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AUGUSTA COUNTY

HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT'S NARRATIVE REPORT

Augusta County is approaching its thirty fifth year of organized Home Demonstration Work. The 1952 program of work was indeed a decided contrast to the "tenate" clubs of 1918 and 1920. Many changes have taken place in the county through these years not only in the trend of urbanization but in the standards of living of Augusta county families.

Never before have homemakers had the demand upon their time and resources that they have had during the past few years. Family schedules have been completely disrupted, some homemakers have found it necessary to be employed outside of the home and new plans have had to be made to get the many jobs done.

The homemakers are directly responsible for the reorganization of family life, the adjustment to inflationary prices, plans for building or remodeling the home, and the purchasing of materials to replace worn-out goods, yet it calls for the cooperation of the entire family.

Because of the responsibility falling on the homemakers, the home demonstration program has been a real asset to her.

The trend to the family approach in program planning has continued to be evident. Homemakers discuss "our" Home Demonstration program, what "our" family needs or what are the needs of "our" community rather than thinking of themselves as individuals. This has certainly resulted in better family living.

During 1952 Home Demonstration club women have continued to work on long time goals of Home Improvement, Better Housing, Health and Citizenship.

Work in the home improvement program has continued to produce excellent results. While kitchen improvement has not been stressed so much in the 1952 program yet there has been a follow-up and continued interest from previous years. In fact clubs report three hundred and one kitchens rearranged or altered for conveniences. This is an increase over the 1951 figure of two hundred fifty-eight and almost up to the three hundred thirty-five reported in 1950. The fact that the kitchen is the room in which the homemaker spends a great deal of her time, and the fact that the supplies of materials and equipment for improvements have continued to be available has been responsible for this carry-over.

Home improvement work was continued in 1952 with emphasis on the bedroom. Clubs report four hundred and four bedrooms improved, and five hundred fifty-seven other rooms rearranged or improved. No doubt some of this included a continuation of the improvements on living rooms stressed in the 1951 program but shows a large increase in the number of rooms improved in contrast to the two hundred and twenty-one living rooms and two hundred and sixty-one other rooms showing outstanding improvement in 1951.

The county housing program has received some impetus this year due to relaxation of some of the restrictions imposed on essential building materials. This has been evident ~~but~~ not so much in the rural areas of the county but in the small homes being built by rural non-farm residents

near the industrial area of the county. Some remodeling has been done in the farm homes of the county. Seven bathrooms in old homes were reported this year in addition to one hundred fifteen improved in some way.

As a follow-up to the stress on adequate storage for comfortable living in the 1951 program, work on storage of bathrooms and linens was continued with two hundred and fifty-two storage spaces improved. There were twenty-six result demonstrators in storage, three in kitchen remodeling and one on living rooms.

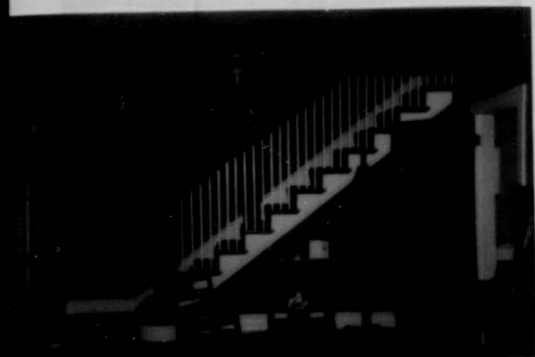
Before and after views of each end of the result demonstration on Mrs. Kenneth Cleveland's living room of the Verona Home Demonstration club can be seen on the next page.

Art and handicraft were carried over as special interest activities from the 1951 program. In fact because of the wide interest in art, the women voted to carry Art in Daily Living as one of the Federation goals for 1952. One thousand three hundred forty-six families were contacted with Art in Daily Living information while clubs reported one thousand one hundred seventy-four articles made which included - Textile painting, four hundred and three; Stenciled trays and furniture, one hundred seventy; painted trays, one hundred sixteen; Bedspread, eighty-five; and Lushades, four hundred and fifty.

In addition to the work on the Art in Daily Living goal the work on the Citizenship goal was well planned and carried out in the year's

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Before Remodeling Cleveland Living Room

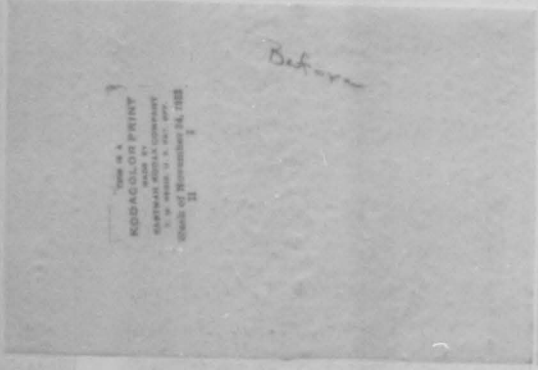


Hall partition has been removed, walls painted, new draperies, valance boards and new rug purchased

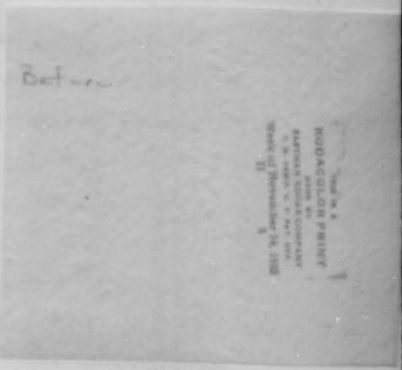
after remodeling Cleveland living room narrow windows beside fireplace have been made to look wider through use of drapes hung at outside of frame and wider valance board



Before Remodeling Cleveland Living Room

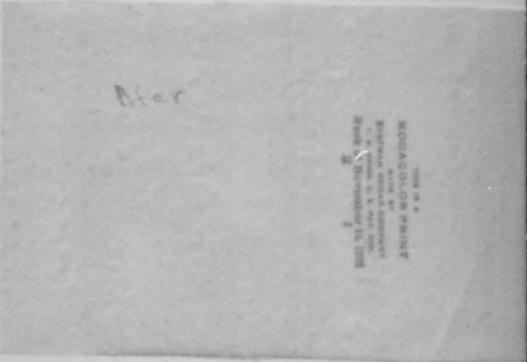


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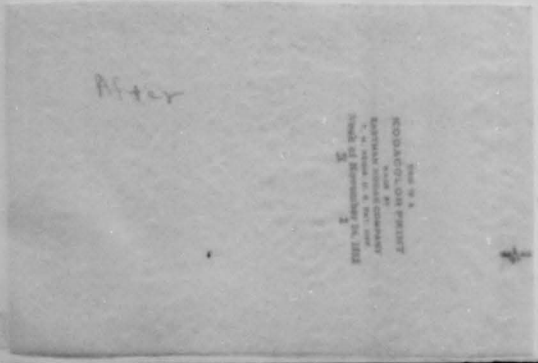


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Ball partition has
 been removed, walls
 painted, in design
 volume boards are
 very interesting



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Volume boards
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program. Goals and the results obtained are mentioned in detail under the section of this report devoted to Federation Goals. Both of these goals were carried over for the 1953 program with emphasis on some additional phases of the goal program.

