

ANNUAL NARRATIVE REPORT

COUNTY  
EXTENSION  
WORK

*Virginia Agricultural Extension Service*

Virginia R. Crigler \_\_\_\_\_

**Name**

Home Demonstration Agent \_\_\_\_\_

**Agent**

**Title**

Audrey Stubblebine \_\_\_\_\_

**Assistant Agent**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Assistant Agent**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Assistant Agent**



1958

Madison \_\_\_\_\_

**County**

1958 NARRATIVE REPORT

MADISON COUNTY

VIRGINIA R. CRIGLER

COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

Cover .....	(1)
Title Page .....	(2)
Table of Contents .....	(3a,b,e)
<b>I. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1958 PROGRAM .....</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>II. THE COUNTY SITUATION .....</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>III. THE COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - ADULT .....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>A. Organisation .....</b>	<b>5</b>
1. County Agricultural Extension Service Board .....	5
2. Home Economics Council .....	5
3. General Interest Committees .....	5
4. Home Economics Committees .....	5
5. County Home Demonstration Committee .....	5
<b>B. Project Work .....</b>	<b>7</b>
1. Foods and Nutrition .....	7
2. Clothing .....	10
3. Home Management .....	11
4. House Furnishings .....	12
5. Housing .....	14
6. Rural Arts .....	14
7. Garden .....	16
8. Other .....	17
<b>C. Community Projects .....</b>	<b>18</b>
1. Home Nursing Courses .....	18
2. Library .....	18
3. Youth Activities .....	18
4. Community Building .....	19
5. Cooperation With The School .....	19
<b>D. Other Activities .....</b>	<b>19</b>
1. National Home Demonstration Week ....	19

D. Other Activities (Continued)

1. National Home Demonstration Week .....	19
2. Get-Together .....	20
3. Master Farm Family .....	21
4. Judging by Local Leaders .....	21
5. Federation Meetings .....	22
6. Work in Unorganized Communities .....	22

E. Urban Work  
(No urban community)

IV. FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT

A. Problems Encountered Most Often .....	23
B. Subject Matter Areas and Assistance Given .....	23
C. Progress Stories .....	23

V. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - YOUTH

A. Organization .....	24
1. Youth Committee .....	24
2. 4-H County Council .....	24
3. All Stars .....	25
4. Honor Club .....	26
5. Project Planning Committee .....	27
7. ....	
B. 4-H Project Work .....	28
1. Breads .....	28
2. Food Preparation .....	29
3. Clothing Care .....	29
4. Clothing Construction .....	30
5. Rural Electrification .....	31
C. Other Activities .....	31
1. Camp .....	31
2. Other Activities .....	
a. Rural Life Sunday .....	33
b. National 4-H Week .....	33
c. Community Activities .....	34
d. Fair .....	35
e. Contests .....	35
f. Recreational Activities .....	36
g. Achievement Program .....	36
D. Young Men and Women Work .....	37

VI. SCOPE OF WORK(A.).....	38
B. To Increase Scope of Work .....	38
VII. LEADERSHIP	
A. Contribution of Leaders to the Program ..	39
1. Organizational	
2. Program Development	
3. Subject Matter Leaders	
4. Federation Program of Work Chairmen	
B. Growth of Leadership .....	40
1. Overall Program Leaders	
2. Home Demonstration Club Leadership	
3. Overall Youth Leaders	
4. 4-H Club Leadership	
5. Young Men and women's Clubs	
C. Outstanding Leader .....	41
D. Outstanding Family .....	43
E. Outstanding Club .....	44
F. Outstanding Achievement .....	45
VIII. COOPERATIVE WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES OR GROUPS	
A. Farm Bureau .....	46
B. Madison County Day Committee .....	46
D. Health .....	47
E. Grange .....	47
F. Health Office .....	47
G. Power Companies .....	47
H. Home Economics Instructor .....	48

IX. PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS WITH	
A. Co-Workers .....	48
B. General Public .....	48
C. Elected Representatives .....	48
D. Professional Workers .....	48
X. PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT .....	49
XI. OFFICE AND WORKING CONDITIONS .....	49
XII. THE LOOK AHEAD .....	49

## I. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1958 PROGRAM.

The program for the year, as planned by the clubs with the assistance of the district agent and home agent, proved to be one that captivated the interest of the members of the organized clubs more than those of previous years. It dealt with problems and needs which were directly affecting the ladies such as the time element, better lighting phase, making the home more attractive, proper foods for school age children and nutritious and appetizing breads.

Interest was created through a member participation monthly program in which members exchanged recipes and ideas.

Craft meetings, at which time were made articles as flower planters of copper, trays of aluminum and lamp shades, seemed to have satisfied a desire that all women have of making something with their own hands. The products made this year were superior to those of previous years and through this means the members were able to have these articles at a cheaper rate than if purchased.

Through the adult program, the members have become more interested in improving their homes and preparing more nutritious meals.

The interest of the women in the youth was shown through recreational activities sponsored, serving as adult leaders within the 4-H Clubs, holding a "Career Day" program, sending boys and girls to 4-H Camp and presenting a small scholarship to a senior 4-H boy or girl.

The health phase of work never ceases to be of interest to the clubs. They sponsored the Mothers' March on Polio and obtained better cooperation from non club members in this and had a greater response from those solicited. Contributions were made by the clubs to the

Cancer drive and to a fund to purchase glasses for the needy. Cancer bandages were made by groups. Club members took home nursing courses and some of the members taught classes in this.

The county library, begun by the clubs in 1937, continues to be of an interest. Each club makes a contribution yearly to purchase books and is kept informed as to books in the library and of it's progress.

Through the judging schools conducted in the county, leaders become not only trained to assist with the judging in the county and adjoining counties but learned to recognize quality in things which they make and prepare, thus raising their standards.

A greater interest was shown by the senior 4-J girls and leaders in attending the various 4-H Camps. This resulted in having one or more representatives to each of the different types of camps.

Five girls competed in the district contests and these won blue ribbons. Three of these competed in the state contests.

The 4-H'ers and their leaders were busy with such activities as "Share-The-Fun" contest (the county winners won state recognition), a tea held by one group of junior girls for their mothers, decorating a float for Madison County Day, Honor Club banquet, Youth Church Service and making entries in the Culpeper County Fair.

Through the 4-H projects, the girls have learned to prepare better and more nutritious meals, select more becoming colors and styles, construct their own garments and make their homes more attractive.

## II. THE COUNTY SITUATION EXISTING AT THE TIME THE PROGRAM WAS PLANNED.

Madison County is a small rural county with an area of 327 square miles, 1068 farms and a population of 8,273. Seventy-six percent of this population is white. The number living on the farm is 5,755 and 2,518 live off the farm.

The principal industry is agriculture. Corn and small grain are the leading field crops and a great proportion of this goes for feed for the livestock which leads in value in farm products sold. Dairy products rank second and poultry third. The sale of peaches and apples has increased within the past few years.

Manufacturing employment has increased within the past decade. A garment factory which employs only women has expanded within the past year. This factory employs the largest number of persons of any factory in the county and this number is approximately 225. Another relatively new plant is the flooring plant and this plant, as well as the furniture and two chicken coop factories, each employ approximately 40 workers, mostly men.

