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III. SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In summarizing the year's program of work, it appears that continued progress has been made in leadership and participation of out of county activities. Twelve leaders training meetings were held with an attendance of 106. Leaders have given 66 demonstrations, 36 without the agent being present, as compared with 40 the year before and 4 without the agent. Around 360 short discussions have been led on poultry, garden and topics related to the federation goal.

Thirty three Home Demonstration Club members, representing eight clubs, attended the District Federation Meeting in South Boston on May 3, as compared with 18 from five clubs the year before.

Nine members attended the State Federation Meeting in Blacksburg as compared with four in 1948. Two went as official delegates from the county, individual clubs sending others. Each of these delegates gave a most enthusiastic report to her club upon her return. A group of three prepared and presented a radio program the following week covering the high lights of the meeting. Home Demonstration Club members appeared in three radio programs during the year.

Two communities, Eureka and Saxe, realized their long time goal of completing community houses during the year. Another, Oakview, has had the foundation laid. These are the outgrowth of long felt needs in their respective communities and Home Demonstration Club members have cooperated and contributed both in time and in material things in helping toward these projects.

The Eureka group are carrying as a result demonstration landscaping the church and community house grounds as a unit under the

direction of M. Smith, landscape specialist. Work has progressed according to plan and a great improvement has already been made. Four other churches and the Saxe Community House will have their grounds improved this year as special club projects.

Two other groups, Red Oak and Mt. Harmony, feel the need of a more convenient place for meetings of educational nature and for recreational purposes and are making plans to build community houses in their communities.

One new club, Aspen, has been added. Each year the clubs rolls are revised and a total of 254 members are now reported. The Bushy Forest Club has been inactive since August, but it is hoped that it can be reorganized. Some of its more active members have secured employment in the textile mill at Drakes Branch and as a result the membership was weakened so that they have not been able to carry on for the past few months.

The Achievement Day Tour was a success and has had a great influence in forming interest on the work done in the Home Demonstration Clubs. Sixty five women from 12 of the 13 clubs went on the tour.

The 4-H Clubs had a very successful year. There were 203 members enrolled in 318 projects with 244 completing. There were ten organized clubs, one in each school, which met regularly for project instruction. Eight of these clubs had two recreational meetings during the year, a party and picnic.

In Clothing II, 28 girls made 89 garments at an average cost of \$1.59. These girls also two dress revues and county and area contests and won five ribbons and the county medal.

Forty five girls carried the food preservation project and reported canning 1928 quarts alone and assisted with canning 4364 quarts. They also reported preparing 166 packages of frozen food and helping prepare 310 for freezing.

Nine girls carried 4-H Club garden projects. The six who completed reported \$539.80 profit and \$83.25 won in prizes. Four county medals were awarded for the most outstanding projects.

Twenty three girls from seven 4-H Clubs attended district camp at Holliday Lake. Four delegates and an All Star representing three 4-H Clubs attended State Short Course at which time one of the delegates was made an All Star. Four delegates attended State Conservation Camp at Holliday Lake and as a result plan to organize a Conservation Club composed of older club members.

The county fair had more and better quality exhibits this year than ever before. Club members also exhibited at Farmville Five County Fair and at the Lynchburg Farm Show. In the county fair the 4-H girls won 69 of 121 places.

Members of the Drakes Branch Club put on a radio program over WFLO during 4-H Club week in which 17 of their members took part. 4-H Club girls appeared on two other programs during the year in which they prepared their script giving highlights of the State Short Course and Conservation Camp.

IV. DUULT

A. Project Work

1. Foods

Charlotte County homemakers show a particular interest in pre-

paring and serving attractive and nutritious meals for their families. Four demonstrations were given under this heading, namely, Table Setting and Service, One dish meals, Simple Refreshments and Refrigerator Desserts.

Two leaders training meetings were held by the specialists with a combined attendance of 53. As a result leaders gave 29 of the 48 demonstrations.

Of particular interest was the demonstration on Table Setting and Service which invariably stimulated a discussion on correct table service. One of the most attractive of these demonstrations was given by Mrs. George T. Willson of the Saxe H. D. Club. Formal and informal arrangements were given and Christmas decorations were used very appropriately.

