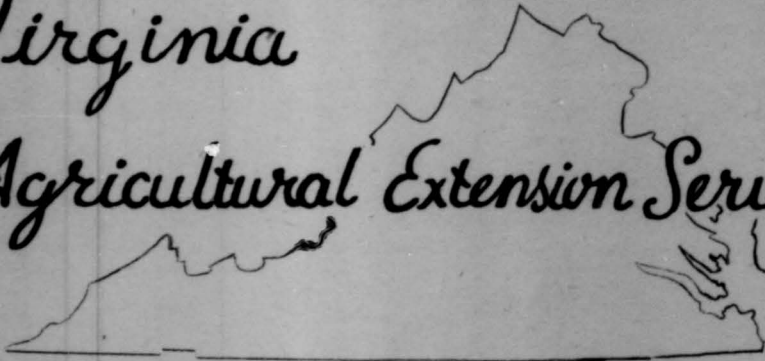


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III. COUNTY SITUATION

Campbell County is in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in central Virginia. There are in the county 557 square miles with 90,000 acres of crop land. Agriculture is the principal source of livelihood, with general farming and tobacco leading. However, the urban population in the county has had a tremendous growth within the past ten years bringing a need of a program that is not entirely rural. The average home in the county is one of comfortable income with food, shelter, clothing, and many real comforts provided. There are, however, about 600 marginal white families, and on the average of about 150 white families on relief. About 86% of the homes have such modern conveniences as lights, water, and labor saving equipment that comes as a result of these conveniences. Homes in the county are now largely affected by industrial developments in the city, with more girls and women of the rural homes employed in stores, factories, and yet living at home. Along with higher wages, war, better farm prices, jobs, provided for the whole family, cause social problems and the establishment of more homes through marriages. The high cost of living, the desire for better health and wishes of the members were the main factors used in selecting the 1952 program.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE 1952 PROGRAM TO BETTER FAMILY LIVING

The contributions of the program to better family living has been varied, but as a whole, the program has proven very satisfactory. The 1952 program as planned by the County

Home Demonstration Committee was based on the county situation, the desires and needs of the homes in the county and results obtained from the 1951 program. Through county-wide programs in Citizenship, Library, Health, Rural Youth and Community Recreation we have better family living and community life, and a more conscious realization that comes with good health, wholesome recreation and carrying the responsibility of a good citizen. The Extension influence in Campbell County is increased through such county-wide programs as they reach many homes of non-club members. In the home itself more labor-saving devices and running water have been installed; homes have been re-arranged for greater convenience and living comfort. There are sixteen home demonstration clubs in the county with an enrollment of 432. The attendance has been normal; and as always has varied with the seasons and demonstrations. Home demonstration leadership has been very good; each club has its quota of officers besides a county federation goal chairman, library chairman, and twelve project leaders, each two leaders being responsible for two demonstrations. All of the clubs have had their leaders in attendance at the leader's meetings.

Citizenship as our Federation Goal has been a timely one. Ninety-one women have registered this year as a result and 213 voted in the general election. Health as a carry over Goal is still a matter of vital interest. The cancer detection center that was originated and sponsored by the clubs (as described on pages 1 and 2 in the annual report 1949) is still doing wonderful

work; if, for no other reason, it is making the women conscious of the importance of the yearly physical examination. One hundred and fifty-seven club women have had a physical check-up, and they have been responsible for 185 non-club women getting a check. The Gladys Club furnished the county chairman for the cancer drive; the Rustburg Club furnished the county chairman for the bloodmobile; other clubs helped by acting as helpers when the bloodmobile was in the county by furnishing refreshments at the center and transportation to donors. All of the clubs took an active part in the different health drives. From an economic standpoint one of the greatest contributions made the county home demonstration program for promoting better living in 1952 has been that an estimated saving has been made of \$32571.00 This saving was made through skills learned in clothing construction and house furnishings, food preservation, laundry and dry cleaning in the adult program and gardens, and canning in the 4-H girls' garden and food preservation projects.

V. ADULT WORK

A. Project Work

1. 1952 Program Calendar

- December : Homemade Christmas Gifts
- January : Fruits in Salads and Desserts
- February : Removing Spots and Stains from Rayons,  
Woolens, and Cottons.
- March : Saving Time and Energy in the Family Wash
- April : Saving Time and Energy in the Family Ironing
- May : Floor Finishes and Care and Selection in Linoleum

June : Lights for Bed Rooms and making Shades  
July : Club Choice  
August : Good Grooming, Hair, Skin, and Nails  
September : Club Choice  
October : Pies and Pastry  
November : Entertaining in the Home

2. Home Management

a. Objectives of laundry program:

Save time and energy in washing and ironing, learn methods and skills in home laundry and dry cleaning; save money for the family by home makers doing the job themselves.

b. Procedure

✓ Held the two leaders meetings with specialist; these meetings were represented by 2 leaders from each club; leaders gave 3 demonstrations to each of the 16 clubs; reached 3 unorganized groups through method demonstrations; distributed educational material on laundering and club members gave information to non-club members. The commercial companies that we contacted for this material were very cooperative and generous.

c. Results

Three hundred and fifty women reported they improved their home laundry and 78 of them made major improvements such as buying 40 new washing machines, 10 ironers, 20 bought adjustable ironing boards,

and 8 reported they bought new irons and in many cases moved the laundry equipment to a more convenient place. # Sixty-four reported that they had rearranged and improved their kitchens; 25 have bought new stoves; 30 have bought hot water heaters; 12 have installed dish washers; and many others have bought numerous pieces of small electric equipment to make the home maker's task easier. One hundred eighty-five women reported they have simplified their task of house cleaning. The agent assisted 50 non-club members in planning how to reduce time and energy in housekeeping.

Clothing and Good Grooming

Objectives

To induce the homemaker to be a more vibrant, attractive person in society and at home, through better personal grooming, and to save expenses through better care of clothing in the removal of spots and stains and through making and remodeling of clothing.

b. Procedure

A leader's training conference was conducted by a beautician and cosmetic consultant from 2 establishments in Lynchburg with 2 leader's present from each home demonstration club; the leaders gave the 2 demonstrations to their clubs; distributed mimeograph material and letters; gave samples of products to club members. These demonstrations at the club were followed by smaller work groups conducted by

members or leaders on the personal grooming demonstration.

c. Results

One demonstration was given on personal grooming, but we have no record as to the results. However in changed hair styles, better care of the hair, and skin improvements, and in more attractive general appearance, we know that quite a few of the practices demonstrated were accepted.

