tailored garments, re-finished furniture, clothing and crafts. Information concerning the work of the women including the assistance of leaders, was given over the radio and published in the local paper.

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VI. 4-H Club Work

A. Project Work

1. Personal Laundry

A. Objectives

1. Interest girls in Laundrying their personal articles and in using correct methods of doing this.
2. Have girls learn principles of ironing articles of different materials.

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One hundred and seven girls took Laundry as their project and the majority of these were the younger girls, so their project was limited mainly to personal laundry. Seven meetings were devoted to this, and during these meetings, demonstrations were given on washing socks, rayons, sweaters, removal of stains, ironing equipment, sprinkling of garments and ironing. In each of the junior groups, a number of the girls gave a short demonstration. In the senior clubs, a meeting was devoted to ironing demonstrations, and from these, the county winner, Barbara Herndon, was selected. She will compete in the area contest. A number of the parents were pleased that the girls were taking this as their project, as they could assist with the family laundry. Of the number taking the project, 77 did the required work to carry the project to completion.

2. Care of the Room

A. Objectives

1. To improve the appearance of the bedroom by the daily and weekly routines.
2. To make articles for the room which would provide a place for storage, thus improving the appearance.

Sixty-four members took this project and 49 completed the project. the girls learned the correct method of making the bed, cleaning the floor and wall, how to make a dustless dust cloth, and orderly arrangement of articles in drawers. They made 139 articles as; scarfs, laundry bags, and sock bags.

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3. Room Improvement

A. Objectives

1. To learn the principles of color scheme, correct accessories and use of accessories in the room.
2. To hold 1 floor sanding demonstration.

Twenty-seven girls took this as their project and 15 completed a unit. Fifty articles were made, refinished, restored or purchased by the girls. Through the project work, Lois Aylor selected the wall paper for her bedroom, the color for the woodwork, and a new suit of furniture. Her 5 year old brother seeing the interest which Lois had taken in her bedroom, became interested in having his fixed and as a result, an old bed was refinished, walls and woodwork painted, and new accessories purchased for his room. Kay and Annie V. Weaver have done the most outstanding work in home improvement. Last year, Annie V. sanded her floor, painted the walls and woodwork, and purchased blinds and curtains for her bedroom. This year, she has repainted her room, made a bedspread for her bed, re-arranged her furniture, and worked on her study unit. Because of Annie v.'s interest, her sister, Kay, became interested in her room and now Kay's mother says the next daughter is anxious to start on her room. The floor sanding demonstration was held in Kay's room and 6 girls were present, and assisted with the sanding and refinishing. Kay had previously painted the walls and woodwork in her room, and purchased curtains and a bedspread.

4. Clothing

A. Objectives

1. To teach the girls the principles of selection of pattern and material suitable for the individual, and the correct construction methods.

The clothing group was small this year with only 11 taking the project. Nine of these completed the required number of garments. Shorts, skirts, and dresses made numbered 32, and 3 additional garments were re-modeled. Mabel Beahn was again the County winner in the Style Revue, and will enter the Area Contest. Margaret Ann Estes has done more outstanding work in clothing than any other 4-H member. She has made a woolen coat, a plaid suit, a bride's maid dress in addition to clothes for school and work around the home. She also has made 2 dresses for her young sister. Margaret Ann will represent the county in the Clothing Achievement Area Contest.

5. Food Selection and Preparation

A. Objectives

1. To have the girls learn what constitutes a good meal and the correct methods of preparing certain foods.
2. The group prepare and serve a dinner.

Seven girls were enrolled in the Food Preparation project and all of these completed their project. These girls each gave a demonstration to their club. The parents were very pleased that their girls could prepare and serve certain dishes. As a culmination of their project, the group planned the menu, prepared and served a dinner to the boys and leaders of their club. Not only did they learn much from this project,

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but they seemed to have enjoyed it.

6. Food Preservation

A. Objectives

1. To help preserve the needed food for the family and to learn of the correct methods in order to have a good quality product.

Twenty girls took this as their project and 18 preserved the required amount of food to complete the project. Nine Hundred, and ninety quarts of food were canned and 400 pounds of food were frozen. the 5 leaders were trained by the agent and these leaders had charge of small groups of girls in their community.