The demonstration on one dish meals afforded an opportunity to use home grown and home canned foods in new and more interesting ways. The popularity of these demonstrations is evidenced in club attendance and the requests for recipes, many of which have been given to non-club members.

Continued interest in foods is proven by the fact that six of the eleven demonstrations planned for 1950 are on food preparation.

In addition to the topics scheduled for monthly demonstrations, demonstrations have been given individuals on preparing food for freezing, and information on the topic and relating to meat curing and storage is given in home visits, on radio and through circular letters and bulletins.

2. House Furnishings

Three demonstrations were given on house furnishings. Two leaders

training meetings were held, one by the agent on Selection of Rugs and Carpets and the Selection of Living Room Furniture. In the other, the agent was assisted by the Educational Advisor from Southside Electric Cooperative in training local leaders for the demonstration on Lamps and Lighting.

The 18 leaders who attended these two meetings later gave ten demonstrations on these topics.

By the use of charts and samples from commercial firms, the important factors in selecting and buying furniture and rugs was taught. Club members were shown the factors that constitute good workmanship and how to judge quality in house furnishings. The importance of good design was stressed. This was illustrated with clippings from current papers and magazines. Leaders collected their own file of clippings to use in conjunction with furnishings in homes in which the demonstrations were held, to illustrate the qualities which they wanted to teach. Club members were also asked to study furniture and rugs displayed in the local stores and to judge design, quality and workmanship on the basis of the information which they had been given.

The demonstration on Lamps and Lighting was designed to teach the requirements for correct lighting for the home and the standards by which to judge a good lamp. Correctly designed lamps and shades were supplied by Southside Electric Cooperative, which illustrated the factors which were discussed. This made it possible for each person in attendance to have something tangible on which he could base his comparisons.

The success of this demonstration has been proven by the fact

that families that have had this information are interested in improving the lighting in their homes.

The Madisonville H. D. Club entered an educational exhibit on Lighting at the Farmville Five County Fair which won first place and received many favorable comments.

As a continuation of their interest in house furnishings, the clubs requested a demonstration for the coming year on Selection and Hanging Pictures.

3. Handicrafts

A variety of handicrafts was selected, each club devoting one meeting to the project.

a. Trays

One of the most popular projects undertaken was making etched and hammered aluminum trays. Under the direction of Miss Catherine Peery, a training meeting was held for those who were especially interested in that particular craft. Thirteen leaders attended.

The Bethel and Aspen clubs selected this as their club choice and as a result have completed 48 beautiful trays. These were displayed on Achievement Day and at the County Fair. Members of the Bethel Club have ordered copper and now plan to make copper trays for Christmas gifts. As a result of this project, Aspen H. D. Club leaders have been asked to give a demonstration on making hammered trays at Aspen School.

Two other clubs Mt. Harmony and Midway have planned special meetings on tray making.

This handicraft has proven an interesting hobby and to those with artistic talent it has given an opportunity for self-expression. More

than that, it has been the means of interesting non members in club work and has been instrumental in securing new members in several of the clubs.

b. Chair Seating

Another activity which has been popular is chair seating. Four of the clubs chose this demonstration for their club choice. The Oakdale Club held an all day meeting with an attendance of twelve. Members reported a total of 24 chairs and 31 stools as having been seated. More important still is the fact that through the use of this handicraft many discarded chair frames will be salvaged and restored to use.

c. Textile Painting

The Madisonville and Oakdale Clubs chose textile painting as club choice. A demonstration was given by the agent following a short discussion as to selection of design and its place in decoration. The Madisonville Club purchased a painting outfit which will be the property of the club. Both groups are now making articles for home use and for gifts. It has proven an interesting and inexpensive hobby for those who were interested and has been a means of discovering artistic ability and of teaching some of the elements of art.

d. Flower Arrangement

Two clubs selected Flower Arrangement as their club choice. These demonstrations were given by Mrs. Kent Early, a member of Charlotte Court House Woman's Club who is very talented in that respect.

e. Rug Making

Two talented members of the Eureka H. D. Club gave a demon-

stration on braided rugs to the Cullen H. D. Club. Several rugs have already been completed and others will no doubt be made during the winter months.