As a carry over in clothing, the women are developing more skill in making their clothes and are practicing good points to look for in selecting ready made garments. The women reported they made 107 raincoats, 820 work dresses, 560 better cotton dresses, innumerable aprons, 170 tailored garments and 2000 children garments, 600 garments remodelled. Seventy-nine arranged their sewing equipment to save time and energy, and they reported 1095 garments dry cleaned. The women reported that the above sewing had been done at the saving of \$ 13,486.00 and dry cleaning at a saving of \$600.00. Quite a number of women reported that they made a number of their hats and accessories. The Yellow Branch club had a milliner from one of the department stores give them a spring and fall demonstration on remodeling hats and the results of these have been very gratifying. Eighteen ladies did not have to buy new hats for the two seasons because they had a change, each woman remodeled and trimmed 2 to 3 hats at each demonstration.

Home Furnishings

Objectives

To make family living easier and more comfortable by having floors that are more easily cared for and by having the proper lighting for correct seeing. The homemaker's had experience in making attractive lamp shades, which add to the beauty of the home.

Procedure

Miss Ruth Jackson, Home Furnishing Specialist from V.P.I., held a leader's conference with 2 leaders from each home demonstration club. The leaders gave the 2 demonstrations in their clubs, mimeograph material and bulletins were distributed to club members and other homemaker's. Club members worked in small groups making lamp shades.

Results

The women reported they reached 630 other people with the demonstration on care of floors and making lamp shades. The women reported they made 96 lamps from articles around the home as lamp bases and they also made 175 lamp shades.

Other work reported under this heading was the improvement of 637 rooms. One hundred and sixty improved walls and wood work; the same number sanded and finished floors. One hundred and fifty-seven improved color scheme; and 160 rearranged the furnishings of the rooms. One hundred and ninety-five families

were assisted in the repair, remodeling, and refinishing of 200 pieces of furniture. One hundred and one pieces were repaired and upholstered. The women reported making 89 slip covers, 74 rugs, 66 pictures, also numerous pictures were re-hung, 89 pieces of furniture, and 46 candlewick bed spreads. It is estimated that this program carried a saving of \$3,000.00 which may be applied to the family budget.

5. Food and Nutrition

a. Objectives

To have homemaker's make family living more attractive through serving healthful salads and appetizing desserts and learn ways of simple, but gracious, entertaining. To add to the family income and health through the serving of balanced diets and the preservation of foods.

b. Procedure

Two leader's training conferences were held with 2 leaders from each home demonstration club. Leaders gave 3 demonstrations to their group and the agent gave the other one. Mimeograph material and bulletins were distributed to club members and other homemakers, home visits were made both by the agent, leaders, and club members.

c. Results

In the food and nutrition program the women reported

they passed food information into 900 homes. The demonstrations on fruits and salads and desserts was enjoyed by all of the members and they reported they had used more fruit than formerly in their diets. The demonstration on pies and pastry mix was indeed popular and we receive request every day for the receipts we used in the meetings. People who said they had never been able to make pies have been very successful with the pastry mix. The demonstration on Entertaining in the home was indeed popular and the women all say it was very helpful. Other results in this project reported were 127 have home freezers, and 69 use a community locker. They froze 7509 lbs. of vegetables, 2449 lbs. of fruit; 10,950 lbs. of meat; and 900 lbs. of other foods. In addition 1006 quarts of tomatoes were canned; 14,275 qts. of vegetables; 12,130 qts. of fruit; 5,000 qts. of meat; 4,772 qts. of pickle, jam, and jellies were canned. A greater proportion of the canning was done at the Community canneries. In addition to the above canning, they reported they stored 3200 bushels of vegetables and cured 31,165 pounds of meat. An estimated value on the canned and frozen foods above is \$16,385.00 which does not have to be put in actual cash by the families when they are ready to consume the food.

6. Housing

This was not included in our program as such this year but worth while results have been reported. The agent has worked with groups and individuals on this phase. The bulletin on Farm Homes has been loaned to the groups to study and the results reported are 52 dwellings constructed, 76 remodelled, 170 have made major improvements such as painting, cutting new doors and windows, insulating or adding storm windows. Seventy-four have added complete water systems and 26 installed bath rooms in old houses. Thirty-two installed central heating systems, and 60 space or circulating heaters. Thirty-nine have added such needed storage space and 385 reported that had removed fire or accident hazards.

7. Rural Arts and Handicraft

No leaders' meeting has been held in this during the year but there has been quite a carry over from the past few years. All sixteen clubs have songs at each meeting and one meeting has been given over to a book review. One hundred and sixty chairs have been resealed, 25 chairs stenciled, 34 trays painted, 150 articles decorated with enamel paints, 100 glasses or ash trays etched, and 213 metal trays hammered or etched. Nearly every club has had a special meeting at which the members etched trays or crystal. Quite a few of each trays or crystal will be used for gifts this Christmas.

8. Poultry

a. Objectives

To have the women informed on the latest scientific findings on the care, housing, and feeding of poultry flocks.

b. Procedure

Each club appointed a leader and she was given a book containing poultry information. At each club she was given 5 minutes to discuss pertinent facts, and to answer the questions asked by the women.

c. Results

Thirty-five reported they bought better strains of baby chicks; 114 improved methods of feeding; 120 used newer methods in controlling external and internal parasites; and 40 reported they have improved their poultry houses.

9. Landscaping

Through no special emphasis was placed on landscaping this year, 130 women reported they had improved their home grounds - 40 by leveling the yard, 45 by re-sewing grass, 75 by planting shrubbery, 35 by repainting old building or fences, 25 by laying new walks.