Approximately one-sixth of the women in the county are employed outside the home. These work in county or business offices, a factory in the county or in factories or stores in the adjoining counties. The majority of the women teachers are residents of the county and these are home makers. The high cost of living and the rise in the standards of living, have led to this increase of women workers outside of the homes. This increase in income and increase in social activities as the result of more contacts, creates within the women

a desire to improve the appearance of their homes both inside and out. Because of this outside employment, the women are interested in time and energy savers. The number of home freezers has increased and more ready-prepared foods are being purchased.

The women are thrifty but a very few keep records and know just where that dollar goes or plan how the money is to be spent.

Approximately 93% of the farm homes have electricity and even though this percent is high, the lighting in the majority of the homes is not of good quality. Sixty-two percent of the dwelling units in the county are without water under pressure and the number having conveniently arranged kitchens is low but the interest in improving the kitchens is increasing. More and more women are learning that light, smooth floors are easier to keep clean; therefore, more interest is shown in refinishing floors.

From nutritional surveys made in the county and other counties, the children and adults are not getting the essential nutrients for food health. A great number of the women are overweight, have colds and other ailments which could come from inadequate diets. The parents realize there is a need to know more about foods needed for school age children.

For a number of years, the clubs have been interested in the health of the county and because of this interest, a Health Unit is in operation. Volunteer workers are needed to assist with the clinics and to help promote health drives on polio, cancer, make cancer dressings, etc.

Interest is shown in better reading in the county and because of this the library still needs the support of the clubs.

At the county seat, the War Memorial Building serves as a center for county activities. The kitchen furnished by the clubs is in need of various items.

A small percent of the families in the county are reached through organizations. Twenty-seven percent of the boys and girls of club age belong to a 4-H Club and about 15% of the women over 20 years of age are reached through organized clubs.

Following the discussions of the needs and interests, the clubs included in their long time program, work on Health, Yard Improvement and Housing.

### III. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - ADULT

#### A. Organization

1. County Agricultural Extension Service Board  
(No board)
2. Home Economics Council  

Women, some non-club members and some club members, have been named to serve on this council. These will be contacted.
3. General Interest Committees  

These will be named following the Council Meeting.
4. Home Economics Committees  
(No committees)
5. County Home Demonstration Committee

This committee is composed of the presidents of each of the

Home Demonstration Clubs, the executive committee and the county federation chairman, which would total 14. This committee has two regular meetings during the year. The spring meeting is held to discuss accomplishments of the club to date, to discuss plans for National H. D. Week, select a delegate to State Federation Meeting, discuss plans for the District Federation Meeting and also the annual "Get-Together". The fall meeting is held to further discuss business matters, select objectives for the new year and with the federation chairman, set up the monthly Federation Program and Federation Objectives.

The Home Demonstration Committee members are invited to two other meetings. For the first one, the program development leaders meet to be trained for their part in getting suggestions from their respective clubs on the new Year's program. To the next meeting when the program development leaders meet, the presidents of the clubs are urged to be present to assist with setting up the new year's program.

The Home Demonstration Committee very definitely plays an important part in planning and carrying out the program as this committee does attend the planning meetings. The presidents and the program development leaders make a monthly check to see that the program goes as it should. The committee selected a delegate to attend the State Federation Meeting (but this delegate was unable to attend), a senior 4-H girl received the \$50.00 scholarship awarded through the committee, a tea was sponsored for the Home Economics and 4-H girls at which time a Home Economist spoke, the major portion of the agent's office telephone bill was paid by the committee, the committee planned the year

books and the annual "Get-Together".

## B. Project Work

### 1. Foods and Nutrition

#### a. Objectives

- (1) To interest the women in knowing why the families should have balanced meals and to prepare and serve the foods in a more appetizing manner and with greater ease.
- (2) To interest women in varying their breads in content and shapes and to understand the parts these breads play in furnishing essential nutrients.
- (3) To inform the families of varieties of foods to produce so that they might have a better quality food after freezing or canning.

#### b. Procedure

Discussions on gardening were held prior to and during the gardening season by the garden leaders of the clubs who were sent monthly letters from the office but prepared by the Horticultural Specialist from V. P. I., Blacksburg. The women were interested in receiving copies of the recommended varieties of seed which <sup>was</sup> included in the bulletin "Vegetable Gardening In Virginia". They were also interested in receiving a list of fruits and vegetables recommended for freezing. A list of recommended seeds for gardening and freezing was used in the county paper and publicity given over the radio. This was a good gardening season and as a result more foods were frozen and canned than in previous years. Quarts of vegetables canned totaled 17,802.

by club members, 8,342 pounds of vegetables were frozen; 3,312 quarts of fruits canned; 8,810 pounds of fruits frozen; 1,120 quarts of meats canned and 14,920 pounds of meats frozen.

More families are adding home freezers to their list of desires in appliances as they realize such would be of value to them in the energy and time saving elements. More families are leaning toward the purchase of upright freezers. Approximately 77% of the club members are owners of freezers and several families have purchased these during the year.

Frequently requests have come in as to proper methods of freezing fruits and vegetables and freezing of baked foods. The importance of starting out with a good product and that of blanching vegetables are two phases which have been greatly emphasized through meetings, newspapers and radio. Stress has been placed on keeping records of foods in the freezer and record sheets have been given to all folks desiring such.

At the beginning of the year, a check sheet on "What Did You Eat Today" was given to the club members and at that time stress was placed on adequate diets. Later during the year, a milk survey was made with members of 6 representative Home Demonstration Clubs of the county and this showed that 56% of these members had at least 2 cups of milk in their diet each day. This information was given back to the clubs to instigate more interest in including milk in the diet and was used by the program development leaders to interest women in including milk in cookery in the program. Each time a food demonstration was given in a

club, special stress was placed on the use of milk in the preparation of foods and how, by the use of dried milk, a more nutritious dish can be prepared. The women of the county have been made more conscious of the importance of milk through the club program, newspaper, the radio and exhibits.

Leaders were trained by Miss Janet Cameron, Food Specialist, V. P. I., Blacksburg, for the demonstrations on "Yeast Breads" and "Foods For School Age Children". Miss Cameron stressed the use of milk in both of these demonstrations and the importance of adults eating the proper foods if children are to do the same. In the majority of the clubs, the leaders gave the demonstration and the members response to these was most complimentary because of the subject matter put over to them.

Every opportunity has been taken to inform the public of adequate diets and the importance of such. This has been done through club meetings, exhibits at a county-wide meeting, exhibits on a bulletin board in a public building, through letters sent to young home makers, who were not club members, through leaflets distributed in a factory which employs 275 ladies, the radio, and weekly county newspaper. The feeling is that women are thinking more about balanced and adequate diets and are planning better meals for their family.

A Home Economist from the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries put on an excellent county-wide demonstration on "Sea Food Dishes". Stress was placed on the part sea foods play in one's diet. Fifty ladies were present for this demonstration.

## 2. Clothing

### a. Objective

To keep the ladies of the county informed on style and fabric trends.

### b. Procedure

The "Clothing Newsletter" and other leaflets from Miss Iva Byrd Johnson and Miss McClaskey, Clothing Specialists from V. P. I., aided the agent in keeping abreast with changing styles and materials. This material on style trends was presented to club members and used in the county newspaper and over the radio. The leaflets on "Today's Clothing Fabrics" was of great help in preparing for one club choice, "New Fabrics on the Market". Loan kits of fabrics obtained from Sears, Roebuck and Company was also used. Stress was placed at intervals on wise buying, careful reading of labels and saving these labels for use when laundering or cleaning garments.