The Mt. Harmony Club requested a demonstration on hooked rugs. They have ordered an automatic shuttle hook and plan to design and make rugs from remnants and material on hand.

f. Slip covers and Upholstering

Three individuals were given assistance with cutting and making slip covers by an instructor from the Singer Sewing Machine Company from Richmond which eight attended. Members of the Saxe H. D. Club sponsored this demonstration which was given at their community house. Prior to this they had boxed the springs and practically rebuilt a sofa which had been donated to the community house. The finished slip cover completed the project.

4. Clothing

Interest seems to be swinging to clothing work again. Two demonstrations relating to clothing were planned in the club calendar. In September Miss Johnson, Clothing Specialist, and an instructor from the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Lynchburg held a leaders training meeting with 18 leaders present, representing 10 of the 13 clubs. The demonstration on Use of Sewing Machine Attachments, has been very popular. Many of the young homemakers have new machines which they are anxious to learn to use to good advantage. Many club members stated that they had never known how to use attachments which had been in their machine for years and did not know what time savers they were. This demonstration was followed by one on Selection of Pattern and Material,

Line and Design to Suit the Individual Figure. Twelve of these demonstrations were given by the leaders. These were excellent preparation for the three demonstrations to follow in immediate sequence on the Attractive Cotton Dress and also for special instruction in tailoring which a group of interested members are requesting.

5. Housing

With building material of all kinds becoming more plentiful, a great deal of interest has been shown in building and in adding modern conveniences to homes that already exist. Miss Mary E. Settle, Housing Specialist, was requested to visit the county twice and spent three and one half days giving technical assistance to 13 families who planned improvements as well as assisting with plans for converting the Saxe school building into a conveniently arranged club house. Club members report the following activities in home improvement during the year:

3 new homes built, 17 homes remodeled, 16 installed water, 8 installed bathrooms, 15 improved storage space, 23 improved kitchens, 13 improved rooms other than kitchens, 25 screened or repaired screens.

6. Family Relationship

The Eureka Club requested information on family relationship. One month was devoted to a discussion of this topic. Books on this topic selected from the library were left which in turn were read and exchanged among the members.

7. Poultry and Garden Information

Two leaders training meetings for poultry and garden leaders were held by the specialists in January and May. These leaders in turn led short discussions on timely topics relating to poultry and garden in

their individual clubs each month.

8. Recreation

One month each year is set aside for recreation. Eleven of the 13 clubs devoted the July meeting to recreation. Picnics and outdoor suppers were held to which club members, their family and friends were invited. The Oakview and Cullen clubs followed their usual custom of holding their picnic together at Holliday Lake, with about 75 present. Others went to Goodwins Lake, to Staunton River Park or held them on the lawn of some of the club members.

B. Other Activities

1. Health Again Chosen as Federation Goal in 1949

The home demonstration club members felt that they could accomplish better results if they continued their efforts in cooperation with the county health department by informing themselves on measures of health, therefore health was selected as the federation goal for the second year.

A committee composed of the County Health Chairman, the County Federation President and the Home Demonstration Agent consulted with the local county nurse and worked out a series of topics for ten minute discussions to be given by the club goal chairman at each meeting. A training meeting for health chairmen was held at which time health topics were presented, and goals discussed by the goal chairman. Material was secured from the County Health Department and distributed by the County Health Chairman. Club chairmen were put on the mailing list for the Bulletin of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

The month of February was devoted to the Federation Goal. Miss

Barringer, public health nurse, met 12 of the 13 clubs and presented the films, "The Traitor Within" and "The Doctor Speaks His Mind", dealing with early detection and treatment of cancer. The Complete Cancer Chart, published by Good Housekeeping, was ordered in quantity and each club member received a copy as well as each member of the Woman's Club at Keysville and at Charlotte Court House.