10. Home Recreation

a. Objective

To help the women to learn to relax and play together as well as to work together. To show the women how to carry over into the home life games and contest learned.

b. Procedure

A leaders' meeting was held early in the year at which 2 members from each club were invited. They were taught games for home as well as community recreation.

c. Results

Two demonstration meetings are given over to recreation, one in the July picnic at which time each club sponsored community picnic. The attendance at these picnics range from 35 to 115. Every family that attends carries their own lunch; and games are played that have been planned by the recreation leader. Then each club has a family Christmas party. At these parties home made decorations and refreshments are used, and there is an exchange of home made Christmas presents. The group all join in, in the singing of Christmas Carols and the playing of games.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Federation Goal "Citizenship"

a. Objectives

To get women to realize their responsibilities as a citizen by registering and voting; knowing their local state, and national government; having better community cooperation ~~and~~ helping the youth to become better citizens.

b. Procedure

Appoint a ~~county~~ chairman; appoint a club chairman; hold meetings of the chairmen and train them in their responsibilities;

each gave a 5 minute program at each meeting.

Each club held a public meeting with outside speakers-  
booklets and pamphlets were distributed.

c. Results

Ninety-one club members have registered this year and  
they have encouraged many non-club members to register.  
Two hundred and thirteen club members reported they  
voted in the general election. At each club they  
sponsored a picnic and Christmas party to which all  
of the young people in the community were invited.

2. Health

a. Objective

To continue the health program for happier and healthier  
people. Club members continue their physical check-up  
and responsibility for one other person having a check-up;  
continue to have hospitalization for self and family.  
Each club contributes to health drive and tries to be  
a blood donor if possible.

b. Procedure

Appoint county chairman and each club appoint a health  
chairman. These chairman brought up timely health topics  
at the club. Literature, pictures and home visits were  
used too as a means of passing information, on to  
non-club members.

c. Results

Mrs. Goode Robinson of the Mt. Athos club was appointed County Health Chairman and she has been untiring in her efforts to keep the program before the people. In the beginning of the year she held a meeting of all the Health chairmen of the clubs and a program for the year was set up. Since the annual physical health examination program has been so well established, club members may call the center directly for their appointments. Mrs. G. T. Connally of the Gladys Club acted as chairman for the Cancer Drive. Mrs. M. L. Merryman of the Rustburg Club acted as chairman of the bloodmobile. One hundred and fifty-seven club members have had a physical check-up, and they have been responsible for 185 non-club members getting a physical check-up. One hundred and sixty reported they have hospitalization for themselves and families while 68 reported due to special reasons they carried their illnesses individually. The Health Chairmen of the county sponsored a one day visit of the Cancermobile to the Fair Show in Lynchburg - the film shown on cancer detection was seen by more than 500 people. All of the clubs have contributed to the different health drives. Four of the clubs sponsored special events to raise money for the cancer and polio drives.

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### 3. Library

#### a. Objectives

To continue to better family living and recreation through the reading of better books, to widen the circle of readers and get better books distributed throughout the county.

#### b. Procedures

Clubs contribute \$10.00 to the club sponsored library. The club has a librarian who keeps a record of books read, and distributes and collects books for the agent who takes books to each club. The home demonstration committee gives reading certificates to members who read 5 books on one of the recommended reading list made up by the State Library Goal Chairman.

#### c. Results

The County Library is and has been a long-time goal of the clubs. Each club pays \$10.00 yearly toward its upkeep. The outline of work includes the maintenance of the reading room, the problem of getting the people to read more and better books, and the distribution of the books from the library to the people throughout the county. There are more than 2500 books in the library. It is open 5 afternoons a week with the librarian paid by the County Board of Supervisors. The library is housed in new

quarters now, because of the scarcity of office space it was necessary for the Board of Supervisors to give the two old library rooms over to the Soil Conservation and Welfare Board and the library was housed in very undesirable quarters. A committee of women appointed by the county home demonstration chairman went before the Board of Supervisors and after 2 meetings a very attractive room was secured in the old Clerk Office. This room was repainted by the County Board, and the Home Demonstration Committee is purchasing venetian blinds for the room. The women now are very happy with the new arrangements.

4. Institute of Rural Affairs

a. Objectives

Have the president of the Home Demonstration Committee, Federation Goal Chairman and eight women attend the Institute.

b. Results

The agent, president of the committee, Goal Chairman and four women attended the Institute of Rural Affairs. Reports of this meeting were given at all of the clubs and at the Fall Planning Meeting. Each woman attended a different session of the meeting, so we had a good report and a wide variety of information to help us with our years program.

District Federation Meeting

Objectives

Have all of the 18 clubs help with the entertaining of the District Meeting in this county the 2nd. of May. Have a good county attendance at the meeting.

Results

The Campbell County group was hostess to the District Federation at William Campbell High School in Marrow. There were five hundred present from the seven counties in the District.

The P.T.A. of William Campbell served abundant and delicious luncheon to the group. Eric Lund, W.I.V.A. Farm Reporter, was there during the day and made a recording of the meeting and this was used for several days on his broadcasts. Mrs. Frank Carr, District President presided and Mrs. Dickerson, State President gave her report. The program was well planned and consisted a program follows giving the days' program in detail. The club women were delighted to serve as hostesses and were very generous in making every one feel welcome. The Mt. Athos Club presented courages to the agents and county chairman. There were one hundred and twenty-five women from the county in attendance at this meeting.

## HD Members From Seven Counties Hold Annual Meeting At Naruna

(Special to The News)

NARUNA, May 3—District III of the Virginia Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, comprised of Amherst, Appomattox, Campbell, Charlotte, Halifax, Pittsylvania and Prince Edward counties, held its annual meeting Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the new William Campbell High School at Naruna.

The invocation, given by Mrs. J. T. Leseur of Prince Edward County, was followed by the welcome extended by Mrs. S. S. Gilbert of Campbell County.

Phyllis Lea of Amherst County gave the response, with Mrs. Lacy Powell, vice president of District III, giving the recognition of the visitors.

Mrs. Frank Carr of Appomattox, president of District III, presided and gave the district report, with the following chairmen giving brief highlights of the work in their respective counties: Mrs. Walter Tucker, Amherst; Mrs. T. M. Cunningham, Appomattox; Mrs. S. S. Gilbert, Campbell; Helen Vaughan, Charlotte; Mrs. Sam Foster, Halifax; Mrs. George H. Shields Jr., Pittsylvania, and Mrs. Edward Frank, Prince Edward.

### District Report

Mrs. Carr reported that there were 110 clubs in the district, with 2,482 members, 267 of whom are new. A total of 647 physical examinations and 833 demonstrations, given by members, were reported. Six counties published year books and seven held achievement days.