The agent assisted a number of home makers with the cleaning and adjustment of sewing machines. One club had representatives from the Singer Sewing Machine Company come to their club to demonstrate the use of attachments. This was a most instructive demonstration as the ladies felt they could make better use of the attachments which came with their machines.

As a follow-up of the demonstration given at the Achievement Program in 1957 on "Hair Styling", a discussion on "Appearance and Personality" was conducted by Miss Iris Devenport, Home Editor of FARM AND RANCH magazine at the 1958 "Get-Together". This was most instructive.

### 3. Home Management

#### a. Objective

To help the homemakers plan to save time and energy in carrying out their day's activities.

#### b. Procedure

Because of the many activities going on in the county, the majority of the women seem not to have time to do things which they really desire to do. One meeting in each of the clubs was devoted to "Planned Time Means Spare Time". Miss Amelia Fuller, Home Management Specialist from V. P. I., was in the county to train the leaders and put over very interestingly to the ladies the importance of planning activities and making a time budget. The members reported that good information was presented to them by the trained leaders but from reports, too few have done much to plan their day's activities. All members were urged to take one cleaning job and spend 20 minutes each day on this task until completed. A number reported having done this and they found that the job was done with greater ease and less effort. At two of the monthly meetings, the members presented a hint on saving time in cleaning and in food preparation.

More members reported resting each day than in previous years.

From discussions it has been learned that a greater number of ladies are planning their menus in advance even though it is done only for one day. This, they realize saves time and insures a better balanced meal. New equipment is being purchased by the homemakers and small equipment and supplies have been rearranged by some members to save time and energy.

Ladies have also improved their methods of keeping their recipes, thus saving time in locating recipes.

A letter including time saving hints and recipes of home made mixes has been sent to more than 100 young homemakers and a leaflet prepared in the office on Thanksgiving cookery and time savers was distributed to 200 workers in the Blue Ball factory which employs only women.

#### 4. House Furnishings

##### a. Objective

To have the women recognize their needs in relation to furnishing and decorating and learn how to make the home more attractive and comfortable.

##### b. Procedure

The club members were kept informed as to new materials on the market for furnishings through meetings. Others had an opportunity to learn of this through the newspaper and over the radio. Information sent out by Miss Jamison, House Furnishing Specialist, was used and also the information received when Miss Jamison conducted the House Furnishings Training Meeting for agents at Charlottesville. At this time visits were made to stores to learn of hardware available for hanging drapes and of materials and of the best buys. This information has been most helpful when individuals have asked for information on decorating windows. Quite a few individuals have been given assistance. Assistance has been given almost weekly by the agent on color and wall

paper selection.

A survey was made in the spring with 53 club members on home lighting; this showed that several families including children were reading and studying and sewing by a ceiling light and the majority of the bulbs were not over 100 watts. This information was used when presenting the topic to the clubs on "How Light To the Home With Lighting". Stress was placed on using larger bulbs, non-glare light and lamps of sufficient height.

From reports, it has been learned that some new shades have been made, a number of new lamps bought and lighting centers improved. Representatives from one of the local power companies gave a demonstration in two of the clubs on the wiring of the home which dealt with overloading the circuits and use of fuses. The book on "Light For Better Living" has been a helpful guide to the agent in organizing materials. Information on good lighting has been publicised in the newspaper, over the radio, through letters to non-club members and through a display on Madison County Day.

Individual assistance has been given to 6 families in upholstering of chairs and sofas.

Demonstrations were given in each of the clubs on Buffet Service and Dining With Ease and Beauty. The members were especially interested in the phase of easy service of refreshments. So many meetings are attended by the ladies in the county that they felt knowing how to serve and be served properly was a great need. The actual serving of refreshments buffet style was demonstrated. Dining With Ease and Beauty

emphasized use of proper linens for various occasions, proper table setting and service of foods.

## 5. Housing

### a. Objective

(1) To interest 2 families in installing water in the home and to put in a bath room.

(2) To interest 5 families in improving the kitchen.

### b. Procedure

Two families, as a result of discussions, have installed running water in the home and one of these has put in a bath room.

Two members have remodeled their kitchen. The agent has assisted 2 young homemakers with house building problems as placements of kitchen cabinets, selection of tile and counter tops for the kitchen. Mr. C. D. Wheary, Housing Specialist, made suggestions to one family on house remodeling problems and visited another family to observe results following the remodeling of the home using suggestions given by Mr. Wheary.

Dr. Judkins, Horticultural Specialist, trained leaders for the demonstration on "Color In The Yard". The members received information on how to have color in the yard all summer. An exhibit on this topic put on by a nursery was on display for Madison County Day.

Stress has been placed on proper wiring of the home through the home lighting program.

## 6. Rural Arts

### a. Objective

(1) To have the women become more familiar with birds, and learn more of wild flowers, also care of house plants.

(2) To have the women think more of creating their own designs for craft work and raise their standards in the appearance of finished articles.

b. Procedure

"Art In Daily Living" with the emphasis on birds and wild flowers was the topic selected for the Federation Program. The federation chairman of each club met and set up monthly topics. The State Federation Chairman was contacted to obtain suggested topics. Two full meetings were devoted to this program - one on "Birds in Virginia" and the other on "Making Planters". Slides on birds to be used at this meeting were borrowed from the State Federation Chairman and Miss Catherine Peery, Rural Arts Specialist. A film "Yours For A Song" was secured for one group from the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries and was thoroughly enjoyed by the ladies. In addition to these two meetings, 10 minutes were spent in discussing these topics: "Birds Around My Home", "Wild Flowers In Madison County" (slides shown), "Growing Flowers", "Winter Gardens", "Care of House Plants", and "Needs Around My Home". Bulbs and flower plants were exchanged by the members. The members were very interested in this program and related programs. They were encouraged to attend the county flower show and a goodly number did this. Plans were made to visit the gardens in Charleston, South Carolina but because of the late cold spring, the tour was cancelled.

Through the judging school held in the county, the women in the craft section learned much from the specialists as to the standards of craft work. Through various discussions, the agent has stressed simplicity of designs and good proportions. Emphasis has been placed on making only articles which would serve a purpose and which could be done more reasonable than buying. Three groups had special meetings on tray etching. The majority of the ladies who made the trays were those who had become members since tray etching had been done in their community. Fifteen trays were completed. One member plans to etch two additional ones to be used as wedding gifts.

Each of the clubs devoted an all day meeting to make the flower planters. This to be used for a winter garden. Miss Catherine Peery, Rural Arts Specialist, conducted a training meeting on making planters. Eight leaders were present. These made a planter and assisted the agent at their meeting. At each of these meetings, ladies in the community were invited and a number were present. A total of 85 planters have been completed. The forms for the planters were made locally of plywood and of a size to fit a loaf pan. These were covered with copper sheeting on which a design had been tooled by the women. The results were excellent and the owners were most pleased with these than any craft work they had ever done. These planters, with plants, will be displayed at a later date.

#### 7. Garden

(See Foods and Nutrition section)

## 8. Other

### a. Health

The clubs continue to be interested in health. The Home Demonstration Committee chairman was a member of the Polio Chapter Committee of the county and took an active part in the campaign. She served as chairman of the Mothers' March On Polio, appointed committees to make necessary arrangements for the March. Fifty-six women took part in the March. Some of these were non-club members and the amount collected that evening was \$279.00 - the largest of any year.