7. Rural Electrification

A. Objectives

1. To interest girls in caring for electrical equipment in the home.
2. To have the girls learn how to wire lamps, pepair cords, and fix plugs.

For the third year, the County Honor club took as one of their objectives, to sponsor the Rural Electrification project. A committee consisting of Honor club members, an Agriculture Engineering Specialist from the Extension Service, a representative from 2 Power companies and the agent met to plan the program fro Unit 1 and 11. Sixteen girls were enrolled in the two projects and 12 of these completed the project. Three meetings were held for Unit 1 and 4 for Unit 11, and these were conducted

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by Mr. J. L. Colhoun, Agriculture Engineering Specialist, representatives from Northern Virginia Power Company and from the E. E. A.

The 4th. and 5th. meetings of these groups was in the form of a tour. Unit I members visited a home in an adjoining county using electricity in a great number of ways on the farm and in the home. Unit II boys and girls visited the Riverton Power Company near Front Royal. This tour was conducted by representatives from the Northern Virginia Power Company. The boys and girls were very much interested in these projects. Patsy James did the most outstanding work in this project and won the trip to the Rural Electrification Congress. Patsy had taken this project for two years and during this time, she had wired a number of lamps, repaired cords, replaced plugs and sockets, and cared for electrical equipment in her home. Patsy also gave a demonstration on wiring lamps to groups of 4-H members.

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B. Other Activities

1. National 4-H week.

A committee appointed by the County Council met with the agents to make plans for observing National 4-H week. Windows in stores of 2

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communities were decorated showing 4-H work. Posters were displayed in other communities. At the county seat, a banner was stretched across the street. This banner prepared by 4-H members, had the lettering "Join the 370 4-H members"-Observance Week- March 1-9. A radio program consisting of 5 boys and girls was broadcast from Orange. These boys and girls told of 4-H work in the county. Climaxing the observance week, was a program at the County High School. All 4-H members in the grades attended this program and the entire High School. Recognition was given All Stars, Honor Club members and Leaders. A film "County Fair" was shown, and this was followed with a talk by the District Farm Agent, Mr. Clarke. A drive was on to increase the enrollement, but no new members were added during the month of special observance.

C. Clipping

2. Youth Church Services

A representative from the Home Demonstration clubs met with the ministers to plan for services in 7 communities. The 4-H members have been encouraged to attend one of these services and take part on the program if called upon to do so. These services will be held the first of the new club year.

3. Camp and Short Course

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Nineteen 4-H girls, a leader, the trainee, and the agent attended 4-H camp at Holiday Lake. Two adults clubs paid part of the expenses of 2 4-H members. Eleven of the clubs sent a delegate, and in some cases, 2, to camp paying part of the expenses. The county council also had a delegate. These delegates made reports to their respective club.

C. Coffey

Four girls and an All Star, who served as leader, attended the State Short Course at Blacksburg. Three of the Senior clubs had a representative and paid a part of the expense. Virginia Aylor was taken into the State All-Star Chapter.

4. Recreational Features

A county picnic was held for all club members and parents under the sponsorship of the County Council. This was held at a pond in the county. Plans for this picnic had been made by a committee under the leadership of the trainee. Swimming, Fishing, and Games attracted the group. More than 100 members and parents were present. Each family brought sufficient food for their family and this was spread together. Everyone had fun.

9 Each of the Junior clubs had a picnic in the Spring, these being held during school hours in order that all members might attend. In each club, the leaders and committees were most efficient in planning for these socials.

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The Radiant Senior club has, as a group, gone on three bowling parties. All of the Senior clubs went in together and held an orchestra dance. The purpose of this was not to raise money, but to provide entertainment for the youth of the county. There was a small admission charge, but the amount was not sufficient to pay the orchestra, so each club contributed toward this. Sandwiches were furnished and sold by the members. Everyone seemed to have a good time and expressed themselves as desiring such more often.

5. Community Activities

Each of the clubs took as an objective, to assist a school in some way or another. Four of the clubs purchased a folding Bed to be used at the County High School for the sick. Two clubs furnished a pair, each, of sheets for the cot. Two clubs, each, contributed \$25.00 on toward the purchase of a piano. Other clubs bought play ground equipment, first-aid supplies and a picture for the school.