The reports were followed by group singing, led by Mrs. W. F. Wilkins, accompanied by Mrs. H. O. Bradley, both of Campbell County.

A. J. Daughtry, assistant director of extension, VPI, spoke on "A Look at a Rural Community." Reviewing the changes in rural life in the years since World War I, he spoke of the greater conveniences in life on the farm since hard surfaced roads, telephones and electricity have become more available. He urged that rural communities be made attractive to the young people so that they will remain to strengthen those communities.

He called the rural areas the last great bulwark of democracy and said the continuance of the American way of life will depend, at least in part, on the course determined by our rural people in the next few years.

At noon a minute of silent prayer for peace and better understanding was observed, followed by presentation of "Pennies for Friendship" by the county treasurers.

Mrs. C. H. White of Forest, state treasurer, accepted this offering which amounted to \$82.73, and then led in a prayer for the countries of the world who are united in this effort at better understanding.

Mrs. Carter Martin of Appomattox sang "The Song of Peace," after

which the meeting adjourned for lunch.

Special music by the glee club of William Campbell High School, directed by Joyce Wingfield, sang at the afternoon session.

### Mrs. Dickinson Speaks

Mrs. Will S. Dickinson of Spottsylvania County, state president, spoke on "Our Federation Today—The Challenge of Tomorrow," mentioning the things the federation is doing now and the results of efforts that have already been made.

Dr. Nina Podnicks addressed the group on "How Communism Destroys Home and Family." She told of the manner in which the Communists had taken over her country and warned that we be on guard lest the precious liberties we enjoy be lost to us in the same manner.

Dr. Podnicks, a Latvian DP, is now associated with the state Health Department in a professional capacity as a dentist.

The business session concluded the day's activities. Mrs. Coke Stewart, secretary, of Amherst County, read the minutes of the last meeting.

The nominating committee presented the names of the new officers as follows: president, Mrs. W. S. Adkinson Jr., Halifax, and vice president, Mrs. W. E. Lewis, Pittsylvania. They were unanimously elected. The 1953 meeting will be held in Pittsylvania County.

Guests included Charles Ellis, Campbell County agent; Frank Carr, district supervisor of soil conservation service; John Harrison, SCS, Campbell County; Sally Guy Davis, former district home demonstration agent; Lucy Blake, the present district home demonstration agent, and Eric Lund, farm reporter of WLVA.

Five hundred and twenty-three people were in attendance.

6. Achievement Day

The Achievement Day was in the form of a tour to Appomattox Battle Grounds and buildings. Eighty-five women enjoyed the tour which was held in September. After touring the grounds and buildings a delightful basket lunch was enjoyed by all at the Appomattox Parkway. After lunch Eric Lund gave a talk on citizenship - pointing out the facts that good citizenship was not only voting, but living daily in your home and community as a good citizen. Mrs. Carr, County Chairman, Mrs. Anderson, Agent from Appomattox, were guest for luncheon and Mr. Lunds' talk.

7. Community Project

The Community House that was sponsored jointly by the Sherburne 4-H Club and Sherwill Home Demonstration Club in 1950 and was completed so it was usable in 1951 has paid off their indebtedness of \$9000.00 on the building. The last payment was \$800.00 paid off from the proceeds of a supper and a bazaar held on the 22nd of this month. This building has drawn the community together into a working unit. The money for the building has been raised through contributions but mostly in the form of suppers, an antique tea, selling waxes, eggs and through many other money making schemes and maintaining the Hunt Club. The Hunt Club members were

as impressed with the hospitality they received in 1951 that they held a 3 day hunt meeting here again this fall. This Community House project has been a strenuous but untiring project for the whole community. The home demonstration club and the 4-H club meet regularly in the building and it is used also by other community organizations. The club sponsored Christmas entertainment in the community house for the children of the community and had 65 guest present. This fall a Halloween entertainment was given the children and they had 125 present. A Christmas party for the children has been planned for December. Through the whole campaign for raising money for the building Mrs. James R.. Cardwell, chairman for the committee has been untiring in her efforts. Mrs. John Delling, President of the club, has been the motivating power behind the entertainments held for the children. A News article from the Lynchburg News in regards to the community house follows.



# Farm Page

## Sherwill Community Center In Campbell Outstanding Example Of Fine Co-Operation Found In Rural Areas



### Members Scheduled Supper And Bazaar For November 22 At Modern Clubhouse

Citizens of Virginia's rural areas are hard to dishearten. They are sometimes "down," but seldom "out."

The scattered families in the Sherwill community of Campbell County are no exception to this rule. They felt that since small schools in their area were discontinued and consolidated into Concord High School, many miles distant.

It was felt that they didn't realize the many advantages of a consolidated school, because they did. They were convinced their children would receive a better education in a modern, up-to-date institution of learning.

What did cause them to feel downhearted was that the schoolhouses, which had been community gathering places for many years, were being sold out from under them. No longer were there any places for club meetings and parties, or just plain get-together meetings for widely scattered neighbors.

**No Place To Go**  
For a large number the schoolhouse in the community had been the one place where all citizens could get together for a social exchange of ideas and information which plays such an important part in the lives of rural peoples.

For a while after the schools were discontinued, they tried holding club meetings and social affairs in some of the homes, but this didn't prove too satisfactory, since the homes were not large enough to accommodate all who would like to attend these functions.

Something must be done, they decided, and the Sherwill Home Demonstration Club members took a lead in sponsoring a big project. They called in representatives from Red Oak, Three Fork, New Chapel, Sherwill, Plum Branch, Spring Mills, Dinguidis, Pappas and Concord, and nine communities where the school had been discontinued, and told them what they had in mind.

"No rural is complete," they said, "without a community center building where meetings of all kinds may be held."

After some discussion, and with the co-operation of the East Side 4-H Club, a meeting was held at Early's Chapel Methodist Church in the spring of 1949. At this meeting, Hunter Jones, Hubert Carson and Mrs. Hunter Evans were elected trustees for a community center project. A board of directors, named at the meeting, was composed of the following: Mrs. W. H. Wood, Spring Mills; Mrs. T. M. Goldsby, Sherwill; Mrs. John G. Martin, Indian Hill; Thomas Finco, New Chapel; C. B. Carson, Concord; and Mrs. James H. Cardwell, Red Oak.

Mrs. W. D. Jones was elected secretary, and Hubert Carson, treasurer.