A great interest was shown in the special interest group meetings held during the year. Sixty-two special meetings were held by clubs mostly to work on bedspreads, stenciled articles, textile painting, lampshades, and remodeled furniture. County-wide meetings were held on Mental Health in connection with the Citizenship program and on Bathrooms and Linen Storage in connection with the Housing program. One meeting was held on Money Management with a very small attendance. Some of the results of these meetings have been listed above but others will be listed under the subject matter fields.

Two new home demonstration clubs were organized in the county this year both under the sponsorship of older home demonstration groups. Club rolls show an increase of eighty-four members during the year. These new clubs give a total of twenty-nine organized groups in the county.

Augusta County Home Demonstration clubs have taken a prominent part in community activities. Twenty-seven clubs report raising \$3,541.30 to be used for worthy causes in the county, or for donations to the various charity and welfare organizations. The donations and the use of the money for community projects are listed under the community activities section of this report.

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National Home Demonstration Week was observed in the county with two special broadcasts participated in by women from two clubs and the home agent. Some clubs held birthday parties during May, many invited special guests to regular May club meetings, some brought their club history up-to-date and four clubs participated in placing some of their work in window exhibits while others had handicraft exhibits at their club meetings. At least two clubs observed Rural Life Sunday. Eighteen of the twenty-seven organized clubs in the county were standard clubs this year by completing ten out of the eleven goals set up at the beginning of the year by the County Home Demonstration Committee.

The 4-H club program has continued to advance along with the Home Demonstration program. At the end of 1952 we have 563 members in the 21 organized 4-H clubs. 574 projects were completed by these girls during the year. Project summaries on these projects are listed under subject matter fields.

4-H clubs have also taken part in community and national activities. Most of the clubs have contributed to drives within their county and community. Clubs this year donated money to the National 4-H Club Foundation to help establish the National 4-H Club Center at Chevy Chase, Maryland. Several of the clubs donated money to local projects under their sponsorship.

One girl won a gold watch in the State leadership contest as the result of her records and ability as a junior leader of her club.

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Club members and leaders participated in radio programs, celebrated National 4-H Week, observed Rural Life Sunday, held local club contests and had educational exhibits at community fairs.

The County 4-H club camp this year was the largest camp yet to be held.

As a new county home demonstration agent for Augusta County starting my service on March 17, 1952 after the year's program was already underway, one of my first impressions was the importance of the Home Demonstration and 4-H program as a part of the services available to Augusta county folks. One of the things responsible for this is the excellent publicity that has been given the extension program through the press and radio facilities of the county. Credit can be given to my predecessors for the excellent public relations built up through the over thirty year history of Home Demonstration work in the county.

The home agents feel that interest in the work is at an all-time high and that club work with both women and 4-H girls has continued to progress this year.

Adult Project Work

House Furnishings

In planning the club program for the year the County Home Demonstration Committee, stress on furnishings and home improvement was continued with emphasis on bedrooms and the making of useful craft articles for the home.

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Five training meetings for leaders were held on bedroom improvement with an attendance of 113 leaders. Nineteen clubs had leaders present at all of these meetings. Six other clubs attended two or more of these meetings and only two clubs failed to be present at any of these meetings. Included in the training was one meeting on making lampshades.

As a result of these meetings more than four hundred bedrooms were improved and six hundred and seventy other rooms were rearranged for convenience or improved. Three hundred and fifty families were assisted with improving walls and wood work, while five hundred and fifty were assisted with improving color schemes and rearranging furnishings of rooms. Two hundred and sixty families were assisted with the remodeling or refinishing of furniture, furnishings and accessories. Seven hundred families were assisted with the selection of furniture and furnishings; while three hundred and fifty were helped with the selection and use of electric lamps. Four hundred and fifty lampshades were made as well as eighty-five bedspreads. A number of the clubs held meetings in the homes of members who had improved bedrooms during the year.

Housing

As stated earlier the housing program has received some impetus this year due to the relaxation of some of the government restrictions on building materials. Many of the homemakers provided with plans for building and remodeling homes last year have been able to carry out those plans this year. Seven new bathrooms in old homes were reported

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this year in addition to one hundred fifteen others improved in some way. Work on the storage of bathroom and linens was continued from the previous year with two hundred fifty-two storage spaces improved. There were twenty-six result demonstrations in storage, three in kitchen remodeling and one in living room.

Home Management

The home management program has not received too much stress this year except work done by club members as a follow-up to that of previous years. Club members report 301 kitchens rearranged or altered for convenience. This figure surpassed the one given for 1951 of 258 and very nearly equals the 335 reported in 1950 also surpassed the 225 reported in 1949.

While the present home agent has not been called upon so much as yet to visit kitchens and suggest improvements yet I have assisted the three result demonstrators on kitchen remodeling and expect to do more of this as I learn to know more of the Augusta county folks.

One club was given a demonstration on "A Simple Way to Iron a Man's Shirt" as a club choice.

The Home Account program was the only one that suffered from the absence of a home agent in the county early in 1952. Due to lack of supervision and encouragement those signing up to start accounts failed to get them underway. It is hoped that a few of these can be gotten underway in 1953.

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We have one Farm Home Unit demonstration in the County. The county and home agents have visited this demonstration jointly together with specialists and made some recommendations which could improve the demonstration especially on the farm side of the operation.

Rural Arts

Continued interest was shown in the rural arts program on a follow-up from training given last year. As a part of their special interest activities for this year clubs held work meetings on stenciling trays and furniture during January and February and on other types of crafts at other times during the year. 62 special meetings were held, most of them for the above purpose.

Clubs enjoyed the display of handicraft work at the 1951 Home Demonstration Achievement Day and asked to repeat these at the 1952 celebration. Not quite as many clubs had exhibits this year and had to be limited to one card table due to the display space available. However, the work exhibited aroused many favorable comments and this plus the numerous activities possible under Art in Daily Living was responsible for its continuation as a federation goal in 1952.