To make money to contribute toward these projects, and meet other expenses, the clubs sold hot dogs, held 2 bake sales, had a dance, had a tacky party, and sold extract. They, also, held two oyster suppers.

6. Achievement Program

A short achievement program was held in conjunction with the County Council. The clubs reported on their accomplishments. Awards were given and recognition was given to leaders and officers. Lois Aylor and Ann

Shotwell received medals for being two of the winners in Rural Electrification, recognition certificates were presented to 14 4-H members to become members in the County Honor Club.

VII. Young Women's Work

While there were no organized groups in the county, 32 young women were assisted directly, either through clubs or individually.

VIII. Scope of Work

	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. H. D. Clubs or Groups	11	13	12	13
Membership	230	237	232	246
No. 4-H Clubs	10	10	10	12
Membership	191	202	192	222
No. YMW Groups				
Membership				
No. of other families reached	750	849	727	646
No. of different families reached	1041	1188	1145	892
No. Community clubs				
Membership				

IX. Work of County Organizations

1. County Board of Agriculture

While the Board did not meet as one body, they met as committees to

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plan the program and to see that the plans are carried out.

B. County Home Demonstration Committee

The presidents and a few women at large, forms the main spoke in the wheel which causes the Home Demonstration program to move along. Twenty-four women make up this committee. Two meetings are held during the year; one to discuss progress of club work, and the other to plan the next year's work. Prior to the large meeting to plan the progress, the executive committee met to set up the program and review the suggestions as presented by the clubs for the coming year, and attend to certain business matters that would take time in the large group. This committee set up the Year Books, which the members now think are important items to have, assume the responsibility of sponsoring the Virginia Symphony Orchestra and series of concerts, have taken the initiative to improve the county auditorium and kitchen, send a delegate to the State Federation meeting at Blacksburg, and made plans for the National Observance week. A committee from this group made plans for the lunch served to the 1100 people at the Cattle Feed Demonstration.

C. County 4-H Project Planning Committee

This committee is made up of a representative from each of the 4-H clubs and the club leaders. Suggestions from each of these representatives, as coming from their club, were presented and discussed, and a decision was reached as to what projects to carry on in the county, and the

demonstration under each. Following this meeting, the leaders remained with the agent to set up the demonstrations by the month. This planned program was presented to the clubs by the Junior leaders at the September meeting.

D. County 4-H Council

The 4-H council has a membership of 60 boys and girls. The Honor club had as one objective, to have at least 60% of their members attend the council and the clubs' objective is for at least 2 members and leader to attend. By this, the attendance at the 2 meetings during the year, was quite good.

Committees, selected by the president, set up the objectives, program, and presents a state of officers. A committee from the council made plans for the National 4-H Observance week and also the County picnic. A delegate was sent from the Council to the State Short Course, and also to Camp. The officers of the clubs were trained at the fall meeting to carry on their duties for the year.

E. County 4-H Honor Club

The Honor Club has a membership of 24 boys and girls, and they set up their objectives at the beginning of the year. The group held at least 2 meetings during the year, and they worked on serving more Senior members, but weren't too successful in this. They were interested in their own project work, but did not take as much interest in assisting younger members. The Honor Club sponsored the two Rural Electrification projects, took an active part in the County Council, and sent one delegate

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to the Show Course, paying part of the expenses.

F. County All Stars

There is no All Star Chapter, but there are 8 All Stars in the County. Seven of these are members of the Honor Club and either are members of a club or serve as a leader.

X. Leadership

A. Contribution of Leaders to Program

1. Organizational

Two meetings of the Home Demonstration committee were held, and all clubs were represented but one, at each of the meetings. The purpose of these meetings was to instruct the presidents as to their duties, set up the objectives, Federation Goals and the County program. Mrs. Billy Mahanes, County Home Demonstration committee chairman, has served two years, and has done an excellent job. Mrs. Mahanes attended each of the county committee meetings, the meetings of the executive committee, appeared on the radio with the agent twice, and made good reports at the District Federation meeting each year. The county chairman spent time in conference with the agent and appointed the various committees. The county committee treasurer, Mrs. O. F. Carpenter, has been an exceptionally capable one.