When the County Health Council was set up with a dental clinic as its goal, the club members immediately expressed their willingness to cooperate. Though no donation was asked from the clubs, each active member pledged herself to pay the cost of one filling and several clubs are holding in their treasury the money donated for this purpose when the clinic comes to the county. A club member, Mrs. George T. Willson, is secretary of the County Health Council.

Other results which club members report are 25 homes screened or screens renewed, sanitary toilets built at Lebanon Church and Saxe Church and community house, 8 homes had bathrooms and running water installed, the Oakview Club reported 8 of its 16 members having operations and other corrective work done, Bethel H. D. Club contributed \$10.00 to the March of Dimes and Bethel and Madisonville Clubs each bought a \$5.00 TB bond. Six members assisted with the chest X-ray, the Saxe H. D. Club sponsored a clean-up campaign, the club to pay the expenses of a truck to haul off the rubbish.

2. Insect and Pest Control

The agent gave a talk on "Control of Household Pest" to the Charlotte Court House Woman's Club, with 20 members present. This topic was also used for a radio talk just prior to a county wide rat campaign

which was put on the same month.

Local stores and leaders throughout the county assisted in the publicity and in distributing and collecting for the poison. Unfortunately the weather turned exceedingly cold on the date set for poisoning which resulted in the bait freezing and very poor results. For that reason it would seem advisable to put on a campaign of that type earlier in the winter. Another suggestion would be not to set the date for poisoning too long after launching the campaign. In this case nearly three weeks was given to publicity by letter, newspaper, radio and personal announcements at public gatherings with the result that the public wearied of hearing about it and enthusiasm lagged before the actual date arrived.

3. H. D. Club Members Interested in County Wide Activities

a. District and State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs

Thirty three club members representing 8 clubs attended the District meeting held in South Boston in May in comparison with 18 members from five clubs the year before. All clubs reported dues paid. Contributions were made for pennies for Friendship. The Madisonville Club financed the expenses of a car to take their delegates. Delegates reported the highlights to their respective clubs.

Nine delegates representing six clubs attended the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and Institute of Rural Affairs at Blackburg in August. Two delegates were sent by the County Federation, others either paid their own way or went as delegates of their clubs. These delegates brought back enthusiastic reports to their individual clubs and a group consisting of Mrs. J. E. Weston of Saxe, Mrs.

W. V. Purcell of Lebanon and the agent, appeared on the radio the week after their return and gave a peppy account of the meeting.

b. Achievement Day

Achievement Day was held in the form of a tour with 65 members in attendance, representing 12 of the 13 clubs. A school bus and private cars furnished transportation. Result demonstrations which were visited were: a home in which a bath and modern kitchen had recently been added, a modern rural home with modern conveniences included in the original plan, the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Robertson, one of Charlotte's three demonstration families, in which the home had been redecorated, modern conveniences added and furniture refinished, most of this work having been done by themselves over a period of five or six years; a luncheon stop at the newly remodeled and redecorated Saxe Community House and a brief visit to a newly built church and one that had recently been improved and redecorated.

c. Fair

Charlotte County fair is not yet open to adults, however club leaders assisted with entering and arranging the exhibits.

Mrs. J. S. Marshall of Madisonville and Mrs. D. B. Parsons of Oakview are members of the board of directors of the Farville Five County Fair. Members of these two clubs gave at least eight days to assisting with entering and arranging individual and club exhibits.

Madisonville won first place on an outstanding educational exhibit on Lamps and Lighting, carrying out the theme of the May demonstration. Oakview won first on Thanksgiving Dinner with menu and third on Handicraft.

Mrs. J. S. Marshall again carried off top honors and grand championship on her exhibits of Parmento Reds.

d. Library

Through the cooperation of the Home Agent and County Librarian around 1500 books were circulated through the library chairmen of each of the 13 clubs. Three clubs, Aspen, Saxe, Midway, sponsored book stations of about 50 books each in communities farthest from the library. These books are exchanged from time to time and reach all homes in the communities desiring better reading.

e. Community Houses

The Saxe Community House was completed and officially opened on November 18th. This house, which was a former three room school, was purchased at public auction last January and since that time has been completely remodeled and furnished.