The clubs selected the Cancer Foundation as the health organization to which they would make their donation. This contribution totaled \$37.00. In addition to this, individual members were solicited and a number assisted with the solicitation. Educational leaflets on cancer were distributed among some of the members. Others saw a film on cancer detection. Several groups have made cancer dressings up request from the county health office. The clubs continue to cooperate with the health nurse in certain phases of work. Some of the members have assisted with the Well Baby Clinic held each month. The agent, with the health nurse, conducted a Home Nursing Class with a group of colored women. One club member assisted with another nursing class.

The majority of the clubs cooperated with the Lion's Club in their calendar project. The proceeds from the calendar sales goes to buy glasses for the needy in the county.

Members have been encouraged to rest daily and have physical check ups. The number resting daily has increased.

### C. Community Projects

#### 1. Home Nursing Courses

The county Red Cross Chapter sponsored 3 home nursing courses during the year. Two club members who had taken the Instructors Course, assisted with the conducting of these classes. The agent assisted with the third class, doing this after working hours.

#### 2. Library

Interest of the clubs continue in the county library, begun by the clubs in 1937, to the extent that each makes a small donation which amounted to \$33.00. The plans were for the clubs to assist with the making of additional money for the library but they were not called on to do so as the Gilnochie Foundation donates \$250.00 yearly to this library.

#### 3. Youth Activities

The thirteen 4-H Clubs have one or more adult leaders and these are Home Demonstration members. These leaders are of great help in carrying out the 4-H program. They assist with the girl's projects and in seeing that the club objectives are carried out. They see that their club raises sufficient funds for the various activities. Assistance is given by the leaders in preparing for National 4-H Week activities as "Share-The-Fun" program and the tea for mothers given by two 4-H groups in one of the schools.

The clubs presented a \$50.00 scholarship to a senior 4-H girl who is continuing her education in Home Economics at V. P. I., Blacksburg.

This is the twenty-first scholarship to be presented over a period of 11 years. The Madison Club presented a cook book "Recipes From Old Virginia", to an outstanding home economics girl.

Three Home Demonstration Clubs sent three 4-H members to camp. Two clubs paid all of the expenses and the other paid one-half of the expenses.

The majority of the clubs had a social for the youth in their community.

The clubs sponsored a tea for 125 home economics, 4-H girls and senior girls and had a speaker to talk on "Home Economics Careers".

#### 4. Community Building

The clubs continue to be interested in the kitchen in the community building. Clubs take turns in making an inventory and the County Home Demonstration Committee adds necessary items. Dessert plates, some cups and saucers, and bowl have been added this year. The clubs showered the kitch with tea towels.

#### 5. Cooperation With The School

Some of the clubs donated an item or articles to the school in their community. Three clubs refilled first-aid kits and one donated records to a grade group.

### D. Other Activities

#### 1. National Home Demonstration Week

A chairman was named the preceeding year and with a committee

made plans for activities of National H. D. Week. This committee met with the agent to plan events. There was publicity in the paper of the Home Demonstration Program and picture of four club members, a radio program on which 4 women appeared, a tea for 4-H high school girls, home economics girls and senior girls at which time a Home Economist with a local power company spoke on "Home Economics Careers", and an exhibit at the county high school on Madison County Day. Plans had been made by the agent to have some type of a tour but this did not materialize. During this week, a letter containing recipes, time saver suggestions, information on lighting and an invitation to attend a club meeting was sent to more than 100 young homemakers in the county who are not club members.

Even though such publicity was given to the Home Demonstration program, no new members were added to the enrollment during the month of May.

## 2. Get-Together

The get-together of the club members was held in August, earlier than usual, in order to have as the speaker Miss Iris Davenport, who was Home Editor of FARM AND RANCH magazine. Miss Davenport had as her topic "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall" which related to personal appearance. The 100 ladies were held spell bound during her talk and have commented most often on the different things which were made most impressive by her. The chairman of the Home Demonstration County Committee introduced the speaker. The chairman, who had served her two years, was presented a gift as an expression of appreciation for her service. Preceding the

speech, the ladies enjoyed a dutch dinner. During the meal dinner music was furnished by a group of 4-H members who have a band.

### 3. Master Farm Family

The Frank Walker family of the county was recognised as a Master Farm Family. The agent was present when Miss Sallie Hill and Mr. La Rue of the Progressive Farmer came to the Walker farm to interview the family and to make pictures. Prior to the day of the presentation of the award, the agent interested the ladies of the Grange, wives of the D. H. I. A. organization and the Radiant Home Demonstration Club in preparing and serving refreshments on the afternoon of the presentation. A committee meeting was held with the representatives from the three organizations to plan the refreshments. The ladies made the cake, open face sandwiches, ham biscuits, the punch, arranged the table and took complete charge of serving the refreshments. All the food, with the exception of the ham, was furnished by the organizations. The Walker family was most appreciative of the act.

### 4. Judging by Local Leaders

Ten Home Demonstration Club members attended the judging school which was held in Madison. The ladies reported as having received most valuable information from this school conducted by Miss Janet Cameron, Food Specialist, Miss McCluskey, Assistant Clothing Specialist, Miss Fuller, Farm and Home Development Specialist and Miss Ruth Jaimson, House Furnishings Specialist. This information, they said, would not only help them to better judge but would help them to improve their

products. Five ladies, three of whom had attended the judging school, and the agent assisted with the judging at the Orange County Fair. Three ladies assisted with the judging at the Culpeper County Fair. Six Home Demonstration members and the home economics teacher judged in the 4-H Home Economics Contests.

#### 5. Federation Meetings

An effort was made to get a representative from each club to attend the District VIII Federation Meeting but only seven clubs were represented with a total of 20 members present from the county. Madison County had charge of devising a method to present the program from each county. A lady from the county was enceed acting as "mother" (Mother Octovia - for District 8) and had the county reporter, as daughters, who were coming home to relate the county happenings. A total of \$9.35 was given by the county for Pennies For Friendship.

Each club had in their budget an amount to help defray expenses of a delegate to the State Federation Meeting. The local Farm Bureau Organization offered \$50.00 on toward expenses of delegates but only two ladies from the county were able to go. The Farm Bureau paid the \$30.00 expenses of these two ladies.

#### 6. Work in Unorganized Communities

One club interested a group of colored ladies in having a meeting. The agent met with this group for one meeting. Each of the clubs held special interest meetings and invited non-club members. A goodly number attended.

Two county-wide special interest meetings had been planned but only one was held and this was on seafood cookery. Approximately 50 ladies saw six seafood dishes ably prepared by a home economist with the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

E. Urban Work  
(No urban community)

IV. FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT

A. <u>Problems encountered most often:</u>	<u>No. families</u>
<u>Funds to carry costs</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Keeping records</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Pre-planning</u>	<u>5</u>

B. Subject Matter Areas and Assistance Given.

	<u>Improved Methods and Practices</u>	<u>ShareTime</u>	<u>Goals</u>	<u>Long-Time Goals</u>	<u>Outlook Information</u>	<u>Participation</u>	<u>Demonstrations</u>	<u>Specialist Assistance</u>
<u>Food and Nutrition</u>	2					3		
<u>Vegetable Gardening</u>						2		
<u>Clothing</u>								
<u>Housing</u>			4					
<u>Home Management</u>								
<u>House Furnishings</u>		5				2		
<u>Yard Improvement</u>								
<u>4-H Club</u>								
<u>Other (specify)</u>								

C. Progress Stories

The agent has worked some with five families, the same as of

previous years. Only a small amount of time was devoted to this due to lack of time because of no assistance.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac Jones have been visited and some progress has been made in the home. The floor of the room which was sanded with the aid of the agent and which was a combination living and bedroom has been changed to just the living room. The room now occupied as bedroom has been fixed so that it might be used. Mrs. Jones has purchased new curtains for her living room. The outside of the house has been painted.

