I County Situation Considered in Working Out the 1955 Program

Again we in extension work are looking forward to a year of hard and progressive work. We hope to make this our best year. In order to reach our goal, it was necessary that we take an overall view of the people of the county, their needs, interests, desires and feelings and to use these findings in planning a program that would help to meet these conditions.

There were a number of situations that had to be considered in planning our program. Among ~~these~~ Here were: the large number of homemakers who work outside the home, the small number of farm families, the increasing demand for more employees in manufacturing industries, the interests and desires of club members and the high cost of living.

The main source of income in Henry County is from employment in manufacturing industries such as furniture and textile factories.

As a result of existing conditions the Home Demonstration Committee along with the agent felt that much could be contributed to home and family living by participating in some phases of homemaking that would help club members find better and more economical methods of doing some of the every day tasks in home and family living.

II Adult Program

A. Subject Matter Fields

1. Home Management

Objectives:

(1) To assist members with the planning of household activities in such a way that time, money and energy can be saved and to provide time for hobbies.

civic and other activities.

(2) To improve housekeeping methods

(3) To encourage family members to share in the work.

Procedure

At the beginning of this project, a leader training meeting will be held for home management leaders of all clubs desiring to participate. The training will be given by a home management specialist. Discussion meetings will be held in each club. The leader will serve as discussion leader and will be assisted by the agent. Demonstrations on planning the household schedule will be given. Members will be assisted with the planning of her personal schedule.

2. Home Furnishing

Objectives:

(1) To provide information on wise selection of furnishing and equipment.

(2) To encourage members to use this information in the selection and use of furnishing and equipment.

Procedure

Leader training meetings will be held for home furnishing leaders. The initial training will be given by a home furnishing specialist. Additional training and assistance will be given by the agent. Discussions and demonstration will be given in each club.

3. Home Grounds Beautification

Objectives:

(1) To help meet the need for improvement of home grounds and surroundings.

(2) To provide information on home grounds improvement.

(3) To encourage members to use the information in improving their own surroundings.

Procedure

A training meeting will be held for leaders. Illustrative materials will be given to members. Discussion and demonstrations will be given also. Members will be encouraged to use the information in making some improvement in her home grounds.

4. Rural Arts

Objectives:

(1) To create and encourage interest in worthwhile use of leisure time.

(2) To encourage an appreciation for art.

(3) To develop skills in art.

Procedure

Leaders for rural arts will be trained by the rural arts specialist. The training will be on tray etching. Addition training and assistance will be given by the agent. Trained leaders will assist club members with the etching of trays. Demonstrations on candle making will be given also.

5. Clothing

Objectives:

(1) To improve skills in sewing.

(2) To economize on the family's clothing cost.

(3) To provide information on the selection of ready to wear clothing.

(4) To encourage the use of this information in selecting and buying clothing.

Procedure

Information on the selection of ready-to-wear will be given

to clothing leaders in training meetings. Trained leaders will discuss and demonstrate proper selection for club members. Assistance will be given by the Agent when the need arises.

6. Citizenship

Objectives:

(1) To enable and encourage members to become better citizens.

Procedure

A group meeting will be held for club members. The discussion will be led by one of the civics instructors in the County high school. Additional meetings will be held for this project if the need arises.

B. Other Activities

1. Achievement Day

Objectives:

(1) To provide an opportunity for members to see the accomplishment of other members and clubs.

(2) To provide an opportunity for the public to see the accomplishments of club members.

(3) To provide an opportunity for members to see their contributions as a part of the total program.

Procedure

Plans will be made for the exhibit which will consist of articles and garments made by club members. Ribbons will be given as awards. Each club will report on the club's year of work and it's accomplishments.

2. County-Wide Picnic

Objectives:

(1) To provide some form of recreation for club members, families of club members and non club members.

(2) To provide an opportunity for members to relax and enjoy a day with old friends and family members.

Procedure

A planning committee will be made up of representatives from each club. This committee will select the place of the picnic from suggestions sent in by clubs. Plans will be made for transportation, the day and hour of departure.

III 4-H Club Work

A. Project Work

1. Meal Preparation and Bread

Objectives:

(1) To provide information on the preparation of certain dishes and on table setting and good table manners.

(2) To learn to judge breads.

(3) To encourage members to use information gained in his daily living.

(4) To provide new experiences for members.

(5) To develop skills in meal preparation and table service.

(6) To encourage accurate measurements.

Procedure

Necessary equipment for table setting will be provided.

Members carrying this project will receive instructions and demonstrations in club meetings. After seeing the demonstrations, club members will demonstrate table setting and courtesy. Members will be encouraged to carry over and use the knowledge gained in their home life.

Demonstrations on salads, fruit or milk drinks and school lunches will be held in club meetings also. Information on other dishes will be given. Members will be expected to try out these dishes at home with the aid of their mothers.

2. So you'd Like to Sew and Make or Remake Your Clothing.

Objectives:

(1) To develop skills in sewing.

(2) To encourage girls to study her clothing needs before buying.

(3) To create an interest in making simple garments.

(4) To develop the habit of keeping a record.

Procedure

Discussions, demonstrations and illustrative materials will be used along with practical application in each club. Adult and junior leaders will give assistance along with and in the absence of the agent. Members will be encouraged to improve each garment over the preceeding one. Completed garments will be exhibited.

3. Home Garden

Objectives:

(1) To encourage participation in worthwhile activities.

(2) To emphasize the value of a good home garden

(3) To help supply fresh vegetables for family use.

Procedure

Members with the assistance and approval of their parent's will select a garden spot. Information and assistance will be given throughout the project. Members will be encouraged to keep proper record. Samples of products will be exhibited on our achievement day program.