Club members report reaching 1346 families with Art information this year. 1174 articles were made including 403 articles of textile painting, 140 trays stenciled, 116 trays painted with oil paints, and 30 pieces of furniture stenciled.

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Due to the resignation of the County Chorus director the chorus has fallen by the wayside this year. However, plans are underway for its revival with some new members in 1953.

Foods and Nutrition

Foods demonstrations are always popular with Home Demonstration clubs. Demonstrations in 1952 included "Using the Master Mix" and "Low-Cost Meals". Forty-one leaders from 24 Home Demonstration clubs attended the leader training meeting held in August on both of these subjects. These leaders gave the demonstration to their local club and assisted the home agent in giving these demonstrations to clubs who were not represented at the training meeting. Other demonstrations given during club choice months by the Home Agent consisted of "Winter Salads", "Broiler Meals" and "Outdoor Cookery".

As the result of the foods and nutrition program club members report that 1997 families have been contacted with foods and nutrition information. These figures do not include the results of the two demonstrations mentioned above as they were given by club leaders after member's reports were made. The Master Mix demonstration was very popular and there has been a demand for additional bulletins for friends and relatives of club members. Clubs are having the demonstration on "Low Cost Meals" during November and will find it very helpful also. Leaders have reported trying the recipes given them in preparation for their meetings.

Reports on food preservation were received from 568 members out of 891. More and more families in the county are buying home freezers or using community lockers. Some use both in order to have additional freezer storage space. That much more food is being frozen is evident by comparing the 1951 report with those reported this year.

	<u>1951-687 families reporting</u>	<u>1952-568 families reporting</u>
Greens		326 lbs.
Vegetables frozen other than tomatoes	10,000 lbs.	19,263 lbs.
Fruits frozen	18,000 lbs.	23,536 lbs.
Meats frozen	24,933 lbs.	60,175 lbs.
Other foods	<u>875 lbs.</u>	<u>1,119 lbs.</u>
Total	53,808 lbs.	104,419 lbs.

Club members report canning 129,876 quarts of food which is a decrease from the 208,566 quarts reported in 1951. This includes 24,379 quarts of tomatoes; 41,536 other vegetables; 33,264 quarts of fruit; 19,805 quarts of meat and 10,892 other foods. In addition there were 86,917 bushels of food stored and 1,094 pounds of various foods dried. 223 families report using the community cannery.

Yard Improvement

This program was continued from 1951. There were 14 result demonstrators in 1951 on yard improvement. To this number was added 12 new result demonstrators in 1952. In January some special visits were made with the landscape specialist to homes of result demonstrators who were starting new demonstrations. Other demonstrators

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were asked to these visits held in Churchville, Cadesville and Weynesboro. A total of 11 women attended these meetings. This work will be continued in 1953.

Clothing

Clothing work was not included in the program as a county-wide project in 1952. Four clubs included demonstrations in their schedule as a club choice. These were on Construction Finishes, Dresses to Suit the Occasion, Hat Remodeling and Hair Styling. The first two were given by the home agent while the third was given by a former milliner to members of her club and attracted much interest on the part of those attending. The last one was given by a beautician to one of the clubs as their November demonstration.

Club members report contacting 174 families with clothing information also 4,362 new garments made and 1528 garments remodeled - the former a considerable increase over the figure of 2481 garments reported made in 1951. This increased interest in home sewing might indicate the growing interest in the desire of home demonstration clubs to include clothing as a major part of their 1953 county-wide program.

Other Activities

During the year the assistant home agent was responsible for nine home demonstration clubs with an enrollment of 222. She has also assisted with the home agent's clubs when she was needed. During the month of January, February and part of March she carried the responsibility of the entire home demonstration program and can be commended on the excellent

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job she did during that time. She has been of valuable assistance in enabling the new home agent in getting acquainted with the various phases of the program.

Looking back over the year just passed the home agents feel that the home demonstration program as a whole was a very worthwhile and successful program. The leader training meetings helped the leaders so they in return could help the members in their clubs. As a result the leaders gave more demonstrations than they have ever given before. All but three of 29 clubs held at least seven of their meetings in the absence of the home agents as agreed upon as one of the standard goals of the year. The eighteen standard clubs held more than seven meetings in the absence of the home agent especially during the time the county was without an agent.

That the home demonstration program was well planned and well carried out is evident from the gratifying reports received at the conclusion of the year's work. Many homemakers were assisted in solving their immediate problems.

Other Activities

An Outstanding Farm Family

The outstanding family of the year in Augusta County is the Sun McCune family of Spottswood honored jointly by the Progressive Farmer and Virginia Agricultural Extension Service as one of Virginia's Master Farm Families. This family has measured up to the high standards required

in order to receive this honor not only in farming activities, home and family activities but in community activities as well. Mrs. McClure is an active member of the Spottswood Home Demonstration club and daughter Polly is a member of the Spottswood 4-H club. During the year several improvements have been added to their home in addition to their already convenient home. These include the improvements in the kitchen, a combination closet and linen storage space, clothes closet for the small son's room and storage space for his toys, new hardwood floor in combination den-sitting room and bookshelves in this room in a corn which will eliminate two unnecessary doors from hall and living room and make for more privacy for the family. In addition a side porch opening off this room has been rescreened, new shrubbery planted in front of the house and new railing installed on the front porch. A picture of the Master Farm Family together with a picture of the linen storage unit is included below.



Mrs. MARY McCLURE serves ked tea to County Agent E. B. Morse while her mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Sam F. McClure Jr. and daughter Mrs. Esther La Rose (center) entertain Home Demonstration Agent Mrs. Esther La Rose (center) at their home in Spottswood. The McClures were one of six Virginia families to be honored by the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and the Progressive Farmer magazine of outstanding achievements in agriculture, industry and citizenship. (Photo by courtesy of the Progressive Farmer)

SALES

9 A. M. 1

SHOP WEDNESDAY

SLIN FLOUR
DUARES

at this price. Ideal
kitchen and pillow

2.79
DRESSES

in vibrant color
year round wear.

SIZE 12

ONE LOT
SPORT SHIRTS
(Short & long Sleeves)

1/2 Price

CORD SUITS
& JACKETS

1/2 Price

BLACKBURN'S

\$3

THE SEA

Brand new all v
smart tweeds, c
Autumn leaf col

WEDNESDAY

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Community Projects of Stuarts Draft Club

In addition to contributing to Defense Mobilisation by owning a \$100 bond, the Stuarts Draft Home Demonstration Club has taken for their major project the past several years paying for the street lights for their town. This year they contributed \$270.00 to this project. Besides this they have given \$10.00 to their school P. T. A; \$10.00 to their community Christmas tree; \$10.00 to the Girl Scouts; sent a \$10.00 CARE package, furnished two 4-H leaders from their club, helped judge 4-H exhibits and furnished prizes for club members.