Miss Effie Tucker continues to make some improvement on her home. From a drawing made by Mr. C. D. Wheary a few years back, a kitchen, bath room and dining room have been added. The upstairs and old rooms down stairs have been redecorated and some furniture moved and some added. Miss Tucker plans to add additional cabinets in her kitchen later.

The three other families have been visited several times and assistance has been given them in redecorating problems.

#### V. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - YOUTH

##### A. Organization

##### 1 and 2. County Youth Committee

It was the hope of the agent to have a county youth committee and this has been discussed with the other agents but nothing definite has been done other than discuss names of people to invite to the first meeting.

##### 3. 4-H County Council

The County Council is composed of all club officers of the

thirteen clubs in addition to a song, devotional and recreation leader which total 78. Leaders and sponsors act as advisors. All Honor Club members are automatically members of the council.

The council met twice during the year; once in the spring and again in the fall. Ten clubs were represented at the spring meeting. At this meeting, the clubs reported on their accomplishments, a delegate was elected to camp and \$7.00 paid on her expenses, a discussion was held concerning the county picnic and co-chairmen were appointed. Other committees were selected as the year book, float, council budget, council objectives and achievement program. Officers for two years were elected at this time. The second meeting was held in the fall and this was well attended. At this meeting the club and council objectives were drawn up and a joint program with monthly topics was planned by the vice-presidents who are responsible for the program. Time was spent during the evening in training the different officers. Five adults were present to assist with this training.

#### 4. All Stars

Eight All Stars were in the county during the year. Six of these are active Honor Club members. The group met following an Honor Club meeting to select a chairman. This chairman has served as a coordinator between the agents and the other All Stars. The All Stars were invited to the Honor Club banquet and one of the members who was an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to El Salvador gave a report on his stay in that county at the banquet. Another All Star

is now in Columbia, South America as an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate. The Home Demonstration Clubs have made a contribution toward the IPYE Fund.

The All Stars attended a meeting to recommend a boy and a girl to become All Stars. A girl was recommended and was taken into the chapter. Four All Stars attended the Key Award Banquet and an All Star from this county spoke on his trip to El Salvador. The All Stars assumed the responsibility of giving publicity to 4-H work during 4-H Observance Week.

#### 5. Honor Club

This club has a membership of 16 girls, 14 boys and 8 leaders. All of these are outstanding boys and girls and leaders and are indispensable in helping to carry out the program. From this membership of boys and girls, the All Stars are selected. This group met four times during the year. The first was the annual Honor Club banquet, the expenses of which were taken care of by the local bank. This banquet is the highlight of the year as this is the time when the new members are initiated formally and informally. Fifty-seven members and guests were present. Following the meal, which was served by one of the Home Demonstration Clubs, Jimmy Graves, International Farm Youth Exchange delegate to El Salvador, talked on his experiences in that country. Mr. Jack Tyree of V. P. I., Blacksburg, talked on "Leadership".

The second meeting of the Honor Club was called following the Spring Council meeting to select a delegate to Short Course and one

to Conservation Camp. A total of \$15.00 was given toward expenses for the two delegates. This group also decided to buy a flowering shrub costing \$7.50 for the county agent's yard as nothing had been done for him while in the hospital. The community project selected by this club was to purchase a "Welcome To Madison County" sign. The cost of this was \$13.50.

The third meeting was held in the early fall at which time a new president, secretary and treasurer were elected, the objectives for the new year were set up and committees were appointed.

The fourth meeting was a combination of a social and business meeting. This was held at a mountain cabin owned by the mother of one of the All Stars. Following the buffet supper, the list of boys, girls and leaders recommended to become Honor Club members were presented by the agent. Nine were passed on by the members and these were presented Recognition Certificates at the Achievement Program.

The objectives of the Honor Club was to sponsor National 4-H Week and Rural Youth Sunday. This objective was completed and the members did a worthwhile job with both of these events. They were lax in their work on the objectives of securing more senior club members and working with younger members as the number of senior members has not increased and a very few assisted younger 4-H members.

#### 6. Project Planning Committee

Representatives from the junior and senior clubs selected by the members make up the Project Planning Committee. A discussion is

72

held in the early spring in each club as to projects desired by the groups for summer and winter. A decision is reached as to first, second and third choices. The representatives from these clubs meet in the early summer with the leaders and agent and from these suggestions, the projects for the junior and senior clubs were selected. Thirteen junior girls were present and 4 senior girls with 3 leaders. Following the project selection, which was Laundry for the junior group and Your Room and Meal Preparation for the senior clubs, the month-by-month topics were selected.

#### B. 4-H PROJECT WORK

##### 1. Breads

A discussion was held in the 4-H groups as to projects available and an explanation was made as to the content and requirements. Those interested signed up for the project. The project was conducted in four community, all of which were held during the summer months. Twenty-four girls were enrolled in the project and 22 completed the project. The majority of these girls were junior girls. At least 3 meetings were held with each group at which time the girls gave demonstrations and judged the products made. A number of these girls entered baked foods in the county fair held in Culpeper and won some ribbons. Several competed in the county contests held for junior girls. The Bread demonstration medal was given to the junior girl, Joyce Carpenter, placing second, as the senior girl, Sue Kidd, placing first, had received the medal. Sue will enter the district contest. The mothers

of a number of the girls have told of how pleased they were that their daughter could make such good bread. One mother, who was to give the Yeast Bread demonstration to her club, asked her daughter to demonstrate making the bread while the mother conducted the discussion.

## 2. Food Preparation

Three senior groups of girls selected this as their main winter project. Each of the groups discussed the projects open and unanimously voted to take Food Preparation. Twenty-one girls were enrolled in this project and 20 completed the project. Stress was placed on adequate diets and the importance of such and methods of giving demonstrations. Attention was centered on preparation of bread and meat dishes. These girls were encouraged to enter exhibits in the Culpeper County Fair and to compete in the demonstration contests but the number was small. Three girls received medals for outstanding work in Food Preparation. Mary Ann Powell placed first in the demonstration contest and will enter the district contest. 7,742 dishes were prepared by the girls and 1,368 meals were planned and served.

## 3. Clothing Care

The junior girls selected their first, second and third project choices in their respective clubs and from these suggestions, a decision was reached that a greater number of the girls were interested in "Care Of Clothing". 166 took this project and there were 137 completions. Each girl was asked to equip a sewing kit and these were displayed at

their club meetings. They were instructed as to correct method of sewing on buttons and snaps, proper method of washing certain garments, hanging of garments to dry and pressing of dresses and skirts. Two girls received medals at the Achievement Program for their accomplishments on this project. A number of girls, because of this project, became interested in going into clothing construction.