H. D. Club members were active in sponsoring the purchase, they made a contribution of \$25.00 to purchase kitchen supplies, and have worked ceaselessly toward the completion of the restoration. Miss Settle, Housing Specialist, assisted with plans for remodeling. Landscaping the project has been selected by the club as their big goal for the year.

The Eureka Community House is nearing completion and landscaping plans are being carried out according to plans made by Mr. Smith, Extension Specialist.

Material is being put in place for the Madison District Community House at Oakview, and they hope to begin construction at an early date.

Two other communities, Mt. Harmony and Red Oak, are planning to build Community House, committees having been set up and a few donations having already been made toward that end.

f. Telephones

While the promised rural telephone service has not become a reality yet, the groups working for them have not given up hope. Eureka and Red Oak and Wyliesburg have made surveys and secured other information as requested and stand ready to further the effort at the first opportunity.

g. Home Unit Demonstrations

There were three farm and home unit demonstration in Charlotte County. Mrs. C. B. Robertson has completed her plans with the addition of a sun porch or den and a downstairs bath. Mrs. W. V. Purcell has installed a bath and put water in her kitchen this year. She next plans to redecorate the bedroom. Mrs. J. S. Marshall has installed a double sink, modern cabinets and an electric stove this year. She next plans to paint the house and refinish her floors.

Landscaping the grounds of Eureka Church and Community House was set up as a result demonstration and taken by the Eureka M. D. Club as their big goal last year. Plans completed to date are removing undesirable trees and stumps, leveling the yard and preparation for planting shrubs and sowing grass.

h. Community Meetings

Seven communities hold monthly meetings pertaining to problems of local interest. These meetings are held in the local schools with both men and women in attendance. Technical assistance on problems

pertaining to farming and homemaking is given by representatives of extension service and vocational agriculture and home economics. The home agent meets with the Aspen and the Bethel group each month and presents timely information through demonstrations discussions, movies and slides. About 90 people are reached in this way each month.

i. Radio

Sixteen radio programs have been presented over station WFLO in Farmville. Timely information is presented dealing both with subject matter and with club activities. H. D. Club members have appeared on three programs during the year and 4-H Club members have also presented three programs. During 4-H Club week the Drakes Branch 4-H Club put on a model meeting with about 20 boys and girls taking part. Later in the year programs were written and presented by delegates to the Short Course and to Conservation Camp.

j. Press

Information relating to home demonstration work and club activities appear at intervals through the local and state papers. Seventy eight articles have appeared to date. A regular column appears in the Charlotte Gazette which has a circulation of 1500 copies and special features in the Farmville Herald which has circulation in five counties.

The attached copy is typical.

k. Circular Letters

Circular letter were sent to all farm families in the county.

These were pertaining to the rat campaign and to meat curing.

1. Home Visits

In 1949 the home agent visited 185 different fara homes, making a total of 411 visits in the interest of extension work. These visits were a means of guiding homemakers in solving management problems and in teaching new skills and practices.

a. The 266 office and telephone calls made by the home agent served to reach people not otherwise reached and to assist in giving information on specific problems such as home management, and food preservation.

V. 4-H CLUB

A. Project Work

1. "So You Want to Sew" was carried by 57 girls as a winter project with 35 completing the required four articles. In this project the girls were taught to use a thimble and to do simple seams and stitches. They also learned to do plain stitching on the sewing machine. Each girl outfitted a box and a total of 127 simple articles were made.

Forty high school girls took Clothing I with 28 completing. Girls checked their interest preferences at the beginning of the club year with emphasis on personal grooming. Due to staggering the day and hour of the club meeting in order to secure a meeting place, it was not always possible to get the members to attend on consecutive dates which partly explains the low percentage of completions.

Twenty four girls took Clothing II, Make or Remake. These girls represent both high school and elementary groups who took clothing as a summer project. Leaders gave the instructions and a total of 89

garments were made at a cost of \$141.94. County winners in the Dress Revue and Clothing Achievement entered the district contest and won county awards. Five 4-H girls entered the Dress Revue at the Farmville Five County Fair and won one first, two second and one third place in the three groupings. 4-H girls also entered the girls' Dress Revue at the Charlotte County Fair and won one first and one third place.

