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BLAND COUNTY

Bland County is centrally located in the Appalachian Mountain Range in Southwest Virginia with an elevation of 2500 to 3400 feet.

There are 787 farms in the county with a total acreage of farm land listed in the 1950 Census at 125,072 acres. Much of the county woodland area, 236,160 acres, is a part of the Jefferson National Forest.

The county population is 6,437. These figures show a decline of 300 since the 1944 Census.

It is largely an agricultural county with general farming, beef cattle, sheep, dairying predominating. One hosiery mill, which employs 80 persons, and six privately owned lumber industries, are the county's only industries. A "Children's-Ready-to-Wear" factory to employ 100 persons, is scheduled to begin operation soon.

Coal mining, State Highway Department, Celanese Plant at Narrows and Pearisburg and the Radford Arsenal make it possible for heads of families and other members to live in the county and commute to work.

The 1951 school census shows 1,567 students enrolled in nine county schools - three high schools; one junior high school, four white grade schools, and one colored grade school.

Forty Lutheran, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches serve the county.

Recreation is conducted through homes, Churches, schools and clubs. The county does not have any form of commercial recreation, such as theaters, bowling alleys or skating rinks, etc.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF 1951 PROGRAM TO BETTER FAMILY LIVING

The projects in House Furnishing selected by the Home Demonstration Clubs this year have been most outstanding. Color in the home, upholstering, refinishing of furniture and floors, reseating chairs and stools and home lighting were included in this program.

Twelve demonstrations were conducted on color in the home by the agent. Home visits and individual family assistance was given by club leaders and agent. As a result, 293 families have reported one to three rooms papered, painted, remodeled, re-arranged or otherwise improved.

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An upholstery clinic was conducted in the county by a specialist. Twenty-four leaders attended the clinic at which time twelve chairs, two sofas and nine cushions were completely reupholstered at a cost of \$177.76, saving the homemakers approximately \$800.00, based on prices charged by Bluefield upholstery concerns. Two additional clinics are being held with nine chairs, two sofas, and a love-seat being upholstered. As a result of the clinic, one homemaker has opened an upholstery shop in her home, and has completely reupholstered and slip covered thirty-eight chairs, love-seats, couches and cushions. She has much more business than she can handle and her workmanship is excellent. Records show a total of fifty-three pieces of furniture reupholstered as a result of the clinic. The work is still going strong.

Excellent subject matter material for distribution has been received in addition to the clinic, both of which have been most helpful in promoting this program.

The refinishing of furniture was promoted by a District leader and agent training meeting conducted by a specialist; through individual club programs; through publications and house furnishings leaders. 120 pieces of furniture and 60 floors have been refinished.

All day meetings on the reseating of chairs and stools were conducted in each Home Demonstration Club. The men of the communities were well represented at these meetings. During the meetings 65 chairs and 75 foot stools were reseat with fiber and either painted or refinished, depending on condition. Since the demonstrations, 51 chairs and 133 additional stools have been reseat. These were completed in special club meetings conducted by leaders or by individuals in the home. One Church is reseatng stools for the primary department as a result of this project.

Through the cooperation of the Appalachian Electric Power Company, four lighting clinics were held in the county, with 175 lamps being electrified, overhauled or built. More than two-thirds of these lamps were good study lamps. 40 additional renovated lamps have been reported, bringing the county total to 215.

As a result of enthusiasm displayed this year and accomplishments attained, the clubs have requested five months of the 1952 program to be devoted to house furnishings, centered around the living room. To promote this program a five month campaign is being planned to begin January, 1952.

ADULT WORK

Project Work

House Furnishings

The interest of the women was unanimous; the need was great, and as a result, four months were devoted to house furnishings projects in the 1951 Home Demonstration Program.

The homes of the county for the most part are very old, with many pieces of old, handmade furniture of excellent structure, but needing refinishing, upholstering, etc.

Problems of arrangement and selection of furnishings were evidenced in the few modern and log cabin homes in the county.

As a result of finding such a need and interest, 43 demonstrations were given on upholstery, refinishing of furniture and floors and walls; converting old lamps to electric lamps; color in the home, and reseating of chairs.