Spottswood Home Demonstration club had an outstanding report of individual members' accomplishments this year. A copy of their Secretary's report follows:

1. No. members on roll 49
2. Average attendance at monty meetings 27
3. No. new members added during the year 10

Regular	<u>9</u>
Special	<u>1</u>
Committee	<u>1</u>
4. Outstanding club achievements -
 - a. Health work.
 - b. Citizenship.
 - c. Clinics.
 - d. Welfare.
 - e. Money making activities
Amt. of money raised during the year \$180.00
 - f. Special activities (parties, etc.)
Christmas Party
 - g. No. families reached through the club 150
 - h. Contributions.
 - i. Club cooperation with 4-H Club work.
 - j. Outstanding individual accomplishments (get from leader's report)
 - k. Community Activities.
 - l. How did your club observe National Home Demonstration Week?
5. No. attending Achievement Day _____
6. Other activities Sent flowers to sick and in case of death.

Secretary Mrs. Fred Hutchens

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4. Outstanding club achievements.

- a. Health - 36 members had annual check-up and 2 chest X-rays. Cooperate with school if need arises.
- b. Citizenship - Women put forth an effort to get more people to register and vote, thereby getting 16 new voters for the club as well as influencing others not in club to vote. 3 new members attended the County Mental Health meeting and club citizenship leaders had a speaker in September on Mental Health.
- c. Clinics - Club had two all-day meetings, one making lampshades and one in painting trays.
- d. Welfare - Nothing especially done in this line.
- e. Money Activities - The club's main way of making money was in serving Ruritan club 3 times, 2 regular meetings and 1 ladies night. Fried oysters for men's supper once, got paid. Flower and card committee took a free will offering at meeting to pay for cards and flowers sent. Money made amounted to \$180.00.
- f. Special Activities - Club held regular Xmas party for families in December and exchanged gifts with club sisters. Had picnic in August for families and we had Franklin Wilson speak to us and show his slides. In May had "Tea" in connection with club meeting for Mrs. La Rose.
- g. Contributions - Gave as asked for by county and other organizations such as Red Cross, Community Chest, Pennies for Friendship, March of Dimes, gift for Mrs. Cooley. 4-H club, flowers, etc. as listed in report.
- i. Club Helped With - Club ready to help when 4-H leaders asked for help. Gave \$5.00 to prizes, have 2 full time leaders with 2 helping when possible.
- j. Community Activities - Willing to cooperate with PTA and Ruritan in any projects. Attended Revival at Church and Rural Youth Sunday at Church in a body. Had booth at fair which won third prize. How did your club observe National Home Demonstration Week? 11 club members attended district meeting in Lexington in May. Club held tea for Mrs. La Rose at May club meeting. Also recognizing new club members, leaders and officers. Inviting retired members. The oldest, Mrs. Janie Bungardner, pouring tea. About 50 present.
- k. Outstanding Individual Work - One member reupholstered and backed 10 chairs. One member refinished and seated 14 chairs in all ways. One member pieced and quilted 4 comforts. Two members repaired and painted back porch. Five members have finished or they are working on bathrooms. One member made 2 bu. of homemade soap.

k. Outstanding Individual Work (cont'd) - one member bought a 23 cu. ft. freezer. A number of roofs were painted and 3 fences repaired, guttering and downfall repaired. Furniture bought: bedsprings and mattress, oil heater, bedroom suite. Two members built and installed baths. One member put in eating bar, book shelves, one hardwood floor, painted house and out buildings, built board fence around yard and painted same, set eaved side porch, built extra storage in child's room, papered one bedroom, remodeled one bed and chair, sanded one floor. Rearranged and added shrubbery. Some 6 mail boxes were painted, name plates added, etc. Quite an interest in flower arrangement in club and county library. One oil burner and 2 wood and coal ranges bought. Extra - Wife of Master Farm Family is active member of the Home Demonstration Club.

Community Improvement Work

During the year Home Demonstration clubs raised \$3,541.30 through various money making activities. This money was raised by serving lunches and suppers to special groups, rummage sales, bake sales, etc.

This money was used to meet the general running expenses of the clubs and for the purpose of contributing to worthwhile and needy causes in state, county and community.

- \$140 was donated to the Red Cross by Home Demonstration clubs.
- \$114 was donated to the Community Chest.
- \$531 was donated to the March of Dimes, Cancer Fund, T. B. Fund, Dental Care and Tonsillectomies.
- \$215 Bible Teacher's salary (6 clubs).
- \$ 54 to Pennies for Friendship.
- \$805 Local Community Projects.

Some of the above projects were providing street lights for community donations to church work, buying dishes for community center, magazine subscriptions for Boy Scout troop, stove for school, school library, etc.

Home demonstrations clubs contributed money for prizes to the 4-H clubs in their communities. Other welfare work included donations to needy

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families, Christmas baskets to the underprivileged, cards and gifts to the sick.

Federation Goal Activities

The County Home Demonstration Committee set up two goals for clubs to work on this year. Art in Daily Living was continued from 1951. Stress was placed mainly on art and handicraft together with a study of pictures in connection with bedroom improvement. It was hoped to teach simple art principles to the home demonstration members in connection with work on stenciling trays and furniture as well as continuing crafts such as textile painting and the making of chenille bedspreads of good design.

The month of July was devoted to a meeting on the Art in Daily Living goal. Club goal chairmen were given a training meeting in preparation for these meetings. Twenty-two of the 29 clubs were represented at this meeting. Training included music appreciation, appreciation of every-day things about you, and purposeful ~~and for~~ reading together with distribution of State Reading lists. Most of the other things had already been stressed earlier in the year in connection with art study and bedroom improvement. These monthly meetings devoted to this goal showed the clubs how wide-spread was the extent of Art in Daily Living and led them to include it as a federation goal for the year 1953.

Results of the work on the Art in Daily Living goal for 1952 as reported by the various clubs were as follows:

1346 families contacted with Art in Daily Living information.
691 families contacted with Art information.

1174 handicraft articles made including:
403 articles - textile painting
140 stenciled trays
116 painted trays
85 bedspreads made
30 pieces stenciled furniture
45 lampshades made

Five clubs report having demonstrations on flower arrangements. Two clubs made a study of old china. Two clubs had meeting to music appreciation. Several reported study suitable pictures for the bedroom.

The new federation goal for 1952 was Citizenship. This was to include monthly presentation of timely citizenship information by club goal chairmen to their clubs, a county-wide meeting on Mental Health, holding of First Aid classes to bring women up to date on civilian defense and stress on getting club members and their families to register and vote.