#### 4. Clothing Construction

A group of junior girls were most anxious to learn to make a garment so 18 were enrolled in this project in addition to 10 senior girls who were not in need of such instruction. Forty-three garments were made. Two groups met during the summer months for a series of meetings. One group of small girls made only a skirt - their first garment. The other group, who had in the previous year made a skirt, made a dress. These groups spent some time in obtaining measurements to determine correct pattern sizes, to discuss correct pattern lines, and becoming colors. These things were learned by the girls: Selection of patterns and materials; Using the sewing machine; Putting in zippers. Eight girls entered garments in the Culpeper Fair and one of the senior girls got the clothing sweepstakes prize for getting the largest number of ribbons. During the Achievement Program, 8 girls modeled the skirts which they had made and 5 modeled dresses. One girl in each group was presented a Style Revue medal on appearance and a girl in each group received an award on construction. The winner in the skirt contest received a gift certificate from a local store for enough new material for

a skirt, while the winner in the dress contest received a gift certificate for cotton material for a dress from a store in an adjoining county.

#### 5. Rural Electrification

A discussion was held in 3 junior groups to learn of the interest in the Electric Project. A sufficient number in one group was interested in having this project. Seventeen girls enrolled but on 10 completed - not a sufficient number to have a representative attend the Electric Congress. Two meetings were conducted by the agents. This group was divided into 2 classes. Each of the two agents taught a different class and the children rotated after 45 minutes. Two electric medals were awarded to the girls doing the greatest amount of work on the project.

#### C. Other Activities

##### 1. Camp

Each club had as an objective to send a delegate or delegates to a camp and help defray expenses. An amount was allowed in each club budget for this. Eighteen girls attended the district camp which was held at Holiday Lake for 4-H'ers from 10 years of age up. Two leaders attended also and assisted with the camp activities. Two of the Home Demonstration Clubs paid all of the expenses on two 4-H'ers and another club paid one half of the expenses of a delegate. Jane Blankenbaker was elected Big Scribe at the camp and did a good job at this.

The senior club members were more interested in attending the senior camp, Conservation Camp and Short Course so their delegates went to these. The Council paid part of the expenses on a girl to senior camp and the Honor Club paid part of the expenses of a delegate to Conservation Camp and Short Course. Three girls attended the senior camp at Holiday Lake. One girl and a woman leader attended the Conservation Camp held at Virginia Beach, one older girl and two leaders attended Leadership Camp at Virginia Beach and all of these reported a good time and very instructive camps.

The quota for the girls attending Short Course held at V. P. I., Blacksburg, is always too low as so many girls are so eager to attend. Eight girls went to Short Course. Charlotte Carpenter, who had won in the district Laundry contest, won a free trip to the Short Course. Sue Kidd was district winner in the Bread Demonstration contest and competed in the state contest. This was their first experience in a state contest so they were pleased to win red ribbons. Dorothy Carpenter was in the "Share-The-Fun" contest, playing the piano in the Madison 4-H orchestra, "The Stardusters", and this orchestra was one of the winners in the contest and they have been called upon to play for a number of state 4-H events and for the dance at the Agents' Conference.

Doris Estes was the girls from the county to be initiated into the All Star Chapter. All of these girls were most thrilled over the activities at Short Course and all have expressed a desire to go back in 1959.

## 2. Other Activities

### a. Rural Life Sunday

This is a project undertaken by the 4-H County Honor Club. At the 1957 fall Honor Club meeting, a Youth Sunday Service chairman was named and this chairman, with a committee, met with the agents to make plans for the service. This was observed the second Sunday in May and was a county-wide Vespers service conducted at 6:30 p.m., in a grove adjoining a church. Approximately 100 persons were present. The theme of the service was "World Understanding". With the exception of an interesting talk by a local minister, 4-H'ers took the parts on the program. The offering, which amounted to approximately \$20.00, went to the International Farm Youth Exchange Program.

### b. National 4-H Week

4-H Week was observed in the county during the third week in March. During this week, which had been previously planned by a 4-H committee, the "Share-The-Fun" contest was held, a tea given by a group for mothers and next door neighbors, a 4-H dance for senior members and publicity was given to 4-H'ers in the weekly newspaper.

The All Stars in the county assumed the responsibility of getting articles for 4-H publicity in the county paper. Four All Stars were in the "It's A Snap" column in which pictures of each were printed with a statement as to why they have continued in 4-H work. The ads in the paper contained sentences of boast to the 4-H'ers. Publicity of various events during the week was also in the daily Charlottesville paper.

Practically all clubs participated in the "Share-The-Fun" contest. The leaders, sponsors and county music instructors were most helpful in arranging for these numbers. The admission charge was one cent per inch the individual's feet measured and this admission amounted to \$16.00. The Farm Bureau Organization donated prizes for first, second and third place winners in the senior and junior groups. The first prize was a trip to Short Course for seniors and a trip to district camp for juniors; second prizes were \$6.00 and third, \$3.00.

The girls in the grade clubs in the county high school held a tea for their mothers and next door neighbors after school hours in the county office building. Girls from each of these groups were selected to plan the tea. Hostesses were selected and other duties delegated. Three Junior Garden Club members, who are 4-H members, with their adult leader made the arrangements for the tea table. The leaders of these groups came early in the afternoon and made the coffee and cocoa and attended to arrangements. The cookies and other things were furnished by the girls and leaders. The girls were instructed on a previous afternoon as to proper methods of pouring and being nice hostesses. The girls thoroughly enjoyed having the tea and the adults thought it was such a nice function.

#### c. Community Activities

Each club had a remembrance chairman and the duty of this person and her committee was to send cards to the sick and bereaved. At each of the meetings, this chairman reported on the number of cards sent and time was taken for the members to inform the chairman as to

sickness in the communities. The county Honor Club purchased a flowering tree for the county agent who had been ill and who had moved into his new home. Some of the clubs contributed gifts to the needy. One club bought some pans for a family burned out and another club contributed money for this family.

Each of the clubs donated something to their school or community. Following are a list of articles contributed: Records for the school, Balls and bats, a Bible, vase, purchased United States flag for a school, bought paint for flag pole, a pencil sharpener, dust pan, and waste paper basket.

The four senior clubs and the Honor Club purchased two "Welcome to Madison County" signs costing a total of \$27.00.

#### d. Fair

Twenty girls from the county made entries in the fair in an adjoining county and won a number of ribbons. One of the senior girls won the sweepstake prize in senior clothing.

#### e. Contests

Five girls competed in the Northern Virginia District Contest held in Madison in the early spring. All five of these girls won blue ribbons and three of these were eligible to enter the state contest. Only two girls entered and these were in Laundry and Breads. These girls won a red ribbon. Dorothy Carpenter, along with three A-H senior boys, entered the "Share-The-Fun" contest held at Blacksburg and their orchestra received a blue ribbon and a savings bond.

In the fall contests were held including Bread, Food Preparation and Clothing. Sue Kidd was selected to enter the District Bread Contest, Mary Ann Powell, the Food Preparation and Charlotte Carpenter, the Laundry contest. Junior girls, as well as senior girls, were eligible to enter the county contests.

#### f. Recreational Activities

Each of the junior clubs had a picnic during school hours but was given just the lunch hour. The plans for these were made by the 4-H boys and girls with assistance from the leaders.

The senior clubs combined for a social at Christmas time. One of the clubs held a picnic in addition to the Christmas social.

Plans had been made for a county-wide 4-H picnic but due to the weather, it had to be called off and as this was so late in the season, no other date could be selected.

#### g. Achievement Program

Approximately 225 4-H'ers, parents, leaders and sponsors were present for the annual 4-H Achievement Program held the last of November. The president of the Council presided over this program. Another member recognized and expressed appreciation to the parents, leaders and business firms for having cooperated with the 4-H activities. The agents presented medals and prizes to the boys and girls with assistance from two 4-H members. An adult, representative from one of the co-ops, presented the trophy (cup) to Midway Club for being the outstanding senior club and a small 4-H and United States flag on a

stand to the Madison 6 Grade 4-H Club, the outstanding junior club. Midway has won the cup two years in succession so this club will be the owner of the cup.