Objectives set up for this and outlined in the 1950 plan of work are as follows:

- 12 chairs to be upholstered
- 15 leaders trained in upholstery clinic
- 50 pieces of furniture refinished
- 10 floors to be refinished
- 100 chairs and 50 stools reseatd
- 100 lamps converted into electric lamps
- To improve color scheme in homes of all Home Demonstration Club members (264)
- To teach with each one of these projects the skill and "know-how"
- to continue the work as an individual and as leader of neighborhood clubs or groups

Procedure used for carrying out these objectives were: upholstery clinic conducted by specialist from V.P.I., method demonstrations in Home Demonstration Clubs, leader training meeting, individual leader and agent teaching, materials, home visits and result demonstrations.

Records tabulated from club reports show the following results: 25 leaders received training in 4-day upholstery clinic; 12 chairs, 2 love-seats and nine cushions were upholstered at a cost of \$177.76, saving the homemakers approximately \$800.00, based on upholstering rates charged by local Bluefield concerns. Two additional clinics are being held, including 3 couches and nine chairs. One homemaker, receiving training at the clinic, now operates profitably an upholstery shop in her home. A total of 53 pieces of furniture

have been reported upholstered as a result of the clinic.

Refinishing of 120 pieces of furniture were reported including: 40 chairs, 5 beds, 25 tables, 12 wash stands, 10 corner cupboards, 12 mantles, woodwork in 5 halls and 10 rooms. 60 floors were also reported.

117 chairs and 210 stools were reseatd with fiber. Leaders conducted 6 meetings on reseating after having the demonstrations in their clubs. These meetings were necessary because of interest of women who were not Home Demonstration Club members. OneeChurch is reseating stools for its' primary department as a result. Each chair or stool was refinished, using floor seal, lacquer and shellac or paint.

Color schemes were improved in 205 rooms by 175 families in Home Demonstration Clubs. Additional homes were reached by agent and leaders as they requested help with color schemes. Two result demonstrations were conducted in this project.

215 lamps were converted to electric lamps; 144 good reading lamps and 72 decorative lamps. The average cost per lamp was \$1.53. The agent's estimate the clinics to have saved homemakers not less than \$300.00. 55 "Glare Chasers" were purchased.

Results show that skills have been taught as work in each of these fields of house furnishings has been continued by individuals and in neighborhood groups.

This program has been carried through 12 Home Demonstration Clubs in six of the seven communities in Bland County. The agent estimates it has saved the county not less than \$1500.00.

Foods and Nutrition

The foods and nutrition program centers around improved production and storage, preservation and preparation of family food. There were 36 method demonstrations given with an attendance of 661. These demonstrations included vegetable gardening and storage; quick meals and simple refreshments.

Garden manuals, mimeographed mats on insecticides, basic seven food charts and nutritional materials were tools used in presenting the demonstrations.

The objectives set up for this project include:
Planting of 25 fall gardens
Production of greater variety of vegetables

Providing more adequate storage of fruits and vegetables
Production of small fruits in home garden

Preparation:

Each club member to plan one week's menus, including all foods on basic seven chart
Easier, short-cut methods in meal preparation
To encourage simple, inexpensive entertainment in the home

Preservation:

Greater variety of fruits and vegetables
Each family to can at least 75 quarts of tomatoes to be supplemented with citrus fruits

Results are shown in the following tabulated reports:

10 new vegetables grown, including swiss chard, broccolli, salsify, Blue Scotch curly kale, butter-nut squash, pie pumpkin, cauliflower, lima beans, kalirobi and peas. A large number of families in previous years were unable to produce lima beans and peas. This year, following the suggestions given in the garden manual and V.P.I. specialists, they have grown bumper crops.

The use of seven per cent copper and hybrid plants contributed to the large crop of tomatoes grown this year. The objective of 75 quarts per family was not reached this year, however, 14,075 quarts were reported canned - an average of 53.3 quarts per family.

25 homes built new improved storage space for their canned foods, fruits and potatoes this year.

Failure to produce sweet potatoes and fall cabbage presents the top gardening problem for the year 1952.

75 families reported planting fall gardens of turnips, kale, carrots, cabbage, corn and rutabagas.

4 result demonstrations were carried in home gardening.

Homemakers are using easier methods and more appetizing, better balanced menus are being served at lower cost as result of food preparation demonstrations.

176 club members actually planned at least one week's menus, and 100% used information given at the demonstration.

Food preservation materials were distributed to club leaders who gave monthly reports to the clubs.

Clothing

Four county demonstrations were given to adult groups on "Sewing Tips," with an attendance of 155. The purpose of these

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demonstrations was to make the job of clothing the family simpler, easier and quicker. Results are that homemakers are using easier methods.