The club presidents have been most cooperative this year, and this is because they understand the program better, and this has been due to a close contact of the agent with the presidents and their good attendance

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at the county meetings. They have done an excellent job in seeing that as many of the Federation Goals and club Objectives were carried to completion, have assisted with the planning of the club program, appointed committees, and have seen that these committees have functioned.

The County Federation chairman, Mrs. Joe Crigler, with her committee, selected the goals, kept in touch with the club Federation chairman to see that the goals were carried out, attended county health meetings, and cooperated with the health programs. Assembled reports from club Federation chairmen and a summary, are sent to the State Goals' chairman twice during the year.

The organizational leaders of the 4-H clubs with the exception of one club, have attended both council meetings, have presided over the club meetings, had the necessary committees to carry on activities of the club, summarized reports of club activities, and have worked toward seeing that the clubs have completed their objectives. The 4-H leaders have been very cooperative in seeing that the officers have carried out their duties. The leaders in some clubs have served as treasurers, and they have been influential in seeing that the clubs function smoothly.

2. Program Development

The Program Development leaders not present for the 2 general training meetings, were trained individually by the agent. Each leader presented the outlook information to their club early in the year, and had two other discussions. They were on the look out for suggested needs and gathered these from their club. The program development leader, follow-

ing a conference with the club executive committee, formulated the suggested needs and these were presented at the county meeting in the fall. Following the planning of the meeting, the program was presented to the clubs. The program development leaders in 2 clubs assumed the responsibility of calling the meeting of the club officers to set up the club program and select leaders, and sent the planned program into the agent. These leaders have been a great help in that they have taken this planning as their responsibility, where as a few years ago, the agent assisted with this planning.

The junior leaders in the 4-H clubs this year played a part in planning their program, and this has resulted in a greater interest on the part of the members in the program.

3. Subject Matter

In 10 clubs out of the 11, there were 49 leaders who gave 40 demonstrations. In addition to the regular scheduled demonstration meeting, three club members gave 4 demonstrations. All but 2 of these were given in the absence of the agent. One leader assisted the agent with a floor sanding demonstration, sewing machine clinic, lampshade construction, and cushion spring tying. Fifty of the above leaders were trained by Miss Helen Alverson, Home Management Specialist, and the agent. It has been a great help to the agent to have such leaders, as their taking these demonstration, the agent was enabled to meet with unorganized groups and carried on other work.

The 4-H leaders were also of great help to the agent in giving demonstrations in the absence of the agent, and especially with the smaller

groups during the summer months. The agent trained the leaders for these demonstrations.

B. Growth of Home Demonstration and 4-H Project Leadership

<u>1. Growth of H. D. club project Leadership</u>	<u>:1949</u>	<u>: 1950</u>	<u>:1951</u>	<u>: 1952</u>
No. project leaders (subject matter)	48	52	64	50
No. goal chairmen	11	11	11	11
No. training meetings held by Specialist by Agent	8 7	4 6	3 9	1 12
Attendance at all training meetings	131	136	116	109
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	48	44	47	41
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	10	11	11	5
<u>Growth of 4-H club Project Leadership</u>				
No. adult project leaders	13	11	13	19
No. junior project leaders	14	10	10	11
No. training meetings held by Specialist by Agent	1 6	1 8	1 6	0 9
Attendance at leader training meetings	62	67	40	61
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	10	2	4	10
No. club meetings held by leader without agent present	12	10	39	28
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	80	80	59	0
No. demonstration given by leaders by adults by juniors	22 12 10	35 25 15	40 37 3	28 20

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C. Activities of an Outstanding Leader

Mrs. Billy Mahanes is one of the outstanding leaders of the County. Her interest is with the adult groups as well as 4-H and Community activities. She was past president of her club and has served two years as chairman of the County Home Demonstration committee. In this capacity, she was excellent. She attended all the meeting held in the county as well as the District Planning meeting, and gave interesting reports at the District meetings. She appeared on the radio with the agent during National Observance week. For the Cattle Feed Demonstration, at which time 1100 people were provided with lunch, Mrs. Mahanes had the responsibility of planning.