Others taking an important part in working for a community center included Mrs. J. M. Bolling, Mrs. B. O. Rucker, Mrs. J. R. Torbert, Mrs. C. E. Jones, Mrs. F. E. Tweedy, Mrs. C. M. Torrence Jr., Mrs. G. H. Jones and Mrs. J. W. Reynolds.

**Land Secured**  
Land for a building site was offered by Mrs. T. M. Goldsby, G. H. Jones and Hunter Evans. The land offered by Hunter Evans, being more centrally located, was accepted.

Carey Carson, assistant Campbell County agent, communicated with VPI, Blacksburg, concerning the project, and G. D. Kite, agricultural engineer, offered his assistance. Carson and Kite met with the group at Concord High School in the early fall of 1949 and presented plans for a building.

On Nov. 17, 1949, a group of interested citizens met and made definite plans for clearing the grounds.

A mass meeting was called for Jan. 13, 1950, at Concord High School, at which time W. D. Evans, who had been named finance chairman, appointed numerous citizens to make a house-to-house canvass to secure donations and pledges for

the community project. Pledges were to be paid in one, two, or three years. These pledges amounted to \$2,437.

Things were looking up. They decided to call the project the Sherwill Community Center. The men got busy and did a lot of the work themselves on the house, a 30 by 70-foot cinder block, one-story construction, with a full basement. Of course, part of the work had to be let on contract.

As the men worked on the building, the women got busy and raised more money with suppers and bazaars. In this manner, the Sherwill HD Club raised \$1,026 in 1950, and \$1,900 more in 1951.

Members of the East Side 4-H Club have also made many contributions in cash and other gifts, and have co-operated in making the Community center a success.

### Over \$8,000 Spent

To the present date, the sum of \$8,000.79 has been spent on the building, where all community activities are now held. The main floor has a stage and two dressing rooms at one end, and at the other end of the floor are a big, open fireplace, a kitchen and a library nook. The library contains a number of books donated by HD club members, and the kitchen has a stove, refrigerator and a small amount of equipment. A goodly number of chairs and tables are on the main floor. The building has electric current.

J. Mott Robertson of Lynchburg, who has served as joint finance chairman with W. D. Evans, has made many contributions to the Center, as have other Lynchburg businessmen. J. R. Torbert and F. E. Tweedy are building committee chairmen.

Present officers include: Mrs. J. R. Cardwell, president; H. P. Evans, vice president; Mrs. J. M. Bolling, secretary; Mrs. W. D. Evans, treasurer; and Mrs. C. M. Torrence Jr., custodian.

Directors are Mrs. J. G. Martin, Mrs. E. W. Walker, Jimmy Tweedy, Mrs. W. H. Wood, Mrs. F. M. Goldsby and Mrs. J. R. Cardwell.

**Supper Scheduled**  
Between \$750 and \$800 is still owed on the building. In an effort to erase this deficit, a turkey and ham supper and bazaar have been scheduled at Sherwill Community Center for Saturday, Nov. 22, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. With their already established reputation for being good cooks, the HD members hope to attract a large number of hungry folks who will be served cabaret style in the large room before the open fireplace.

During the program, many hand-made articles and numerous other items will be on sale.

Future plans, Mrs. Cardwell says, are to continue the good work started, to improve present facilities, to complete the basement, put water in the building (from the well already dug); and beautify the playground—and to make it more comfortable and more available to more people for more activities.



The above pictures were made at Sherwill Community Center last week as a group of members were preparing for a bazaar and supper scheduled for Nov. 22. Top left photo is a view of the building which is a project of nine small communities. Mrs. D. B. Evans, left, and Mrs. Sue Caldwell, top right photo, look over some of the books in the library nook. Middle photo, R. T. Morris, left, and R. O. Rucker take time out to look at a copy of The News, while Mrs. J. R. Cardwell, president of the organization, arranges some fall leaves on the mantel over the open fireplace. Mrs. R. O. Rucker, left, and Mrs. J. M. Bolling, president of Sherwill HD Club, lower photo, arrange an exhibit of articles that will be sold at the bazaar Saturday night. (Lloyd Smith Photos)

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8. Outstanding Club Member

Mrs. S. S. Gilbert has been an outstanding club member for the past six years. Previous to that time she had lived in town, and she knew nothing of country life or home demonstration work. She has always been a public spirited woman and as soon as she moved into the country she entered all of the county activities. While she was a busy homemaker she has always found time to teach Sunday School, she is chairman of the Youth Group in her church and was later made District Chairman of this group. She served as president of her home demonstration club for 2 years and chairman of the home demonstration committee for 2 years. She was club chairman of the Federation Goal Citizenship in her club in 1952 and she has been selected as County Chairman for the Goal for 1953. Through Mrs. Gilberts interest in Youth she was appointed by the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs as State Chairman of the Federation Goal "Rural Youth and Community Recreation". She was invited by Governor Battle to attend the Health Council held in Roanoke in November. While president of her club Mrs. Gilbert prevailed upon every woman in the Tyreanna Club to have a physical check-up. It was discovered that one member had a cancer in its early stages, this was removed three years ago and since there has been no re-occurrence of it. This fall Mrs. Gilbert has built a new home, is caring for 2 small grandchildren, but still finds time to keep up with her home demonstration club and youth work in her church.

VI. 4-H CLUB WORK

A. PROJECT WORK

1. Home Improvement

a. Objectives

This project helps make the family a unit, as the daughter takes over definite jobs as her contribution to better family living, by learning and practicing new methods that save time and energy.

b. Procedure

The agent held small group leader meetings so that these trained leaders could give the demonstrations to the club; in other clubs the agent gave all the demonstrations, project books were given to the girls and a work sheet with the required work listed as the girls did the work they checked it, the girls made a scrap book, they were assigned jobs from the demonstration. The agent talked over projects with many of the parents and letters were written to them, the girls made exhibits in the club and had exhibits at the Farm Show.

c. Results

Two hundred and nineteen girls were enrolled in this project with 182 completing. Forty of the girls gave demonstrations to their groups and 180 judged articles brought to the club. One hundred and forty cared for

their room for 6 months, 106 rooms were improved, 181 re-arranged for easier care, 421 articles of furniture was made or bought, 106 pieces of furniture remodeled or refinished, 125 pieces bought. Eighty nine floors were sanded and refinished, 139 rooms repapered or painted and 60 lamps were made along with 68 lamp shades according to their reports.