Home Management

* Farm labor shortage in the county makes a great demand on the homemakers' time to help with farming chores, therefore, the 12 demonstrations on "Easiest method for ironing a man's shirt" was well received. 148 members attended these meetings. Many homemakers have told the agent this demonstration helped them more than any in saving their time. 58 members of the clubs reported using the method, and 205 tried the demonstration. Results show homemakers purchased five adjustable ironing boards. Three utility rooms were conveniently built; 65 women reported arranging of laundry equipment conveniently on each wash day. 50% of the women made laundry soap this year, and 7 automatic irons were purchased, as well as many automatic washers. 25 new laundry units were arranged in homes, 25 adjustable ironing boards were purchased or built in. Use of the "Easy method of ironing the shirt" by 100% of the members will take more than a year to be fully realized. #

Handicrafts

All of the women found the handicrafts work on metal trays, Christmas wreaths, organdy dresser scarfs, stenciled luncheon sets and place mats most enjoyable and gratifying. 40 demonstrations were held in conducting the handicrafts project, with the following results:

55 organdy "cut-work" scarfs were made
75 luncheon cloths and place mat, and napkin sets were stenciled
210 aluminum trays and ash trays, copper trays and copper fruit and flower bowls were etched

105 Christmas wreaths were made in 12 Home Demonstration meetings. In making the wreaths metal clothes hangers were formed into circles, padded with straw and covered with green crepe paper. Six inch pieces of evergreens were then stuck into this base, working from top to bottom to make large lovely wreaths. Some of these wreaths were made for gifts, others were sold, still others decorated cemeteries.

Horticulture

24 method demonstrations were conducted in flower gardening, flower arrangement and corsage making. The purpose of such demonstrations were to help beautify the home and community, and to teach the skill of working with flowers.

Results are that 192 Home Demonstration homemakers attempted courage making; 75 Home Demonstration members improved their lawns; and 115 planted at least one new flower this year. 370 new shrubs were planted and 540 pruned this year.

Other Activities

Outstanding Clubs in Community Activities

Three Home Demonstration Clubs in one community have cooperated well in promoting community activities. These clubs were responsible for the community Christmas Tree with treats for the children; clothed nine needy families - holding sewing meetings in each club to make the garments; contributed to the polio, cancer and Red Cross drives a total of \$50.00; set their goals the same as those being promoted by community club in home improvement and food production; elected community club leader in each club who collected data on all home improvements for the community club; each club took pictures of its' activities and assembled its' pages for community club scrap book. These three clubs cooperated in selling food three days during the fair for the purpose of putting a floor in the new exhibit building.

Community Improvement Work

There are two community improvement clubs organized in the county who participated in the Bristol Area Community Improvement Contest. Some of the improvements reported by these clubs are: new dial telephone system and switchboard, \$4,000.00 spent for Church improvements, such as tile floors, Sunday School rooms, painting, papering, new pews, payment on piano, etc. Prize money won last year by one of the clubs was divided between the Churches provided the Churches matched this amount and contributed it to some Church improvement project. 100% of families reported some home improvement and improvement of family food supply. Amount of lime and fertilizer spread was more than twice the record of 1950. These clubs held weiner roasts, contests, baby shows, etc. in addition to twelve monthly programs on some phase of home and farm improvement. 75 farm signs were erected, and 125 mail boxes improved in the two communities. Each of the clubs contributed generously to community drives, such as polio, cancer, heart, etc., Highways were gravelled, school grounds and cemeteries were improved, and community recreation facilities were provided by each club.

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Federation Goal Activities

Thirty Home Demonstration members attended the District Federation meeting.

A County Goal Chairman was elected at the first Home Demonstration County Committee Planning meeting.

Goal chosen was home and community beautification

One planning meeting of club goal chairmen and county chairman was held

Eleven clubs paid Federation dues this first year of their organization

Procedure used in carrying out program was: monthly discussion at club meetings, each goal leader to write at least one newspaper article about Federation activity in her club

Results of the activity show:

75 families improved lawns

105 purchased name plates for mail boxes and improved their mailboxes

370 new shrubs were planted and 540 were pruned

15 homes improved sidewalks

95 families built or repaired fences around the home

"Community Dumping" areas in each district of the county

Each family in Home Demonstration clubs planted at least

one new flower during the year

Result Demonstrations

10 result demonstrations have been carried in the county this year. Two tours of result demonstrations were held with 35 members present. Three homemakers conducted result demonstrations in home gardening, and gave reports to clubs in August meetings of the clubs. Two homemakers conducted result demonstrations in house furnishings. Club meetings were held in these homes and the result demonstrations were discussed.