4. Farm and Home Electric

Objectives:

(1) To learn more about electricity and its uses.

(2) To provide practical experiences in repairing electrical cords.

(3) To provide experience in caring for electrical equipment.

Procedure

Printed materials will be given and explained to club members. Demonstrations will be given on repairing and making electric service cords. Each member carrying the project will be expected to give at least one demonstration during the project as well as repair cords, convert an oil lamp to electric, assemble a lamp or in some way improve the lighting in one room of his home.

5. Farm and Home Safety

Objectives:

(1) To encourage members to study and practice safety measures.

(2) To encourage members to remove the causes of accidents in and around the home and farm.

Procedure

Illustrative and printed materials will be given to club members and explained. Members will be encouraged to determine and correct conditions that may cause accidents in and around the home.

B. Other Activities

1. Achievement Day Program

Objectives:

(1) To acquaint the public with the activities and accomplishments of club members.

(2) To provide an opportunity for club members to see the accomplishments of others.

(3) To provide and opportunity for members to see his own work as a part of the total program.

Procedure

An achievement day program will be held for 4-H and home demonstration club members combined. Arrangements for the program will be made by a committee of 4-H and home demonstration club members and the agent. The program will consist of reports on the year's activities and accomplishments. There will be an exhibit of articles and garments. Blue, red and white ribbons will be given as awards.

2. Rural Life Sunday

Objectives:

(1) To bring to the attention of the public some of the objectives of 4-h club work.

(2) To stimulate greater interest and participation through giving to the public in the program by the public a better understanding of 4-H work.

Procedure

Plans will be made for a county-wide program. 4-H members throughout the county will attend and participate in the program. It is hoped that we will have a speaker for the occassion.

3. 4-H Club Week

Objectives:

(1) To direct the attention of members to the importance of records.

(2) To assist members with problems in record keeping.

Procedure

Special emphasis will be placed on records during this week. Junior leaders and the agent will work with members to get records up to date.

IV SCOPE OF WORK

A. Organization

	1951	1952	1953	1954	Goal 1955
No. of home demonstration clubs	7	10	10	11	10
Membership	96	133	133	109	150
Number 4-H Clubs	6	6	9	6	12
Membership	130	275	283	254	275
No. Young Men's and Women Clubs	0	0	0	0	00
Membership	0	0	0	0	0
No. Community Clubs	1	1	1	2	2
Membership	24	27	27	50	60
No. other organization	0	0	0	0	0

V Plans for Using the Following Organizations to Strengthen the Extension Program in 1935

A. County Home Demonstration Committee.

This committee will, from suggestions sent in by the clubs, plan the home demonstration project program for the year.

B. County Advisory Board

The Advisory Board will approve the plans of the Home Demonstration Committee, will make plans for raising funds for financial obligations of clubs and elect and send delegates to the State Advisory Board Meeting.

C. County 4-H Council

The County 4-H Council will assist in making plans for the overall 4-H program.

D. County 4-H Project Planning Committee

This committee will assist with the planning of projects for the county.

Leadership

Home Demonstration

	1951	1952	1953	1954	Goal 1955
oject leaders (subject matter)	14	35	47	28	50
ederation goal chairmen					
No. program development leaders					
No. result demonstrators			10	0	10
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by specialist	0	0	0	2	4
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by agents (district)	0	0	0	0	0
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by agent	26	21	9	6	10
Attendance at training meetings	70	52	46	31	50
No. meetings held by leaders without agent present	49	93	36	10	10
No. club meetings in which leaders assisted	87	54	45	43	100
Total number of demonstrations given by leaders.	48	64	39	17	50
Total number of talks or discussions by leaders.	20	59	57	20	50

Adult leaders will be trained by subject matter specialists to assist in carrying out the different phases of the program for the year. Additional training, individual and group will be given by the agent.

B. 4-H Club

	1951	1952	1953	1954	Goal 1955
No. 4-H officers	39	38		18	48
No. adult project leaders	7	11	11	4	12
No. junior leaders	5	9	20	12	24
No. result demonstrators					1
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by specialists	0	0	0	0	0
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by district agent	0	0	0	0	0
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by agent	16	14	4	0	12
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by personnel in 4-H Department	0	0	0	0	0
Attendance at leader training meetings	53	30	19	0	48
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	10	15	7	16	24
No. Club meetings held by leaders without agent present	28	68	37	3	12
No. club meetings at which leaders assisted	67	48	23	18	24
No. demonstrations given by adult leader	20	15	30	10	12
No. demonstrations given by junior leaders			9	9	24

Both junior and adult 4-H leaders will be trained by the agent to assist club members. The training will be given individually and in groups.

VII Plans for Work with Other Agencies

At present we have no plans for work with other agencies.

VIII Plans for Public Relations

Our aim is to develop better public relations with the public, co-workers and other professional workers through informing them of the activities and accomplishments of the extension program in the county.

News articles, exhibits and other programs will be used as means of getting our objectives and accomplishments over.

Assistance will be given to other agencies for worthy causes. Services of other agencies will be obtained when possible.

IX Plans for Recording Progress and Evaluating Program for 1955

Records of products and activities will be kept. These records will be compared with record of previous years to determine progress.

Evaluation of the program will be made through observation of attitudes of members, interest shown in the work, appearance of finished products and participation of club members and the public.

X Plans for Professional Improvement

At present my only plans for professional improvement is the reading of professional books and other publications.

XI Difficult Problems

Our most difficult problems at present are lack of sufficient working equipment and too little cooperation of the part of the public.

As a means of helping to solve these problems I have secured some material at my own expense. To secure better cooperation, we are endevoring to better acquaint the public with our activities through the use of exhibits and other programs.