2. Clothing Unit 11 and 111

a. Objectives

To have young girls to sew simple articles as means of developing skills to be used in making their own clothes and helping with the family sewing when the girls are more mature.

b. Procedure

The agent held individual or small group leaders' meetings, where leaders could be secured, and they gave some of the demonstrations to their group; in others, the agent gave the demonstrations. Mimeographed sheets on each article to be made were given to the girls to add to their 4-H books. The making of these articles were demonstrated then the girls made the articles and brought them to the next meeting to be judged. An exhibit was held at the end of the year where all articles were judged. The older girls exhibited articles at the Farm Show.

c. Results

One hundred and thirty-two girls were enrolled in these

two projects; 118 in So You Want To Sew; and 14 in Make or Re-Make with 99 of these girls completing. They reported that they made 108 garments; remodeled 64; made 662 other articles; 129 improved personal care; and 104 the care and repair of clothing. One hundred and twenty kept a scant clothing account for a period of 2 months.

### 3. Food Preparation

#### a. Objectives

This project was taken by community groups with local leaders during the summer. To teach the girls who cook or help with the cooking at home the basic patterns of food preparation.

#### b. Procedure

Leaders were secured where possible for local community groups; training was given these leaders by the agent who in turn gave the demonstrations to their groups. Project books and mimeograph materials were furnished the leaders and girls.

#### c. Results

Two hundred girls were enrolled in this project, 181 completing the project. They reported that 170 girls gave demonstrations to their groups; they planned 1000 meals; prepared 900 meals; and served 14 club meals. One club had a picnic at which they cooked their food

Out of doors, and all helped with the family preparation of food.

• **Food Preservation**

- a. To have summer projects with interested girls in small community groups with home demonstration members serving as leaders. The girls will help with better feeding of their families through making a plan of the amount of food to care for their families; keeping a record of the food canned, assisting with and canning some themselves. They learned how to judge a canned product.

b. **Participation**

The women serving as leaders were given latest facts on canning and they gave demonstrations to their groups, home visits, mimeograph material and government bulletins were distributed. The girls brought a can of food to the club and there they judged it.

c. **Results**

One hundred and sixty girls were enrolled with 144 completing the project. They reported that they canned alone 2800 qts. helped can 10,600 and all the girls made a canning or food preservation plan for their family. Twelve of the food preservation girls helped with the family freezing of food; they helped freeze 4360 lbs. and freeze 280 lbs. alone.

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9. Rural Electrification

a. Objectives

To learn the use of electricity as an economical and practical servant in the home and on the farm.

b. Procedure

Early in the year a two day school was held for ~~Chapman~~ at the Appalachian Power Company by Harry ~~Castles~~, Lloyd Miller, Betty Jo Minnick and the agent and ~~some~~ of the elder boys and girls attended. The ~~information was~~ given here, was given to the clubs through ~~demonstrations~~, the members were given record ~~books~~ with the project outline which was used as a basic for demonstrations. Letters were sent to members and the members visited farms and homes to see the use of electricity in well electrified units.

c. Results

The ~~Browns~~ Senior and Eastside 4-H Clubs selected Rural Electrification as their project. The demonstrations ~~have been carried~~ in this, from repairing electric cords, ~~remodeling~~ lamps, learning to read the meter, making electric ~~motors~~, time clocks for the poultry house, a ~~chicken~~ and pig brooder and use and care of household electrical equipment. Peggy Torbert of the Eastside Club and ~~Marion~~ Neighbors of the same club were County

winners, and were delegates to the Electric Congress in Richmond this fall. Phyllis Issacs, last years county winner was the State Winner in the Contest and her award will be a trip to the National Club Congress in Chicago, she will leave the 28th and will return December 5th. Phyllis, has done outstanding club work, particularly in holding her club together and in the electrical project. Even though she is a sophomore at Longwood College she has found time to keep up her project and club work. She assisted the Electric Powers Home Economist in giving demonstrations to the 4-H groups in Cumberland County last winter - and is assisting with club work in both Cumberland and Prince Edward Counties this winter. While she was at home this summer Phyllis assisted with the Brookville 4-H club. She is very much interested in Home Demonstration work and her ambition is to become an agent upon her graduation. Following are some pictures showing Phyllis performing some home activities in connection with her project and presiding at the banquet at the 4-H Electric Congress in Richmond at which Governor Battle was honor guest .

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Dr. Skefton and Phyllis Issacs just after he presented State award at Club Congress in Richmond.



Phyllis Issacs with group of club members repairing light cords at A.E.P. Electric school.



Phyllis Issacs demonstrating making of lamps at Brookville 4-H club.



Phyllis Issacs cleaning their electric stove.

## 300 Virginians Attend Electric Congress

Over 300 4-H Club boys and girls, Extension Service personnel, and power supplier representatives attended the second annual Virginia 4-H Electric Congress in Richmond, September 4 and 5. The Electric Congress was sponsored by 19 Virginia power suppliers.

W. E. Skelton, State 4-H Club Agent, reported that 60 counties qualified to send a boy and a girl by meeting the minimum requirements of having 12 or more completions in the Electric Project. Mr. Skelton also reported an enrollment of 5,500 in the Electric Project this year—an increase of 1,500 over last year.



W. E. Skelton, Virginia 4-H Club Agent, presents Phyllis Isaacs of Campbell County the Westinghouse award for being the outstanding 4-H Electric Club Member in 1952. The award consists of a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago, November 30 - December 4.

At the luncheon at the close of the two-day Congress, Phyllis Isaacs, Campbell County, was named the outstanding State 4-H Electric Club Member and thus won the Westinghouse-sponsored trip to the National 4-H Club Congress. Gold watches were awarded to the district winners and Bedford County received the Westinghouse plaque for the outstanding County Electric Program in the State.

4-H Club members presided at all of the luncheons and dinners. Russell Henderson, 1951 State and National winner in the 4-H Farm and Home Electric Project, presided at the opening luncheon at which Governor John S. Battle welcomed the Congress delegates. The Governor thanked the power suppliers sponsoring the program and reminded the boys and girls that Virginia was pri-

marily rural and that rural youth of Virginia have an important role not only in the State's future but in the country's future as well.