Following the presentation of awards and recognition of All Stars and International Farm Youth Exchange delegates, music was furnished by The Stardusters, the "Share-The-Dun" winner. Refreshments were served during the dance. Not only did the 10 years old members enjoy dancing but also the senior members.

#### D. Young Men and Women Work

Several young women are members of the Home Demonstration Clubs and work has been done with these. Individual assistance has been given others along lines of wall paper selection, color scheme suggestions, kitchen arrangement and upholstery work. A newsletter was sent to 100 young homemakers and an information leaflet distributed to 200 persons working in a local factory, the majority of these are young homemakers.

## VI. SCOPE OF WORK

### A.

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
<u>No. H. D. Clubs or Groups</u>	12	11	9	9	9
<u>Membership</u>	219	219	190	190	180
<u>No. 4-H Clubs</u>	11	12	13	13	13
<u>Membership</u>	202	212	195	218	202
<u>No. YM Clubs</u>					0
<u>Membership</u>					0
<u>No. Community Clubs</u>					1
<u>Membership</u>					8
<u>No. Home Ec. Committees</u>					0
<u>No. General Interest Committees</u>					0
<u>No. Youth Committees</u>					0
<u>No. other organizations</u>					0
<u>No. Farm &amp; Home Dev. Families</u>				10	5
<u>No. other families reached</u>				588	500
<u>No. different families reached</u>				688	650

### B. To Increase Scope of Work

Women have been invited to become members of a club through personal contacts, letters, radio and newspaper articles. Special interest meetings have been held on Seafood Cookery and Crafts to which non-club members have been invited. The agent has met with one unorganized group. A Home Demonstration display was put up on Madison County Day. To further create interest, items presumed to be interesting to all homemakers, have been published in the local weekly paper and given over the radio and letters concerning items of interest to homemakers have been sent out.

## VII. LEADERSHIP

### A. Contribution of Leaders to the Program

#### 1. Organizational

The organizational leaders assumed the responsibilities of the various functions of their clubs. They serve as a go-between the agent and the members. They attended three meetings during the year for the purpose of deciding on the policies of the clubs, and assisting with the program planning. These leaders select the various leaders and chairmen needed and see that the program is carried out. The organizational leaders definitely play an important part in the club's accomplishments. The clubs, with efficient organizational leaders, have the strongest clubs. They see that their club is represented at all county meetings.

#### 2. Program Development

The program development leaders attended a training meeting in the spring at which time suggested procedures were made as to presenting food-for-thought to the clubs. One meeting in the spring was devoted to presenting information and obtaining suggestions from members as to the 1959 Program. This meeting was entirely in the hands of the program development leaders. They obtained suggestions, summarized them and presented this summary at a county meeting. From these suggestions, these leaders assisted in setting up the county program. Later they presented this outline to their club for an o. k. The program leaders met with the executive committee of their club and assisted with setting

up club choices, objectives, budget, leaders and chairmen. They, with the officers, contacted leaders to see if they would serve. These leaders, at the end of the year, collected members' accomplishment sheets, summarized these and sent the summary in to the agent.

### 3. Subject Matter Leaders

Eight of the nine clubs had five subject matter leaders. These leaders were selected according to their interest. They attended the training meetings and assumed total responsibility of giving four demonstrations. They assisted the agent with the fifth demonstration as had been planned. These leaders were of great help in carrying out the program as the agent was relieved of these meetings. Each club had a garden leader whose responsibility was to conduct a short garden discussion at each meeting.

### 4. Federation Program of Work Chairmen

The federation chairmen played a very important part in strengthening the club program. They assisted with the planning of the monthly topics and were responsible for presenting this topic which took about 20 minutes. Federation objectives were set up and these chairmen saw that these were carried out. Check sheets on accomplishments were sent to the county federation chairman.

### B. Growth of Leadership

1.

Overall Program Leaders (organizational leaders for County Ext. Service Board

No. 1957    No. 1958

None

None

2. Home Demonstration Club Leadership:

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
No. organizational leaders			40	39	27
No. project leaders (sub. mtr.)	66	60	59	50	45
No. Federation Prog. of Work Chrs.	10	10	9	9	10
No. program development ldrs.	10	10	9	9	8
No. result demonstrators	12	18	20	8	10
No. training meetings by spnc.	6	6	5	5	5
No. training meetings by Dist. Agt.	1	1	1	1	1
No. training meetings by agent	3	2	5	1	7
No. training meetings by others					1
Attendance at all tr. meetings	76	95	95	89	123
No. meetings held without an agent	48	60	47	57	37
No. meetings leaders assisted	10	13	18	20	24
Demonstrations by leaders	48	39	32	40	29
Talks and discussions by leaders	100	87	149	81	114

3. Overall Youth Leaders  
(Org. leaders for County Youth Council

No. 1957	No. 1958
0	0

4. 4-H Club Leadership

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
No. Club Officers	62	76	78	78	65
No. adult prof. leaders	16	16	16	21	21
No. junior prof. leaders			12	18	20
No. result demonstrators	16	3	0	4	5
No. training meetings by Spnc.					0
No. training meetings by Dist. Agt.			0	1	0
No. training meetings by agent		2	3	3	6
No. training mtgs. by members club dept.	0	0	0	0	0
No. training mtgs. by others	0	0	0	0	0
Total attendance at ldr. tr. mtgs.	166	49	121	119	106
No. 4-H ldrs. trained individually	16	16	11	10	12
No. club mtgs. held by ldr. w/out agent	12	10	47	49	25
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	49	30	78	84	108
No. demonstrations given by adu. ldrs.	16	4	14	16	20
No. demonstrations given by jun. ldrs.	24	12	35	56	85

5. Young Men and Women's Clubs  
(No clubs)

C. Outstanding Leader

### C. Outstanding Leader

Mrs. Jessie Gibbs is one of the outstanding women leaders in Extension Work in the county. She is not only interested in Home Demonstration work but equally interested in 4-H work. Her interest in extension work began when her daughter became a 4-H member. Through Mrs. Gibbs' cooperation her daughter became an outstanding 4-H member, being an All Star and a winner of a trip to National Club Congress.

Mrs. Gibbs has been a Home Demonstration member for at least 15 years and even though she has been sick at times and has been in the hospital, she has not missed a single monthly meeting. If she wasn't able to attend, she would either have the meeting at her home or the club members would put off the meeting a week or so. Largely through her efforts, her club of twenty members has for most years, been named the outstanding club. If a leader could not get to a training meeting or any other meeting, Mrs. Gibbs would volunteer to go and give her the information. Mrs. Gibbs always attends the district and State Federation meetings and will give interesting reports of these meetings if called upon.

Mrs. Gibbs has been active as a 4-H leader for 15 years and never misses a meeting. She assists not only with the organizational matters including financial but also with the project work. She is a faithful attendant to the 4-H district camp and helps greatly with the camp activities. Because of her interests and activities in 4-H, she is an active member in the 4-H Honor Club. In addition to her activities in Home Demonstration and 4-H organizations, she is of great

assistance to the agent. She has spent days with the agent assisting groups with floor sanding, upholstery work, lampshade clinics, sewing machine clinics, chair reseating and other projects. The agent has been greatly helped by her cooperation. Being in extension work has meant a lot to her. She has developed into a good leader and is a faithful supporter of extension work.

