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III. Scope of Work

A. Home Demonstration Clubs

Number8

Membership. 165

Number of Other Women Reached by Home

Demonstration Club Members. 131

B. 4-H Clubs

Number. 9

Membership. 109

C. Older YouthNone

D. Number Families Reached Through Other

Groups by Agent.92

E. Number of Families Reached Through Other

Neighborhood and Community Leaders. . .103

F. Other Methods Used to Reach Families

a. Twelve news articles were published during
the year.

b. Two radio broadcasts were made.

c. Five hundred and nine home visits were made.

d. Circular letters were used occasionally.

e. Thirty-nine office calls were made during the
year.

f. The Annual County 4-H and Adult Achievement
Day Program was held at Pleasant Hill High
School with approximately 140 people present.
(See attached article).

G. Estimated total number families reached. .399

Total Number of Farm Families in County. 1282

IV. Adult Work

A. Home Demonstration Club Program

1. Project Work

a. The home demonstration club program was planned by the County Home Demonstration Committee. This Committee is made up of the officers of each of the eight clubs and the charter members. One person from each club was responsible for bringing in suggestions for demonstrations from her club. From these suggestions the annual schedule of demonstrations and county goals were set up. Factors influencing the program were needs and interests of women represented and available specialist help.

b. Subject matter fields in which work was carried.

Demonstrations were given in the various clubs on the following subjects:

- Christmas Decorations
- Choosing Patterns and Fabrics for Various Figures.
- Fitting the pattern to the body.
- Dress Finishes.
- Better Ironing Methods.
- Preparing Food for Frozen Food Locker.
- Making Lamp Shades.
- Meal Planning.
- Summer Salads and Desserts.
- Making the Bedroom Attractive.
- Floor Finishes and Care of Floors.

The demonstrations listed below were given in clubs and to small groups as the need arose and requests were made:

- Wiring Oil Lamps for Electricity
- Adjustment of sewing machine.
- Remodeling hats.
- Testing Pressure Cooker Gauges.
- Canning of Vegetables in Pressure Cooker
- Flower Arrangement.
- Making Trash Baskets.
- (See article attached)

c. Projects Worked On:

1. The Yearbook Committee compiled a most helpful yearbook. Each member paid a small fee for her copy.

(Copy of Yearbook Inserted)

2. The Elsom Club presented "A Manless Wedding" to the public and sold ice cream to raise money for their club. Proceeds added approximately \$29.00 to the Treasury.
3. King and Queen Court House Club served a turkey supper to forty invited guests and cleared \$42.00. (See attached article.)
4. Two other clubs sold household articles, adding funds to their treasury.
5. St. Stephens Club gave a total of twenty-three quarts of canned vegetables to Sheltering Arms Hospital.
6. A County Committee made one hundred and seventy-five bouquets for the Fifth District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs in April.
7. One club had an all day meeting and resealed and shellaced six chairs.
8. Another club had an all day meeting and wired sixteen lamps and candlesticks for electricity.
9. Plainview Club had a party in August for their husbands.

2. The Federation Goal was safety. Early in the year the County Federation Goal Chairman planned to meet with club chairmen to plan the year's work. Due to bad weather the women could not get together so the County Chairmen planned the year's work, month by month, and sent copies to each club chairman.

Eighty-two women reported safety improvements in the home and on the farm. One chairman distributed First Aid books to her club.

The following topics were chosen to be worked on month by month for safety for improvements:

1. Steps
2. Fires
3. Machinery and Animals
4. Yard
5. Kitchen
6. Roads
7. Bathroom
8. Electric Devices

3. Other activities in the county included:

1. Tidewater District Fair (Eight Counties)
2. Achievement Day Program (See attached program)
3. Sewing Machine Clinic
4. Hat restyling Clinic

4. Leadership

a. The club altogether have sixty-four leaders for project work and organization.

b. Sixteen project leaders gave eight demonstrations without the aid of the home agent.

c. Federation Goals - See Section IV-A-2.

d. The training of leaders in the county presents a real problem due to the great travel distance involved in getting a sizeable group together. Nineteen leaders attended three training meetings; one on preparing food for the frozen food locker; one on floor finishes; and one on summer salads and desserts.