Other speakers at the Electric Congress were W. J. Ridout, Editor, *Electricity on the Farm*, and L. B. Dietrick, director, Virginia Agricultural Extension Service. F. R. Adair, district engineer, Westinghouse Lamp Division, presented his "Magic of Light" demonstration at the assembly on Thursday morning.

Trips to the Congress for the 206 county winners were provided by the Virginia power suppliers in cooperation with the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service.



Governor John S. Battle of Virginia addresses the 300 4-H boys and girls, Extension Service personnel, and power supplier representatives attending the second Virginia 4-H Electric Congress. The Governor complimented the 4-H delegates for their outstanding accomplishment and thanked the 19 power suppliers who sponsored the program.

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*By Helen Water  
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In Monongahela Power territory the workshop teaching 4-H members, and leaders about simplifications of electricity has been successful. The workshop has been applied at four levels: local club, county leader and adult county and state camps.

A typical example is the West Virginia 4-H Club members enrolled, mostly members (ten years old).

**Project 4-H  
County Program**

The project 4-H program in the county is being carried on by the county extension agent, who is assisted by the county club leaders. The project is being carried on in the county club, county leader and adult county and state camps.

**TEN COUNTY WINNERS  
COMPETE IN TENNESSEE**

The ten county winners of the Tennessee 4-H contest are competing in the state contest in Tennessee. The winners are from the following counties: ...

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A group of 4-H members and leaders standing together outdoors.

6. Gardens

a. Objectives

To teach club members, parents and others through practical demonstrations the best methods of growing and caring for a garden. To interest and secure the help of the girls in a wholesome and profitable enterprise essential to better living.

b. Procedure

The girls selected in this project were the ones that had good family cooperation; garden planting guides and mimeograph literature were distributed by the agent when she made home visits. The garden specialist visited the gardens in the spring and in the fall and scored the gardens. The girls kept a record on their gardens.

c. Results

Eight girls entered the garden project as sponsored by Sears Roebuck and Company with 6 girls completing. Their garden and canning records show the following results:

Value of gardens of girls completing	\$1490.34
Cost of gardens of girls completing	426.13
Profit from gardens of girls completing	1064.71
Total no. of qts. canned	2378
Total qts. frozen	200

and total lbs. dried and stored 800. These girls  
won \$80.00 in prizes from Sears in addition to the  
prizes won by them in canning and exhibits of garden  
produce at the Farm Show. Janice Martin, a member of  
the Gladys A-H club, was the county first prize winner  
in both canning and gardening, this is her fourth year  
for this honor. She was Sweeps Stake winner in the  
garden contest winning a prize of \$20.00 for this.

7. Laundry

Eighteen girls enrolled in the laundry project with  
14 completing. These girls reported that they did  
their own laundry and gave 12 demonstrations. They  
all improved their laundry equipment and method of  
doing laundry.

8. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. State Short Course

Janice Martin and Jeanneane Neighbors attended the  
State Short Course. Phyllis Issacs, Mrs Hunter Evans  
and Mrs. Embra Tillertison attended the "All Star"  
Conference that was held just prior to the State Short  
Course and Phyllis stayed over to attend and assist  
with the Short Course.

2. A-H District Camp

The agent, Nancy Reynolds, Blanche Newland, Faye  
Stclair as leaders, Sue Bolling as Camp Nurse and  
46 girls attended the District Camp. The agent was  
in charge on one of the handicrafts and vespers.

Joyce Gunn of the Rustburg Club was "Big Scribe". The camp trip is one that all of the girls enjoy - and they never tire of telling the other girls about the lovely time they had at camp.

### 3. State Show

One of the highlights of the 4-H club year is the State Show. This is an educational project sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and the business men of Lynchburg for white boys and girls enrolled in 4-H Vocational Agriculture and Home Economics. This show is open for exhibits of boys and girls from 14 counties within the Lynchburg business area. Exhibits are made by boys and girls in the projects they have carried during the year. Thirty-six hundred exhibits were entered this year and were seen by many more people. The attendance was cut considerably this year due to the cold weather and rain on both days and nights. One hundred and fifty exhibits were made by the 4-H girls and they received their share of the awards. Janice Martin, who was the winner in the garden and sewing contest, received more prizes than any other girl in the county, and this meant that for the third year Janice's picture will be on the calendar from the Campbell County Bank. Each year as a special recognition the Bank used the picture of the county girl and boy that receive the greatest number of prizes.

4. Rural Life Sunday

Four clubs observed Rural Life Sunday by making a special effort to attend church. The Brookville Senior and Eastside 4-H clubs attended their respective churches in a body and assisted with the services.

5. I.F.Y.E.

All of the people in the county are very proud of Richard Martin who was always an outstanding 4-H club member, he has been an I.F.Y.E. student in France for the past six months. Richard is a ministerial student in his sophomore year at Lynchburg College and has the distinction of being the youngest I.F.Y.E. student to-date. He is only 19 years old.

VII. SENIOR MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN'S WORK

There are no clubs organized as such. The young women are working in home demonstration clubs, senior 4-H clubs or individually. The Pilot home demonstration club is composed mostly of young women in this age group, they follow the program as outlined in the adult work. Mrs. S. S. Gilbert, the former Home Demonstration Committee Chairman has been appointed State Chairman of the Federation Goal "Rural Youth and Community Recreation" for 1952 and 53.

viii SCOPE OF WORK

	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. of H.D. Clubs or Group	16	18	18	16
Membership	365	443	454	432
No. of 4-H Clubs	13	13	13	14
Membership	331	328	363	370
No. YW Groups				
Membership				
No. of other families reached	3400	3600	5283	5283
No of different families reached	3200	6000	6100	6100

ix. FUNCTION OF ORGANIZATION

1. County Home Demonstration Committee

- The Home Demonstration Committee held two meetings during the year. The fall meeting was an all day one, at which the program for the following year was planned. The officers from the clubs bring their suggested topics for demonstrations, Federation Goal and special interest group meetings and from these suggestions a county plan of work evolves. At the spring meeting they discussed the progress of the program to-date, made suggestions as to where the program needed strengthening, made plans for the District Federation meeting to which they were hostess this year, appointed an Achievement Day Committee and selected delegates to the Institute of Rural Affairs. Outstanding accomplishments and results of the work done by the county committee in 1952 are;
- The county program for adult work has been carried with many worthwhile accomplishments. This has been made possible largely because of the splendid planning of the committee and the leadership the presidents have given to the local clubs.