Publicity

Home Demonstration Club reporters have published monthly accounts of regular and special meetings in the local paper. One radio program was presented. The agent has published a homemakers column in the weekly paper, giving household hints, clothing, gardening and food news, recipes and economic statistics.

4-H Club Work

4-H Club work in the county was carried during the year through joint meetings of boys and girls. All clubs met once a month during the entire year, holding a total of 84 meetings.

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Project Work:

Clothing Unit I and III - project selection, was made by the girls at the first regular meeting of the club. 95 girls enrolled in Unit III - "So You Like to Sew" project, and 25 in Unit I - "Good Grooming." Results were 90 completions in "So You Like to Sew" and 15 completions for "Good Grooming."

Objectives outlined for the project were: 100% completion; construction of shoe kits or bags by each club member, and painting or papering of closets. 12 method demonstrations were given by agent, leader and 4-H members in carrying out the project. Special meeting for construction of shoe kits, shoe bags and closet accessories was held.

Results of learning to sew project, taken only by junior 4-H Club members (7th grade level in school) were exceptionally good. 607 articles were made, including: needle cases, head scarfs, kitchen towels, kitchen aprons and skirts. 35 sewing practices were taught. 87 members have already enrolled in this project for the 1952 year. 63 girls learned to use the sewing machine.

Results of good grooming project, participated in by one senior 4-H girls' club show 15 completions, 15 girls caring weekly for shoes, hands, hair, and nails. 3 shoe bags and 8 shoe kits were made. 3 girls did their own dry cleaning of unwashables; 15 girls washed 88 sweaters. 12 girls practiced improved posture, and 3 girls practiced improved voice. All 15 girls take daily care of their teeth. Three 4-H members gave demonstrations in the clubs.

Room Improvement

Objectives for conducting room improvement project were: to teach club members how to plan colors, select papers and paints and paint or paper their rooms; how to refinish furniture and floors, how to electrify old lamps; how to arrange and select appropriate furniture and window treatment. Other objectives were 100% completion of records, and teaching each 4-H member to give one demonstration in her project.

12 method demonstrations by leader, agent, and 4-H girls; cooperation of parents in promoting project, illustrative material, and home visits were the methods used in obtaining the following results:

100% completion. 3 club girls actually hung the paper in their rooms. One club girl upholstered and resected two chairs. 7 members cared for their rooms a total of 42 months. 3 bookcases and 2 closets were built. Each club member either made curtains or draperies for her room. Results show each club girl made from 5 to 8 improvements in her room during the year.

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Foods Projects

Five 4-H club girls enrolled and completed 4-H "Bread Making" and Food Preservation projects. Objectives were to teach the art of bread making, judging, and how to give bread-making demonstrations. These were achieved in addition to 100% completion. Each girl enrolled gave two demonstrations - one individually and one as a team. Each girl judged bread once during the year, in addition to judging her own. Results show biscuits, waffles, cornbread, hot rolls, muffins and griddle cakes made - a total of 245.

Two club girls completed food preservation projects. Results were 205 pounds of food frozen. This includes 125 pounds fruits, 80 pounds of meat.

Rural Electrification

9 girls enrolled in Rural Electrification Project. Results show 7 girls completing project.

Monthly demonstrations were given by agents and representatives from the Appalachian Electric Power Company. Each of the club girls gave demonstrations on some phase of the project work learned during the year. Tours of electrified farms and homes were conducted.

Results show that 100% of the members learned common electrical terminology, to repair service cords, plugs and sockets, built 15 study lamps and converted three oil lamps. All girls completed project requirements, but records were received from only 7.

One representative was sent to the Rural Electrification Congress in Richmond.

Personal Laundry

One 4-H member enrolled in and completed Personal Laundry project. Results show she learned "The Easy Method for Ironing Shirts," proper method for dresses, blouses, lingerie and linens. She purchased an adjustable ironing board and lined a clothes basket.

In addition she did family ironing for two neighbors, earning \$10.00 a month. This money she invested in music lessons for herself.