2. Housekeeping

One hundred and one girls carried Housekeeping as a project. One group of eight took it as a summer project, the other members took it during school time. There were 92 completions. The agent gave demonstrations on bed making, table setting, making a dustless dust cloth, making a tool box and mending a chair. These girls reported a total of 399 jobs completed and a total of 84 articles made for the home. Forty six reported caring for their room for three months, while 54 cared for their room six months or longer. Fifty seven arranged their rooms for easier care.

3. Room Improvement

Five girls carried room improvement and all five completed. Four of the five were high school girls. Their records showed that curtains and bedspreads were bought, dressing tables improved and all rooms were painted or papered. Virginia Malett, a high school sophomore, keeps her sewing machine in her room. This she covered attractively and used as a desk in her study unit.

4. Home Vegetable Garden

Nine girls took vegetable gardens as a summer project. Eight of these were Sears Roebuck gardens. Nine completed the project.

These gardens were visited and scored twice by the garden specialist and two other times by the home agent. The purpose of this project was to demonstrate the value of a year round garden to these families, to provide greater variety in meals, to show through records kept the monetary value of a garden and to teach the girls by actual experience some of the basic principles in making a garden.

Records which were kept on six gardens show a value of \$538.50 with a net profit of \$468.85. Prizes were won in the amount of \$83.25 from exhibits of canned and fresh vegetables. Four girls won county medals.

5. Food Preservation

Forty five girls carried canning as a summer project with 40 completing. The purpose of this project was to demonstrate the proper methods of canning as a means of helping the family to have better balanced meals with a variety of fruit and vegetables in the diet. These girls in most cases worked under the direction of their mothers. Two groups met regularly, one group of nine girls at Oakdale and another at Cullen. The leaders were instructed by the agent, who in turn demonstrated the boiling water bath method of canning fruit and tomatoes and the use of the pressure canner in canning non-acid vegetables. Girls were given special instructions on selecting and judging canned foods. Two girls gave demonstrations on judging; one entered the area contest. The county winner received a medal.

Records show a total of 1928 quarts canned alone. Members helped to can 4384 quarts. Twelve girls reported preparing 168 packages of food for freezing and assisting with preparing 310 packages. Thirty one

members exhibited at the county fair winning 51 of 67 places. Exhibits were also made at the Farnville Five County Fair and at the Lynchburg Farm Show. Information is not available at this date as to the exact amount won on all contests.

6. Food Preparation

Thirty six girls carried food preparation as a summer project and 16 reported as completing the project. These girls reported as preparing some food 590 times, as setting the table 1536 times and as planning a meal 176 times. Two groups met regularly, the other girls lived in scattered areas and worked under the leadership of their mothers. If more of these girls could work in groups with definite time of meeting for project instruction, the number of completions would probably be higher. There would also be more incentive to keep and compare records. Two girls entered the county contest and the winner entered the area contest and received the county medal.

B. Other Activities

Fairs

Forty-nine girls made a total of 306 exhibits at two fairs and the Lynchburg Farm Show. They won approximately \$164.50 in prizes including \$41.00 awarded by Sears, Roebuck on garden and canning projects. This was an increase of 69 exhibits over last year and \$15.50 in prizes over last year.

2. State Short Course and Camp

Twenty three girls representing seven 4-H Clubs, attended district camp at Holliday Lake the week of June 13-18. Two former 4-H members went as counselors and gave valuable assistance in handicraft. While

at camp the girls developed skills in handicraft, leadership and recreation.

Charlotte County sent its quota of one All Star and four delegates to State Short Course. Delegates were from Randolph-Henry, Keysville and Phenix Schools. Joyce Baughan, one of the group, was made an All Star. These girls took special instructions in song and game leadership which has been of great help in their individual clubs since they returned to the county. These girls prepared their own script and put on a radio program over WFLO after they returned.

Five girls representing three clubs, attended Conservation Camp at Holliday Lake in August. These girls also appeared on radio after their return. They are now making plans to organize a conservation project among those of high school age.