21 clubs report having monthly reports on citizenship. Civilian defense information was given in these reports as well as information on how to transfer voting registration, paying poll tax, becoming a new voter and taking more interest in civic affairs.

12 clubs report having guest speakers for their meeting on the Federation goal.

The county-wide meeting on mental health held late in March was attended by representative of 23 out of 29 clubs with a total attendance of approximately 65 people. The talk was given by the chief psychiatrist of Western State Hospital followed by a movie on Mental Hospitals proved most interesting. As a result several clubs made a tour of the Western

State Hospital and continued monthly visits to entertain patients and provide them with craft materials, flowers and furnishings for some of the wards. Three clubs became interested in the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center. One club took a tour to Washington, D. C. and another went to Charlottesville and Monticello. One club had 16 women participate in a First Aid class during 1952 and receive a certificate.

Clubs reported 324 women voting with at least 88 new voters from home demonstration clubs.

The study of citizenship proved so popular that this goal also was continued in the 1953 program.

In connection with the Home Demonstration Federation approximately 130 women attended the district meeting at Lexington held May 2nd. Also Augusta County was again a 100% county by having every club pay its dues to the State Federation treasury. At the state meeting in August the county had 17 women in attendance.

County Objectives

The County Home Demonstration committee set eleven standard club goals for the club to follow during the year. These were:

1. To have every club carry out, and devote at least one meeting on the County Federation Goals.

- a. Art in Daily Living
- b. Citizenship

2. To promote and encourage 4-H club work in the county.

3. Reach more people during the year by:-

- a. Adding new members
- b. Spreading information
- c. Working with unorganised groups

4. Each club be well represented at Achievement Day.

5. Have 100% reports turned in by September meeting.

6. Each club conduct 1 meetings in the absence of the home agents to enable the agents to reach out to more unorganised groups.

7. Each club be represented at all county meetings, leader meetings, home demonstration committee and special meetings to insure better club program.

8. Each club assist with all local, county and national activities.

9. Each club pay dues of \$3.00 to State Federation by March 1st.

10. Each club pay \$5.00 to County Home Demonstration Treasurer by June 1st.

11. Clubs have 75% of reports on follow-up demonstrations.

Note: To be a standard club each club must complete ten out of eleven goals. Mention has already been made of the participation of clubs on Federation goals.

13 clubs assisted in promoting and encouraging 4-H club work. Home demonstration clubs furnished 12 leaders and 3 helpers with 4-H club project work. 11 clubs furnished prizes for the girl's exhibits at the end of the year. Several home demonstration club members acted as judges for these exhibits. 7 clubs donated money or food to send girls

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to County 4-H camp or Blacksburg. 4 clubs helped with picnics or parties for 4-H clubs.

84 new members were added during the year and the number of families contacted with information already have been reported in subject matter phases of this report.

Augusta County clubs were well represented at Achievement Day held November 5th, at the Cooperative Farm Bureau Building with a total attendance of 250 women.

Only 3 clubs failed to conduct 7 of their meetings in the absence of the home agents. Many of the clubs held more than 7 of their meetings alone.

16 clubs were represented at all necessary county meetings. Club activities of a local, county and national nature have already been described.

All the clubs got their Federation dues paid on time and all but 2 had their County dues paid by June 1st.

Reports show a good follow-up of this years demonstrations.

18 clubs qualified as standard clubs by completing 10 out of 11 of the above goals.

Result Demonstrations

Result demonstrations have been mentioned earlier in connection with subject matter fields. There were a total of 57 result demonstrators in 1952 with the majority being in storage (26) and yard improvement (26).

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There were at least 3 meetings each held at the result demonstration on Storage and Yard improvement in which the home demonstration agents participated. 9 people were reported at yard improvement meetings and 67 people reported at storage meetings. These figures are probably low since many of the clubs have held monthly meetings at homes of result demonstrators without the agents in attendance. Pictures of some of the storage demonstrations are included in the set of slides made for the State Home Demonstration office - that of the Business Center made out of an unused front porch at the home of Mrs. E. D. Flory of the Verona Home Demonstration club. Another good living room demonstration is pictured earlier in this report.

The Master Farm Family completed several linen and clothes closets and storage for toys which were visited by folks attending the celebration held in October when this family received their plaque.

Some of these demonstrations will be continued into 1953 with the addition of some new ones on these same subject.

Other Special Activities

Special activities played an important part in home demonstration clubs in Augusta County during 1952. Mention has already been made of the accomplishments of the various home demonstration clubs in community improvement work.

National Home Demonstration Week was observed by the clubs in various ways. Two county broadcasts were made - one at WTON in Staunton and the

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Other one over WAYB, Waynesboro. Members of the Fishersville and Waynesboro home demonstration clubs assisted the home agent with these broadcasts. Three different window exhibits were displayed during the week, one in Waynesboro by members of the Waynesboro and Oak-Lynd home demonstration clubs, one in Staunton by the Middlebrook home demonstration club, and one in Jollivue by the Lee Manor Home demonstration club. Four or five local clubs brought their club histories up-to-date or started one for the first time. A number of clubs held open house at their regular May club meeting inviting prospective members as guests, displaying handicraft work that had been made.

Publicity given Home Demonstration Week by the Staunton News Leader was excellent. Every day during the week an item was used to tell the public something special in connection with the observance. In focusing attention on some of the accomplishments of the Home Demonstration program several pictures were used. Since some leader training meetings were being held during the week the pictures below shows some of the leaders who attended the lampshade training class. Also, featured was one of the storage result demonstrators. Pictured also below is the Business Center of Mrs. E. D. Flory's home in Verona.

Home Demonstration Leader Class



Members Study Lamp Shade Making At Beverley Manor School

Prize Example Of Farm Business Office



Mrs. E. D. Flory Sits In Office At Verona Farm

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One club attended church in a body on Rural Life Sunday and another club made a tour of Swananoa. The Spottswood home demonstration club gave a tea in honor of the new home agent and their new members.

Tea clubs reported holding picnics for members and families in August and at least eight clubs reported special Christmas parties in December 1951.

Four clubs toured Western State Hospital and one gave a ward party. Other places visited by clubs were the Lehigh Cement Plant and Rockingham Milling Company; House of Representative in Washington; Monticello, Ash Lash and University of Virginia Campus; Swananoa and a rose garden. The Rivermont club were able to get road signs erected at curves along their road, and the Sherando club donated 200 pieces of china to their community building.

Two clubs gave party for 4-H club members and a tea for 4-H members and their mothers.