Other Activities - 4-H Clubs

Four clubs have presented to P.T.A. and Community Club groups two programs on "Know Your 4-H'ers." One negro ministerial and one Christmas Pageant were presented.

\$60.00 was contributed by 4-H Clubs toward new exhibit building on the county fair grounds.

Two 4-H Clubs cooperated with the community clubs in preparing pages for community club scrap books, arranging exhibits of project work, and meeting the community judges.

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Each club presented a small gift to the school, including \$25.00 for stage furniture, metal trays for lunch room, etc. Five clubs sponsored square dances or movies for the community.

Camps:

Eleven girls attended the District 4-H Club Camp at Holiday Lake. One 4-H member took charge of the devotionals for the week, doing a superb job.

Rural Life Sunday:

Rural Life Sunday was observed by five clubs who attended Church together and sat in one body. Four clubs observed Rural Life Sunday by conducting the entire service, except for the sermon. Home Demonstration club members made corsages for one club. All members wore the 4-H Club colors and emblem, and were recognized in Church bulletins, and by the Pastors.

Recreation-Achievement Day:

Privately owned recreation grounds, located in the county, which normally rent for \$75.00 a week, were donated to the 4-H'ers for their county recreation and achievement day. Seventy-five 4-H'ers and 15 adults attended the meet.

Planned group recreation, swimming, achievement reports and excellent food highlighted the successful day.

Fair:

Cooperative efforts of 4-H'ers and other organized groups and individuals made possible a lovely new fair exhibit building. The 4-H and F.H.A. Department was the largest in the history. 75 entries were made in the foods and clothing departments, and many ribbons were taken.

State Short Course:

7 girls and 1 leader attended the State Short Course in Blacksburg. One 4-H member was State winner in 4-H Public Speaking Contest.

Radio Programs and Publicity:

Three radio programs have been prepared and recorded by 4-H Club members.

National 4-H Club Week:

In observance of National 4-H Club Week, three clubs arranged, in store windows, exhibits of their project work. One radio program was prepared, and each club presented a Quiz Program on "Know Your 4-H Club" during National 4-H Week.

Young Men and Young Women's Work:

The agent works with fifty-five young women between the ages of 18 and 30 in Home Demonstration and Community Clubs.

SCOPS OF WORK

(Originally set up, Sept., 1950)

No. H. D. Clubs or Groups	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
Membership	11	12
No. 4-H Clubs	205	264
Membership	7	9
No. YMW Groups	122	138
Membership	0	0
No. of other families reached	0	0
Total No. families reached		173
		337
<u>Growth of H.D. Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
No. project leaders and goal chairmen	70	89
No. training meetings held by Specialist	1	3
by Agent	0	4
Attendance at all training meetings	11	115
No. Club meetings held by leaders		
without agent present	0	24
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	21	56
<u>Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>
No. adult project leaders	12	15
No. junior project leaders	7	7
No. training meetings held by specialist	0	0
by agent	2	15
Attendance at leader training meetings	16	107
No. 4-H Club leaders trained individually	3	10
No. club meetings held by leader with-		
out agent present	0	4
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	0	84
No. demonstrations given by leaders		
by adult	4	21
by junior	0	2

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FUNCTION OF COUNTY EXTENSION ORGANIZATION

County Home Demonstration Committee

The first county Home Demonstration Committee met in February, 1951 for the purpose of planning a program for the remainder of 1951, and election of officers. Objectives for the committee were not set up at this meeting.

Two accomplishments of the committee this year were: encouraged large delegation to attend District Federation Meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs; planned and conducted an excellent fall planning meeting.

County 4-H Club Council

The first County 4-H Council was organized in February, 1951. The purpose of the first meeting was to elect county officers, train club officers, promote good recreation, and plan county project work.

The Council functioned this year in planning of Rural Life Sunday, Recreation-Achievement Day, National 4-H Club Week, radio programs, news articles, and in the planning of the fall county council meeting.

County Chapter of All-Stars

The All-Stars in the county held their annual meeting in April. The main purpose of the meeting was the selection of the 1951 All-Stars for the county.

Other Activities

Fair

Outstanding in the women's work this year was the building of a new spacious building on the fair ground. Women's exhibits had been shown in a small 14' x 16' shed. The money for this building was raised by donations from clubs and individuals. Total cost of the building was \$2,567.00, plus donated materials and labor - all of which is paid. Cooperativeness and men and women made this building possible.