3. Radio

The Drakes Branch 4-H Club celebrated 4-H Club Week by putting on a program on station WFLO in which 17 members took part. 4-H Club girls have appeared on two other radio programs during the year.

4. Recreation

Eight of the 10 clubs had two recreational meetings during the year, each had a picnic and a school party in addition to their regularly scheduled meetings. Each club with the exception of two raised some money for club purposes. This was used to defray the expenses of club refreshments, to pay part of the expenses of delegates to camp and to contribute to some project which their school was sponsoring.

VI. SCOPE OF WORK

	1948	1949
Number Home Demonstration Clubs or Groups	12	13
Membership	192	254
Number 4-H Clubs	10	10
Membership	179	196
Number Older Youth Groups	0	0
Membership	0	0
Number of other families reached	300	475
Total number families reached	800	900

VII. FUNCTIONS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN 1949 PROGRAM

1. County Board of Agriculture

The County Board of Agriculture and community leader system in Charlotte County is used as a means of reaching all farm families. In 1949 the services rendered by these committeemen and leaders were: taking pertinent information and material within their communities and neighborhoods; holding special meetings for educational information and assisting in conducting the monthly community groups in the seven communities organized. Through these means the home demonstration program reached around 475 additional farm families.

2. County Home Demonstration Committee

The Home Demonstration Committee is an overall organization which conducts business and matters relating to the 13 clubs in the county. It is composed of the club presidents, county federation goal chairman and the immediate past president.

This committee meets twice a year, in the spring and in the fall. At the spring meeting, the calendar of work is reviewed and pertinent changes made; progress is reported on the development of the program; plans are made for Achievement Day; delegates are elected to the state federation meeting and incoming federation officers are elected. At the fall meeting the calendar of work is made up, federation goal selected, new presidents are trained and final plans for Achievement Day completed and other matters of business are discussed.

3. County Fair Association

It is estimated that the county fair reached at least 500 families. We consider this one of the best means of informing the public of what boys and girls are accomplishing in their project work. It is an excellent way to acquaint the public with the program of 4-H work and the quality of the projects carried.

4. R. E. A.

Southside Electric Cooperative has been very cooperative in furnishing technical assistance when called upon. The educational advisor met with leaders from eight of the thirteen clubs in May and held a leaders training meeting on Lamps and Lighting. She also assisted in giving four demonstrations on Lighting during that month.

5. County Health Department

The county health department has given invaluable services during the two years in which Health has been the Federation Goal. During the month of February Miss Frances Barringer, public health nurse, met with everyone of the 13 H. D. Clubs and presented films on cancer. She also assisted in collecting and preparing material for

the goal chairman for monthly discussions. She loaned exhibits for 4-H Club demonstrations and prepared an exhibit for the county fair.

6. County Tuberculosis Association

The home agent secured the cooperation of club members in helping with the mass chest X-ray. Two club members assisted the agent in putting on a 15 minute radio program over WFLO, Farmville relating to the Stamp Sale and Chest X-ray.

7. Ruritan and Dairymen's Associations

The home agent has contacted key club members and helped them arrange and serve dinners to the Ruritans each month of the year and to the Dairymen's Association twice during the year.

8. County Fair Association

At least three days were spent making contacts relative to the county fair.

9. Library

Through the cooperation of the home agent and county librarian about 1500 books have been circulated among the home demonstration club members. Three clubs have set up deposit stations of about 50 books each. Other clubs distribute the books through a club librarian.

10. Vocational Home Economics

The home agent cooperated with the home economics department of the consolidated high school. Facilities of the home economics department are made available for leaders training meetings on foods which are usually held there.

The home agent gave a demonstration on Pressing and Care of Clothing to the Future Homemakers last February. About 40 girls and

two teachers were present.

11. The March of Dimes

An opportunity was presented to each club to contribute to the March of Dimes. A chairman was appointed in each club to receive contributions.

VIII. LEADERSHIP

The four types of leaders in adult work are the club officers, project leaders, Federation Goal Chairmen and community and neighborhood leaders.