County Markets

There are two Home Demonstration Curb Markets in Augusta County. The one at Waynesboro is open each Saturday morning and has had 4 regular sellers for most of the year. The Staunton Market is open every Saturday morning during the year with 15 regular sellers. Recently one new seller joined the group.

On special holidays such as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas both markets were open the day before the holiday in order that customers may secure fresh baked goods, poultry and dairy products. This spring

At the special Easter market the Waynesboro market celebrated their twenty-first birthday and the Staunton group their twenty-second birthday. In connection with the Anniversary market the Staunton Market committee assisted the home agent with the weekly broadcast the Wednesday before this market. The history of the market and its connection with the home demonstration program was told on this broadcast through interviews. A huge birthday cake was given the holder of the lucky number and each customer was given a package containing a cookie and piece of homemade candy. Several new customers were noticed as a result of the broadcast and publicity given the anniversary sale.

During the past year 4 women selling on the Waynesboro Market have sold a total of \$4,034.75.

Sales in the Staunton Market this year totaled \$22,520.12. Total sales for the two markets this year was \$26,554.87.

Number of women selling 1951	23	Sales \$26,872.81
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Number of women selling 1952	20	Sales \$22,520.12
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This extra money earned by the farm women in Augusta County by selling their surplus products has served many purposes.

It has been used for various home improvements, purchase of equipment. Kitchen and other rooms have been improved, rooms added to homes, sinks installed, new stoves, refrigerators and freezers purchased.

Poultry, eggs and baked products head the list of sales for both Waynesboro and Staunton markets. The town people feel that they get better dressed poultry, fresher eggs, and better quality baked products for the

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money they spend than they can get elsewhere or by doing their own baking. Demand for the products has resulted in shorter market hours and a heavy rush of customers at the opening of the market. Each seller has her regular customers as well as having customers who buy from several different sellers.

Perhaps the most interesting story is that of one of the members who has been a seller for the past 19 years. This seller lives 25 miles from Staunton and very seldom misses a Saturday market.

During the war rationing forced her to adjust her sales to include less baked products and more fresh meat, dressed poultry, eggs and butter. The quality of her products improved greatly and an observer can always see a crowd of customers in front of her counter. She has kept a very strict account of her sales record through all the years of her selling. This record is so excellent that a copy of it is being included in the report as an example of what the market has meant to one farm woman in Virginia.

Market Sales for 19 years
 Mrs. John Senger, Mt. Solon, Va.
 May 30, 1934 - December 1, 1952

Total Sales 1934	\$ 173.10
Total Sales 1935	561.27
Total Sales 1936	831.93
Total Sales 1937	1212.62
Total Sales 1938	1166.23
Total Sales 1939	1055.01
Total Sales 1940	1240.76
Total Sales 1941	1673.08
Total Sales 1942	2309.79
Total Sales 1943	2839.93
Total Sales 1944	3447.34
Total Sales 1945	4108.21
Total Sales 1946	3701.96
Total Sales 1947	4421.64
Total Sales 1948	4399.95
Total Sales 1949	3872.65
Total Sales 1950	3668.52
Total Sales 1951	4014.57
Total Sales 1952	3927.34
Total Sales	<u>\$48,675.40</u>

Perhaps the most unusual service that has come out of the market is that of Mrs. Bertha Simmons of Mt. Solon, Virginia. Mrs. Simmons has taken as her specialty the making of table mats, and takes orders from customers for large quantities, that she makes in her spare time. Then as a special service to her customers she launders, starches and stretches table mats. She does this for people in states as far away as Illinois as well as for local customers. Seeing the colorful array of mats plus her delicious homemade cookies gives Mrs. Simmons counter a festive air every Saturday.

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4-H Club

There are twenty-one 4-H clubs in Augusta County with 563 girls enrolled. This is a few less than the enrollment for 1951.

In setting up the project program during the year each girl was asked to select one project to work on during the school year. Then as many girls as could were to select a summer project. Winter project selection is limited to projects which can be demonstrated to clubs during school hours. It is more difficult to secure leaders to supervise these projects and clubs in consolidated schools are rather large to enable the agents and leaders to do an effective job at project supervision. Projects selected were Home Improvement, So You'd Like to Sew, Clothing Construction, Food Preservation, Canning and Freezing, Food Preparation, Personal Laundry, Poultry and Gardening.

During the year 468 girls enrolled in the So You'd Like To Sew project, 37 in the Clothing Construction project. Instructions were given to the younger girls on hemming towels, making felt needle-cases or wrist pin cushions, stuffed toys, aprons and gathered skirts. As a result 1426 articles were completed by these girls. Exhibits were held during May and prizes donated by the home demonstration clubs were given for the best exhibits of 4 articles. 220 girls entered the Sewing contest

In the Clothing construction project 134 new garments were made during the summer at a cost of \$111.95 and 55 garments were remade at a cost of \$18.75. Other articles made cost \$10.59. There were 17 entries in the clothing achievement contest. Five of these girls entered the

County contest and 3 were under 14. One girl, a college junior will enter the area contest.

As another summer project 242 girls took Personal Laundry. Because the girls were scattered during the summer getting a good attendance at summer meetings was difficult. Several neighborhood groups were formed and 17 of the girls were able to give demonstrations on their project. 156 girls washed their socks and stockings, 154 their slips and panties, 133 their synthetic blouses and dresses, 125 ironed their garments while 124 girls washed and blocked their sweaters three times. 25 girls entered the Laundry contest and 3 girls gave demonstrations on washing and blocking a sweater at the County contest. One girl was selected to represent the county in the area contest.

67 girls enrolled in the Canning project with 17 girls entering the canning contest. These girls canned 2408 jars alone, and helped can 6961 jars or a total of 9369 jars. One girl will enter the area contest in canning.

14 girls enrolled in the Room Improvement project, improving 26 rooms, making 54 articles for their rooms, improving 28 different units which included 7 beds, 2 dressing tables, 6 closets, 11 windows and 3 study units. One girl will enter the Home Improvement area contest and another will enter the State Room Improvement contest.

3 girls enrolled in Poultry raising, 100 birds valued at \$100.00.

23 girls enrolled in Food Preparation and prepared 1757 different foods, planned 135 meals, and gave 32 demonstrations.

6 girls enrolled in freezing and froze 174 packages of food and helped freeze 396 packages. One girl will enter the Freezing demonstration in the area contest.

One club stressed the Bread project making muffins 13 times, biscuits 31 times, waffles 30 times, yeast rolls 34 times, loaf bread 25 times and Sally Lunn 2 times or a total of 221 different kinds of breads.