D. Outstanding Family

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tappy and family are a most cooperative family. Their family is made up of two ardent supporters of 4-H clubs. These two girls are always present for club meetings and are always anxious and willing to be doing. They are greatly encouraged by their parents in that the parents compliment their work which encourages them to do better. Mrs. Tappy is always ready and willing to take them to any or all club activities. These girls, even though in the grades, carried three projects to completion, made entries in the Culpeper County Fair and competed in the county contests.

Mrs. Tappy is active in Home Demonstration work. She has served as project leader and for the past 2 years was an able president of her club. This year, she was chosen chairman of the County Home Demonstration Committee. Not only is this family interested in extension work but in church activities and also school and community affairs.

They are interested in making their home more attractive for their daughters so have recently remodeled their home.

### E. Outstanding Club

The outstanding club of the year is decided on according to a score card and the club to attain the highest score was Criglersville. Even though the chosen president was not able to serve the entire year, this club still came out with flying colors. This club has a membership of 20 and the monthly attendance was good. The activities of the club are:

1. All delegated subject matter leaders attended the five training meetings and gave or assisted with the demonstrations as set up.
2. A representative attended the State Federation Meeting and she reported on the activities.
3. Three attended the District Federation Meeting.
4. The chairman of the National Home Demonstration Week activities was a member of this club.
5. Took an active part in the Mothers' March on Polio.
6. Contributed \$4.00 to the county library.
7. Donated \$8.50 to the <sup>W</sup>Scholarship Fund.
8. Donated \$5.00 to the school.
9. Served dinners to make money to meet the budget.
10. Had representatives to attend the county-wide special interest meeting and a good attendance at the annual Get-Together meeting.
11. Sponsored a meeting for an unorganized group in their community.
12. Donated \$5.00 to the Career Fund and \$3.00 to the Calendar project of the Lion's Club.

13. Federation chairman was active in seeing that the Federation Objectives were carried out.

14. One member assisted in structing a home nursing course.

#### F. Outstanding Achievement

1. Cooperation of adult club members in youth work.

A greater interest has been shown by the Home Demonstration Clubs in the youth of the county. A few years ago, it was difficult to have an active adult leader for each of the 4-H Clubs. The clubs take as one of their objectives to see that there is a leader for each of the 4-H Clubs. These leaders are indispensable. Some of these and others assist with summer community project groups.

The clubs donate each year a \$50.00 Scholarship to an outstanding senior 4-H boy or girl for the furtherance of his or her education. One club donates a cook book to an outstanding senior home economics girl. Two of the clubs paid all of the expenses of a boy and girl to 4-H Camp and another paid half of the expenses of a girl. Other clubs have had socials for the youth in their community. Adult groups have cooperated with the 4-H Clubs in their money making projects.

For several years they have sponsored a tea for home economics, 4-H and senior girls and had a speaker to talk on "Home Economics Careers". The members have assisted with the Well Baby Clinics, gave of their time in the Mothers' March on Polio because of their interest in the youth.

The club members are interested in the young people and seem to be

ever ready to help with the functions. This had come about as a result of solicitation of this help and of a better understanding of the youths' activities.

#### VIII. COOPERATIVE WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES OR GROUPS

##### A. Farm Bureau

The Farm Bureau has been most cooperative in donating money for the program. Forty-eight dollars was donated for prizes for first, second and third places winners in the senior and junior groups. The first prize was a trip to Short Course and 4-H Camp, the second prizes were \$6.00 and third prizes, \$3.00. This organization also offered to donate \$50.00 on toward expenses of women to State Federation Meeting. Only two women went so only \$30.00 was used. The agent attended the County Farm Bureau annual picnic. She assisted with the judging in the Farm Bureau King and Queen contest.

##### B. Local Bank

Cooperation was shown by the bank in that they paid expenses for the 4-H Honor Club banquet at which time 57 members and guests were invited. The president of the bank and his wife were present for the banquet.

##### C. Madison County Day Committee

The Home Demonstration Clubs asked for permission to have a display on this day when more than 1000 people gathered. This was granted and a nice display of Home Demonstration projects were shown.

D. Health

The clubs cooperated with the county Folio Chapter by instigating the Mothers' March on Folio.

Cooperation was evident with the Cancer Foundation in that the clubs made their donation to this and assisted with the solicitation of funds. Groups also made cancer dressings.

The agent and two club members assisted with instructing ladies taking three Home Nursing classes.

E. Grange

The women of the Grange and one Home Demonstration Club, with the assistance from the agent, planned, prepared and served refreshments when the Frank Walker family received the Progressive Farmer Master Farm Family Award.

F. Health Office

The sanitation officer has visited one of the clubs and talked to the group on his work. The agent attended one meeting called by the health offices in interest of the water system program.

G. Power Companies

The Home Economists of the two local power companies have visited the agent on several occasions. One of the economists was invited to speak on "Home Economics Careers" when a tea was held for high school girls by the Home Demonstration Clubs.

Representatives from the power companies put on a demonstration

in two of the clubs on overloading wire circuits.

#### H. Home Economic Instructor

The agent has invited the Home Economics instructor to assist with the judging the district contests, fair and county contests. Some bulletins received have been sent to this teacher.

### IX. PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS WITH

#### A. Co-Workers

Good relations exist among the agents. The assistant county agent and the agent work more closely together because of the 4-H program. Conferences are held at least monthly to discuss schedules and plans. Conferences are held at other intervals to discuss programs coming up as National 4-H Week, Achievement Program, etc.

#### B. General Public

An effort is made to attend community activities such as athletic events, school activities, dinners sponsored by groups. The agent encourages the club members to cooperate with other organizations.

#### C. Elected Representatives

There are no elected representatives residing in the county.

#### D. Professional Workers

The relationship between the professional workers and the agent has always been good. The agent is interested in the work of other professional workers and informs the families with whom she works of

their services. She tries to keep up with their programs. The home economics instructor and the agent have worked together in judging at fairs and she has assisted with judging in 4-H contests.

#### X. PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

The agent attended the communication school held for four days at the beginning of the year, Institute of Rural Affairs and the Agents' Conference at the National Home Agents' Convention in Chicago.

Magazines relative to the work are available for reading and these are good sources of information for demonstrations and discussions.

#### XI. OFFICE AND WORKING CONDITIONS

The lighting conditions in the office have been improved with a new desk lamp. The new bulletin rack has greatly improved the appearance of the room and makes for a better display of bulletins. This new rack has led to checking over bulletins and destroying a number which are out-of-date and of no use.

The secretary has made use of the material available for secretaries and has found this to be helpful.

#### XIII. THE LOOK AHEAD

There is a need to do better planning in order to get reports in earlier from 4-H Club members, as well as Home Demonstration Clubs.

The desire would be to have a conference with the assistant agent at the beginning of the year and schedule events for the year and conform as closely as possible to this schedule. Following this, to set up

the entire calendar of events, including the Home Demonstration activities.

Next year's work should be better organized so that more can be accomplished. To accomplish more, there is a need of more trained 4-H project leaders to help carry out the community project work. The 4-H county contests should be held during the latter part of the summer and more girls should be encouraged to enter the contests.

Methods need to be used to contact more people and this can be done through special committee groups.

Working with more special interest groups, more Farm and Home Development families, more older 4-H girls and would greatly strengthen the program for 1960.