There are 39 officers, including the presidents, vice presidents and secretary-treasurers. The Home Demonstration Committee is an over-all organization taking care of the business of the home demonstration clubs in the county. The membership is made up of the club presidents, county federation goal chairman and the immediate past president.

This committee met in the spring to check on the progress of the year's program and to begin plans for next year's program, and again in the fall to prepare a calendar of work and to attend to other matters.

Background facts were presented to lay a foundation for program planning to be done in the fall. Also at this meeting plans were made for the Achievement program for participation in the fair and for awarding a leaders pin for those who had met the requirements.

At the fall meeting each club reports its requests and a calendar of work is made up, a federation goal is selected, new presidents are trained, plans are made for achievement day and other

pertinent matters attended to.

The project and subject matter leaders help to take subject matter to the club members. This group is composed of garden leaders, poultry leaders, librarians, and project leaders. There have been twelve leaders training meetings held with an attendance of 118, as compared with seven training meetings last year with an attendance of 106. These leaders gave a total of 66 demonstrations, 36 at which the agent was not present as compared with 40 last year and four at which the agent was not present. All demonstrations except one in the Oakview Club have been given by leaders and at Aspen, the newest club, the agent has given only two. The garden and poultry leaders present material and information given by the specialist at the poultry and garden leaders training meeting. The librarians handle the books sent to each meeting from the county library. They render a good service to the community people by helping to provide good reading material.

The Federation goal chairman, with the assistance of the Federation President and the H. D. Agent, planned and arranged the monthly topic on health. They selected an aim and a slogan and special goals to work toward and each of the goal chairmen took the responsibility in her club to see that these goals were carried out.

The community and neighborhood leaders have rendered a great service to the people of the county by carrying current information to their communities. It is estimated that they reach around 450 families with materials and information from the Extension Service.

Aspen Club Develops Leadership

Aspen Home Demonstration Club was organized November 1948 and

held its first meeting January 1949. Its membership has grown from twelve to thirty at the present time. They have gained new members at every meeting.

They are an unusually enthusiastic group. Their leaders have attended every training meeting held and have given every demonstration except the first and one other. They sent a delegate to the State Federation Meeting and twelve of their number went on the Achievement Day Tour.

The President, Mrs. C. E. Holt, and Mrs. Fore, her daughter, have volunteered their services as 4-H Club leaders.

Their most interesting project has been etched and hammered trays. They have completed 36 trays under the direction of Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Fore, using both methods of decoration. Several members have exhibited original ideas in creating their own designs. These trays were displayed at the local fair and also in the home of one of their members which was visited Achievement Day. The teachers in Aspen School have requested these ladies to give this demonstration at the school, which they will do. Tray blanks have been ordered which the children plan to make, under the leaders' directions, for Christmas gifts.

IX. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE YEAR'S WORK

I feel that the program as carried out by the club leaders and members, has developed greater skills and appreciations in the art of homemaking. Their increased participation will help each one of them to become stronger leaders, thereby enabling them to make a greater contribution as useful members of their community.

There has been considerable interest in improved housing, with an encouraging number of families making such long planned improvements as putting water in the home, installing bath rooms, painting and improving their kitchens, all of which indicate better rural living.

The courage and determination with which rural families have acquired improvements in churches and community buildings indicate a greater interest and appreciation in those things which will contribute to more intelligent, better informed citizens.

I believe that our program has reached more people this year than any year before. Through our radio programs we are reaching people over a widespread area, and from comments that come to us from time to time it appears that the number of listeners is increasing.

The 4-H program is helping contribute to better family living not only through what the members have learned through their projects, but through contacts made and information taken to many who are not Home Demonstration Club members, or who are unable to attend. Through our work with the boys and girls we are helping acquaint a greater number of people with the work of the extension service.

We need to work harder on leadership, particularly 4-H leaders. There has been some improvement in that direction already, but we yet have a long way to go.

While much remains to be done we try to keep before us at all times the challenge that is ours in reaching and influencing more people and in so doing to pass on to others the responsibility that is theirs in sharing what they have gained with others who have not

been so privileged.