Other Activities

Community activities of the 4-H clubs have been varied. Most of the clubs held special services for Rural Life Sunday cooperatively with the local home demonstration clubs and other civic groups. Arrangements were made with local ministers to have the club attend church in a body giving a special sermon for the service. Several of the clubs took part in their services by having group songs or talks. Club members marched into the church in a body wearing the 4-H club emblem on their sleeves.

One club took as their project completing the building or an outdoor fireplace at their church. A second club painted their club room. Another club gave \$25.00 to their school for use in helping buy something needed for the school. This same club canned food for two different school cafeterias.

Three clubs fixed Christmas baskets for needy families and one club gave food and clothing to a colored family. Another club donated \$10.00 to a sick boy.

Some of the clubs gave donations to community drives such as Red Cross \$15; Community Chest \$10; March of Dimes \$15; Cancer \$5; T. B. Seals \$6. The majority of clubs in the county donated approximately \$60 to the National 4-H Club Center. Four clubs contributed money for delegates to 4-H Camp and 4-H Short Course in Blacksburg.

Although there was no Virginia State Fair held in Staunton this year, three clubs put on exhibits at community fairs.

One club took an education trip to Natural Bridge this summer.

Moneymaking activities included serving suppers to organizations, popcorn and sandwich sales, selling vanilla and pie pans, and working on a farm. This money was used to make the donations listed above, assist in community projects, pay dues to the County 4-H Council, to send members to 4-H camp and the State Short Course at Blacksburg.

Several broadcasts were given on 4-H work during the year. Several leaders broadcast on 4-H camping. The boys and girls who attended the Short Course made a tape recording to be used the week after their return. Several of the older girls assisted in other broadcasts.

The assistant agent worked with seven 4-H clubs with an enrollment of 202. During the absence of the 4-H club agent she carried the full responsibility of the 4-H program. She also assisted with the County 4-H camp, Achievement Day, leaders training meetings and various other activities in connection with 4-H.

Our annual 4-H camp was held in June with a still greater attendance than in 1951. Camp was held at Camp Albemarle this year thanks to the

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continued kindness and generosity of our neighboring county. This camp is situated about 35 miles from Staunton and 8 miles from Charlottesville. The 54 girls and 50 boys who attended camp were very enthusiastic, the weather man sent us good weather, we had the usual good food well prepared by our cook, and everyone agreed that it was a good camp. Two counselors assisted with the camp program and activities and since many of them were All stars or Junior Leaders everything went off as scheduled. The 4-H Honor Club was reactivated at County camp this year.

The 4-H program for the year has been quite successful considering the change of home agents. The reports from the clubs were good and one of the best is being included as proof of the success of the past year. The girls have been quite interested in their projects and have tried to live up their 4-H motto. The leaders have given some excellent cooperation and the home demonstration clubs seem to feel more responsibility for providing leaders and other assistance for their local 4-H clubs.

Included below is the report of the Towers 4-H Club for 1952:

Towers 4-H club has just completed the twenty-seventh year of its history. This has been a very pleasant and profitable year.

During the year we have had twelve regular meetings and three special meetings. These meetings were all well attended. Mrs. Eather La Rose, Mrs. Dorothy Stansberry and Mr. Richard Coffey were in charge of the club assisted by the local leaders Mrs. Minor Zimmerman, the Rev. I. J. Garber and Mary Buck.

Each member has carried and completed one and in most cases two worthwhile projects. The projects were "So You'd Like to Sew", "Clothing",

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"Canning", "Livestock", "Poultry" and "Gardening". The members have learned much which will help them in future life and have cleared considerable sums of money by their projects.

• We raised money for our club by sponsoring a moving picture, by preparing an exhibit at North River Fair and by working at Bear Trap Farm. At the close of the year we had \$65.94 in the bank. We also own a bond which cost \$18.50 and which at maturity will be worth \$25.00. During the year we spent \$75.00 to help different causes.

• We have used our club money to help in our community and county and to help others. We gave \$25.00 to the Tower's school fund to be used in a constructive way for the school, \$5.00 to the Community Chest, \$5.00 to the Cancer Drive, \$5.00 to the American Red Cross, \$5.00 to the March of Dimes, \$5.00 to the T. B. Seals, \$10.00 to a little sick boy. Part of these donations were taken from the club treasury and part were taken by special donations.

Throughout the year many cards have been sent in the name of the club and by individual members and leaders to the sick and bereaved of this and other communities. We have remembered several sick and aged people with fruit boxes and we always remember any of our schoolmates who are sick or bereaved with presents and expressions of sympathy. At Christmas we gave several packages to cheer shut-ins. We made a contribution to the exchange student fund and paid our club dues to the county treasurer.

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We held a picnic at Ed's Park near Ravley Springs beyond Harrisonburg on the last day of school. The club treated all present and provided transportation on a truck. The picnic was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. During the summer an all day meeting was held at the home of one of the leaders Mrs. Zimmerman. The leaders gave canning demonstrations on canning either vegetables or fruits. At noon a picnic dinner was enjoyed. In the evening all present enjoyed a truck drive while being taken to their homes.

We arranged a very attractive exhibit at North River District Fair. We won second place and \$2.00 in money on the exhibit. A large number of our members furnished exhibits for this display and also made individual entries. A number of prizes both ribbons and money were won. In our own club we held several interesting contests. These contests were: (1) Christmas Gifts, (2) Canning, (3) Clothing Construction, and (4) All Articles made in projects. In each contest money prizes of 75¢, 50¢ and 25¢ were given by one of the leaders. All together \$20.00 was won in prizes at the District Fair and in club contests.

Several garments were made and remodeled. Several attractive articles to wear and for the home were made by the members. Several of our members entered the Augusta County Contest. Although of junior age, and not old to enter the senior contest they won several ribbons by giving outstanding demonstrations.

The Towers P. O. A. was entertained by the L-H club at one of the regular meetings. A very interesting and informative program was rendered.

A large number of cans of food were canned at home and at the Mt. Solon cannery. 1000 cans were canned alone and 3000 helped with. A number of cans were canned by leaders and members for Towers and North River Cafeterias. A number of girls did beautiful canning for the fair and contests.

Towers 4-H club, the Jolly Homemakers club and Towers Home Demonstration club held Rural Life Services in Emmamel Church of the Brethren. Dr. Warren Bowman, President of Bridgewater College delivered a very inspiring sermon. Each club was seated in a group. There was a large attendance.

Last year we enjoyed a trip to Achievement Day on a school bus. The club paid for the use of the bus. We paid half of the expense for seven members to attend County Camp.

We have spent a very happy and profitable year and hope to have many more in the future.