6. Another accomplishment has been the splendid cooperation with other agencies, worthwhile drives and funds for special interested Extension groups.
7. The Year Book Committee found a sponsor for the ~~State~~ Demonstration Year Book and the book will be ready for the December meeting.
8. The committee planned the day for the District Federation Meeting and due to such careful planning it was quite successful.
9. The committee planned the Achievement Day program and were responsible for the whole day.
10. The committee raised funds and financed the expenses of two delegates to the State Federation meeting, and furnished materials for all of the leaders training conferences.
11. County 4-H Project Planning Committee

Twelve older girls and leaders met with the agent early in the spring and decided on the projects that the 4-H girls would carry for the year. They also decided on the girls that would attend the State Short Course at Blacksburg.
12. County 4-H Council

The 4-H council has held one club meeting with a small attendance. They discussed the project and club work in general and the District 4-H camp. Definite requirements

were made for attendance at the District camp.

5. Bloodmobile

Mrs. M. E. Merryman is chairman of the bloodmobile. She visited all of the clubs this year urging members to give blood and support this program in any way possible. Many of the women donated blood themselves or found donors. They served as clerks when the mobile was in the county. Six of the women who are trained nurses assisted the visiting doctors and nurses in taking the blood. The clubs take turn in furnishing cookies and sandwiches to serve the donors.

8. LEADERSHIP

a. Volunteer Leaders

1. Adult Leaders

- a. One hundred and thirty organizational leaders have developed in leadership through their clubs and committee work during the year. These leaders have full responsibility of arranging for a meeting place and conducting the meetings. Leaders were given training on conducting meetings at the Fall Planning Meeting. They are also given a State Federation Handbook which serves as a guide and a County Year Book which contains the actual county information. The development of these leaders has been shown through better programs in the clubs and in their willingness to assume greater responsibilities.

b. Program Development Chairman

The program development chairmen are taking more responsibility in making the year's program of work. They are taking interest in the community activities and the changes that take place that would effect the programs. After serving as a program development chairman they are more sympathetic and understanding of the program and making better club members.

c. Project Leaders

One hundred and twenty-five different women have served as project leaders for the sixteen clubs during the year. Dividing the leadership up among more women has proven very successful; infact so successful that all of the leaders now volunteer and they are disappointed if their offer is not accepted. Eleven leaders training meetings were held with an attendance of 203 members. The leaders have given 108 demonstrations to their clubs without the agent being present.

2. 4-H Club Leaders

a. 4-H Organizational Leaders

The fourteen clubs have had their full quota of officers who have charge of arranging the meeting place, planning the program (with the assistance of the agent or adult leader) and conducting the meeting. The training of the leaders was given by the agent. They are also given one of the parliamentary leaflets to use, which is of great help.

b. 4-H Project Leaders

Four of the clubs have adult leaders that meet with the group at monthly meetings. The leaders plan programs and project work with the groups, help members with their projects; give some demonstrations in which they have been trained by the agent. Two of the clubs have a teacher sponsor who helps the girls with their records, plan programs and attend all of the meetings. During the summer the clubs are broken down into smaller neighborhood groups and 36 women assist the club girls with their projects. These groups had either Food Preparation or Preservation for their projects. The leaders were trained in small groups or individually by the agent.

B. Growth of Project Leaders

1. Home Demonstration

	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. of project leaders (subject matter	180	212	221	125
No. goal chairmen				51
No training meetings held by Specialist	9	10	7	5
by Agent	3	10	4	6
Attendance at all training meetings	269	400	203	311
No of club meetings held by leaders without agent present.	83	96	79	108
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	100	149	114	95

<u>Amount of 4-H Club Project Leadership</u>	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. adult project leaders	10	37	33	36
No. junior project leaders	18	18	41	29
No. training meetings held by Specialist by Agent	15	19	36	25
Attendance at leaders training meetings	82	94	107	77
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	20est.35	35	35	
No. club meetings held by leader without agent present	40	57	71	83
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	60	74	45	25
No. demonstrations given by leaders	61	57	60	148
by adults	49	37	50	98
by juniors	12	20	10	50

XI. WORK IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

1. Home Economic Teachers

The home agent has cooperated with the home economic teachers in connection with the Lynchburg Farm Show, personally and with furnishing them with publications.

2. Health Agencies

The agent as well as the home demonstration members are closely associated with the health unit and several are members of the Health Council. Then the agent as well as the club members cooperate with some of the other organizations such as Red Cross through contributing to their drives. One of the members is the executive secretary for the County Chapter. One of the members is also county chairman of the Campbell County Cancer Society. The clubs contribute to this fund. All of the clubs contribute to the March of Dimes and T.S. association by buying of stamps.

3. County Extension Workers

There is a close cooperation between all of the Extension workers in the county. The agent cooperated with the other agricultural agencies in all ways possible, attends their meetings when invited and assists when her services are requested.

XII. APPRAISAL OF WORK 1952

It is gratifying to the agent that both the "Plan of Work" and the "Years Program" as planned by the county committee have been carried through with very few changes. This shows a well planned and organized program. The 4-H club enrollment of "different" 4-H club girls showed an increase of 7 over 1951. There were 370 girls enrolled in 965 projects with 317 completing. The value of long time county-wide Federation Goal has been established as "Health". This program has reaped fine results with interest continuing to grow after 4 years of work.

Though the Federation Goal is changed to Citizenship both the Library and Health program continue to grow and be a definite responsibility of the home demonstration program.

The appraisal of 4-H and home demonstration programs cannot be fairly given in physical accomplishments. Real accomplishment for better family living have come to families in Campbell County through home demonstration women learning fine ways of living with others and contacts with other homemakers; giving satisfaction in home life through more attractive and comfortable

Make and better planned meals; learning games to play within the family circle and having subjects for conversation. Perhaps greatest of all is finding vision of service and 4-H continue carrying a project because of their eagerness to serve.

The agent feels that the home demonstration work in the county should find some way of strengthening the project work and leadership in the 4-H program. The women should feel more keenly their responsibility toward this leadership and gain a closer and understanding of the value of 4-H work.