In her club, she served as Program Development leader, and she was very efficient in getting good suggestions from her members. She served as "Youth Go to Church" chairman in her club, and helped plan the program. Two crafts meetings were held in Mrs. Mahanes' club, and she arranged for these meetings to be held in her husband's work shop, and provided tables, fire, etc. for these meetings. She has also served as Subject Matter leader in her club. This summer, she was Project leader for a group of girls in her community. She attended the Leader Training meeting on Food Preservation, and held 2 meetings on that topic in her home. Mrs. Mahanes is quite capable and very cooperative in all phases of the Extension program.

XI. Cooperation with Other Agencies

1. Health Organizations

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The agent attended three Health Committee meetings, worked closely with the Health nurse in planning Better Health week, and assisted the Health nurse in other ways. The clubs helped to promote the T. E. X-Ray Clinic, assisted with Pre-school clinics and other clinics. They have contributed to Health organizations and have assisted with the solicitation for the drives.

2. Farm Bureau

One of the 4-H clubs made cookies for an organization meeting of the Farm Bureau. The Farm Bureau Cooperation in the county loaned the sanding machine for a demonstration in one of the 4-H clubs. The agent visits the store frequently to keep in touch with products which they handle.

3. Farmers Home Administration

The agent attended one of the meetings of this organization, and has worked with one of the families very closely.

4. Vocational Agriculture

The agent secured one of the clubs to serve a dinner to the Young Farmers' Club.

5. Power Companies

The Home Economists of two power companies have been to the county to give several demonstration on; Lighting in the Home, at the request

of the agent, to show slides on Safety and Health, and to assist with the Rural Electrification project. The agriculture Economists with 2 Power companies assisted with the Rural Electrification project and showed Safety and Health slides.

6 6. Welfare Supervisor

The agent attended one meeting called by the Welfare Supervisor, the purpose of the meeting being to have officials in the county become more familiar with new policies in her program. The agent and welfare worker confer frequently on health conditions, diets of families, food production and processing.

7. Red Cross

The agent attended a meeting called by the Red Cross, to organize a Bloodmobile unit in the county. Club members were also present, and they have helped to solicit donors.

Through the cooperation of the Red Cross, agent and 2 clubs, 2 first-aid courses were conducted in the county.

XII. Appraisal of Year's Work

Foremost in one's mind at the close of the year's work is the type of cooperation which one has had from the club leaders. Without them, the program could not be as expansive. Splendid cooperation has been received from them and not only have other people benefited from their

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work, but they themselves, have. Through active participation in the programs, they have become more interested in the work, have interested others and have developed initiative to take part in other community activities. Within their homes, improvement in homemaking has been noticed and this has contributed toward better rural living. Through Home Demonstration work, better entertainment has been brought to the county, better health through clinics, and nutritional programs, more interest has been taken in activities for young people, as Youth Services, Scholarships, and Entertainments. A more secure feeling has been developed by club members through learning to do things for themselves such as; refinishing floors, bottoming chairs, and selecting appropriate colors for the home. The production and preservation of a sufficient amount of food for the family also creates a more secure feeling.

More attention is being paid to a better balanced meal with a fewer number of dishes. Homemade mixes are becoming more of a vogue.

Through contacts with club members, non-club members are being influenced in improving their homes and are anxious to learn of new and quicker methods. They are realizing more and more that they can get assistance from the Extension Service as they are calling for help on Yard Improvement, Kitchen Remodeling, Wall paper selection, Sewing Machine adjustment, Floor Refinishing and Upholstery work.

Organizations as Red Cross, T. B. Association, Infantile Paralysis Foundation, Cancer Foundation, and others are more and more asking for help from the organized clubs as they know of their leadership, ability, and training.

The 4-H boys and girls are developing into better leaders and have gained more confidence in their ability to do things. By being an officer, they are better fitted to appear before the public. They are learning to become better citizens, to take as well as give, and will become better homemakers as a result of the club program. These girls are influencing their parents in improving their homes, the general care of their homes, their meals, and the appearance of the parents.

Progress has been noted in living conditions, relationship within the families, and families with families in communities. A better spirit of cooperation has been shown. The progress could not have been possible had it not been for the splendid cooperation of leaders, smooth working of county Extension agents, the fine help from the Specialists, the support of the County Supervisors, and the guidance of the District and State Agents.