Home Demonstration Clubs sold food at the fair and raised enough money to put a floor in the building.

It is planned that this building should be used for county recreation center, as well as exhibit building, as soon as the floor can be added, and heating can be installed.

Homemaking exhibits more than doubled previous year's entries. Additional entries of upholstered chairs, reupholstered chairs, trays, bowls, organdy scarfs, were made as a result of the Home Demonstration Program, as well as improved canned and baked food entries.

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Many Home Demonstration club leaders assisted with taking, and in the arranging of the entries, and assisting the judges.

Leadership

Organizational: All leaders have assisted in carrying on the Home Demonstration and L-H Club programs. The officers of the Home Demonstration and L-H Clubs preside at meetings, keep records, arrange for meeting places, conduct business session, assist with securing club supplies, responsible to see that leaders attend training meetings, and attended program planning meetings or county county.

Program Development Leaders: Program development leaders have conducted club discussions on program planning, attended county Home Demonstration Planning meeting 100%; participated in planning the county calendar of work and gave report to club on planning meetings.

Subject Matter: Five project leaders, including foods, handicraft, gardening, clothing and house furnishings were appointed by each club at the first of the Home Demonstration Club year. These leaders have functioned in bringing brief reports at each club meeting. House furnishings and foods leaders have given demonstrations and assisted agent in ordering materials for demonstrations.

Activities of Outstanding Leader:

The agent would like to tell the story of one adult leader working with Home Demonstration Clubs. She attended 12 Home Demonstration Clubs during the year, and 7 leader training meetings. Her personal accomplishments in her home include: sanding and refinishing of living room floor, upholstering an arm chair; reseating and refinishing six chairs; refinishing, framing and hanging two pictures and one mirror; refinishing chest of drawers and dresser. She has used each months' demonstration given in the club; etched two trays, electrified two old lamps.

She conducted the Home Demonstration Club meeting on reseating chairs and home lighting, assisted by the Appalachian Electric Power Company personnel. She has assisted the agent in conducting three demonstrations. She was hostess to the group of leaders during the four-day upholstery clinic and tray etching meeting.

When there was no fuel for heating the community house - the only building available for leader meeting - she opened up one of her apartments for the meeting.

She attended and gave county report at the District Federation meeting in Independence. She has assisted 15 women this year individually in refinishing old pieces of furniture. Best of all - she always has a good word to say to everyone for the Extension Program.

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WORK IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

The Home Demonstration Agent has found an opportunity to cooperate with home economics teachers in showing the girls how to make Christmas wreaths; demonstrating party sandwiches and table settings.

The Home Agent assisted with the polio and cancer drives, and has presented the drive plans to all Home Demonstration Clubs. \$170.00 was given through Home Demonstration Clubs to polio drive and \$45.00 to cancer drive.

The close cooperation in 4-H Club work and other programs has been given by the county agent and extension secretary. Both have proved most helpful in promoting the Home Demonstration and 4-H Programs this year, and have encouraged a cooperative spirit with all county organizations.

APPRAISAL OF YEAR'S WORK

Definite accomplishments which have been made this year in the Home Demonstration Program for Bland County are:

The people of Bland have been informed as to the value of Home Demonstration work, and interest and confidence have been established.

One additional club was organized, making a county total of 12, and membership of 264, including all four districts in the county.

County Home Demonstration Committee was organized, two meetings were held and program of work made for 1951 and 1952.

The Program is being followed by agent, committee and club leaders.

166 leaders have been active in the adult Home Demonstration Program this year.

The rapidity with which the Home Demonstration Organization has been developed reflects the leadership and interest of the women.

100% of Home Demonstration County Committee has attended each planning meeting.

Two additional 4-H Clubs for girls were organized this year, bringing the county total to 9, with a membership of 138 with 123 completing projects selected.

A 4-H County Council to help direct the 4-H Program was organized, and program of work set up. This program has been followed by agents and clubs.

Fifteen adult leaders and seven junior leaders functioned also in promoting the 4-H Program.

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647 homes have been reached by the Extension Program this year.

The agent feels the homemakers and 4-H members have learned methods and skills which make their homes more liveable and their work easier. They have learned the appreciation of home furniture and furnishings they now have and how to use these more effectively. They have learned the importance of "good food to good health" in caring for the family.

More important than these, the Home Demonstration Program has united Church groups, community groups and county groups.