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B. Other Means of Reaching People

a. One radio talk was given on "County Planning" and one on the District Fair.

b. News articles were published in the local papers. The Tidewater Review and the Southside Sentinel.

c. Bulletins and leaflets were distributed to those requesting them. Some of those most frequently asked for were:

- 1. Renovate Your Lamp Shades. . . . MK 11
- 2. Floor Finishes. . . . MK 47
- 3. Home Canning. . . . AIS 64
- 4. Home Canning of Meat. . . . AWI 110
- 5. Home Freezing. . . . AIS 48
- 6. Curing Pork. . . . AWI 108
- 7. Closets and Storage Space. . . . No. 1865
- 8. Easiest Way to Iron Shirt. . . . Cir. 426

V. Work With Youth

A. 4-H Clubs

1. Organization - In King and Queen County there are nine 4-H Club groups. Six groups are quite active with a membership ranging from seven to twenty-seven. These 4-H groups meet monthly for project work. Since the county is very long and there is a school in the upper end and one in the lower we have divided the nine 4-H groups into two 4-H Clubs, one in the upper and one in the lower end of the county. These two groups meet monthly for business, reports on project work, and for recreation. This system has proved quite a success. Each project group has a president, secretary song leader and reporter. The two 4-H Clubs have officials also. (Attached is publicity of group meetings and evening meetings of 4-H Clubs).

a. The officers of the nine 4-H groups make up the County Council. In January these boys and girls met with their leaders, organized and made up a plan of work which is given below:

- 1. Showing movies at 4-H Meetings (Movies shown to both groups).
 - "Frying Pan into Fire"
 - "Running Water on the Farm"
 - "Life Blood of the Land"
 - "Jamestown 4-H Camp"
 - "Lynchburg Farm Show"
 - "Realms of Wild Life"

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2. Participation in District Fair. (Article attached)
 3. Have Members Attend 4-H Short Course.
 4. Build Membership
 5. Plan Recreation for Each Evening 4-H meeting.

Due to the influence of the 4-H Council a county wide picnic and a county wide party were given. The upper and of the county entertained the lower end with a party and they were entertained in turn with a picnic where swimming and games were enjoyed.

Two boys and two girls attended the State Short Course at V. P. I. Reports were given by these youngsters on four occasions, first to each of the 4-H Clubs and then to Marriott High School Parent-Teachers Association and to the Walkerton Home Demonstration Club.

Eighteen Boys and girls went to Jamestown 4-H Camp. They brought back reports to each of the local clubs to inspire others to go to camp next year.

Movies were shown each month except September. These movies were selected by the Council.

Thirty-two girls entered exhibits at the District Fair and twenty-four prizes were awarded them.

Four girls entered the District Clothing Contest in Richmond. Each received a prize for her record book and for garment she had made. (Article attached)

One girl entered the District Food Preparation Contest held at West Point, Virginia. (See attached article)

b. The busiest and most interested 4-H Club in the county is the Plainview Club. This group is divided into a Junior and a Senior Club. The junior girls all took Food Preparation project; the seniors, Food Preparation and Clothing. These groups met each mont and out of twanty Projects only three were not completed. (See attached article).

This group gave a lawn party and bazaar to make money for a trip to Washington, D. C., which they took in August. (See Attached Article).

2. Project Work

a. In the selection of projects club members were encouraged to choose these along the lines of their home duties in which they needed improvement. Their desire to learn new things was considered also; for example, these girls who had not had experience in cooking and were interested in learning were encouraged to take the Food Preparation Project.

b. Projects carried were: Food Preparation, Clothing II, and Housekeeping.

c. Demonstrations listed below were given for the above projects:

Have children make plan of work
Show how to take measurements
Show how to make button holes.
Show how to sew on buttons, hooks and eyes
Show how to place pattern and cut out dress
Show dress finishes
Show how to fill in record sheets
Show how to make baked egg with cheese
Show how to make summer salads
Show how to cook vegetables in Presto Cooker
Show how to make One Bowl Cake.
Show how to make whisk broom
Show how to make table mats
Show how to set table
Show how to make dustless dusters
Show how to make a bed

3. Leadership

One factor that made the Plainview 4-H Club so strong was the interest and energy of their leader, Mrs. R. B. Moore. Mrs. Moore acted as both organizational and project leader.

VI. Work Done by Agent in Cooperation with Other Agencies:

- a. The home agent made a talk for the Pleasant Hill Veterans' Class.
- b. She had charge of a program for the King and Queen Junior Woman's Club.
- c. She worked with other agents and teachers toward the

Tidewater District Fair.

d. She worked with the Southern States Association toward their Annual Summer meeting.

VII. Evaluation of 1948 Home Demonstration Program

The all day meetings created a great deal of interest and a larger number of women attended them than would otherwise have done so. Accomplishment could then be counted in numbers, such as six chairs reupholstered and shellaced and sixteen lamps and candlesticks wired for electricity. The fellowship at the noon lunch was enjoyed and served to unite the members. (See attached article).

A county kitchen was another contributing factor. This kitchen in the center of the county was greatly enjoyed. At the one leader training meeting for food leaders, fifteen out of seventeen were present.

Several clubs worked toward making money for the treasury. This activity of working together for a common goal seemed to strengthen the club as much as the money for the treasury.

By dividing the 4-H Clubs into project groups a great deal has been done to acquaint more parents with the program. Since the groups meet in different homes each month more families have been reached.

The Tidewater District Fair gave the women a common goal to work toward. They enjoyed the competition as well as the friendships made while working in the homemaking departments.