4-H CLUB SECRETARY'S REPORT ON CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 1951-52

Name of Club	<u>Towers</u>	Name of Secretary	<u>Frances Shank</u>
1.	Number members on roll	<u>45</u>	
2.	Number meetings held	<u>15</u>	
	Regular	<u>12</u>	
	Special	<u>3</u>	
2.	Average attendance at monthly meetings	<u>40</u>	
4.	No. of members completing projects	<u>45</u>	
	Winter	<u>15</u>	
	Summer	<u>45</u>	
5.	Club activities: Community projects, socials and parties held, money making activities, amount of money raised by club, picnics, total number of exhibits at fairs, amount of prizes won, contests held, number of garments made by club members, total cost, other projects, number of quarts canned,		

Red Cross work, payment of dues to County Council, delegations to Red Cross, March of Dimes, other donations, delegates to Camp, Blacksburg, Rural Life Sunday, other community work, other activities.

LEADERS REPORT ON 4-H Club Work - 1952

Name of Club Towers Name of Leaders Mrs. Moner Zimmerman, Rev. I. J. Garber
Mary Buck

No. boys enrolled 25 No. girls enrolled 20 Total 45

Attendance of Members at Activities

	County Camp	Council Meeting	Blacksburg Short Course	Achievement Day	Rural Life Sunday
Girls	2	2	0	37	15
Boys	5	0	0	21	15

No. meeting held by club 12 Regular 12 Special 13

No. girls submitting records 20 No. boys submitting records 25 Total 45

No. contests held 4 No. entering canning contest 12 No. entering Looking

Your Best 0 No. entering Clothing Construction 2 No. entering Food

Preparation contest 0 No. entering Laundry Contest 0 No. entering

Room Improvement contest 0 No. entering So You'd Like To Sew 20

Clothing - No. enrolled _____ No. completing _____

1. Total no. garments made 15 Cost \$ 10.00

2. Total no. garments remade 25 Cost \$ _____

3. Total no. other articles made 15 Cost \$ _____

Looking Your Best No. enrolled 0 No. completing 0

1. No. articles made _____ 2. No. units completed _____

Canning - No. enrolled 20 No. completing 20

1. No. jars canned alone 10000 2. Jars helped with 30000

Total 40000

Room Improvement and House Keeping - No. enrolled 0 No. completing 0

1. No. rooms improved 3 2. No. articles made 10

3. No. different units improved _____

a. Bed _____ b. Dressing Table _____ c. Closet _____ d. Windows _____

e. Study _____

Personal Laundry - No. enrolled _____ No. completing _____ Some did this anyway

1. washing socks and stockings 10

2. No. washing slips and panties 10

3. No. washing synthetic blouses and dresses 6

4. No. ironing synthetic slips and dresses _____

5. No. washing sweater 3 times 10

6. No. giving demonstrations _____

Poultry - No. enrolled 1 No. Completing 1

1. Total number of birds raised 100 2. Value of birds raised \$100.00

Garden - No. enrolled 5 No. completing 5

Food Preparation - No. enrolled 0 No. completing 0

1. No. foods prepared _____ 2. No. meals planned _____ 3. No. giving

demonstrations _____

So You'd Like To Sew - No. enrolled 20 No. completing 20

1. No. articles made 100

Electric Contest - No. enrolled 0 No. completing 0

1. No. cords repaired 0 2. No. lamps converted 0

4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY

The Augusta County 4-H Achievement Day was held on Saturday, November 10th. The program consisted of group singing, awards to outstanding club members and clubs and introduction of the Swiss IFYE student visiting in Augusta County, Miss Vreni Landolt whose picture appears on the next page with Ann Henkel one of our older 4-H members and an All Star. Vreni stayed in Ann's home the second week of her visit in Augusta County. The main speaker was Cora Marie Blackmore, IFYE student to Australia from Virginia this year who showed slides and spoke of her experiences while in that country. Some of the award pictures are also included on the next page.

The Augusta County All Stars were in charge of the program, decorating the Beverley Manor school auditorium for the occasion. To close the program some additional 4-H members were initiated into the 4-H Honor Club by Billy Custard, President of the All Star group. A treat was donated by several of the local home demonstration clubs in the county.

Young Men and Women

The Y. M. W. program in Augusta County is limited at present to the All Star Chapter. This group has been actively supporting our 4-H program, helping with the County camp, sponsoring the annual Achievement Day and sending representatives to the Recreation training school at Front Royal, Virginia. They have sponsored the formation of a 4-H Honor Club in Augusta County this year. This is really a reactivation of this club as a start was made on the same thing several years back but it never



A FAMILY SCENE in the Harold Henkel Kitchen with IPYE student Vreni Landolt pitching in happily. A part of the Exchange student program specifies that the exchangees take part in the activities of the family. Two hours testify that Vreni really lives up to this. She enjoys it to the amazement of Ann Henkel, her co-worker in the picture.

Education Week Noted By Club

Major Hennesy Going To East

SKETCHES
By BEN CUDROUGH

MEMBERS OF THE Education Week Club were gathered for a regular meeting at the club house.

The meeting featured an address by Professor Victor Clark of the Washington College History Department.

During the development of American education, Professor Clark pointed out that throughout the history of the United States a high standard of government has been in general educational laws. He said that the fact is our schools are not doing too well and that the best educational system ever had being in 1900.

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Major Edward J. Hennesy, adjutant general and instructor for Army recruits in the Southern Department, was just received orders to the Far East Command, the Virginia Military District adjutant general. Major Hennesy has held the reserve post since December 1940.

He will leave in January reporting to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., for a three months separate infantry officers' advanced course.

A native of Massachusetts, Major Hennesy saw service with the 10th Infantry Division in Europe during World War II and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Army Commendation Ribbon.

Returning from the European theater, he served at Camp Detrick, N. C., and Fort Benning, Ga., in January 1947 he went to Japan and returned in December, 1948.

Entering the Army March 8, 1941, Major Hennesy was commissioned an infantry officer Oct 2, 1943 at the Infantry School at Ft. Benning. Prior to entering the Army, he attended Emerson English High School and Boston College and was employed by the Wilson

"Keep Your Faith"

No matter what your troubles are or what heartache you know, real faith in God will see you through. . . all heavy and all white, your faith can carry you along. . . when all the world seems dark and faith will bring you smiling through. . . and happy as a lark. . . by having faith in God you will. . . you'll never give up. . . and faith will see you to the end. . . toward the glow of dawn. . . the worst else is there. . . to do. . . when the day seems dreary. . . but faith, your true, that shows. . . with faith you can do a proper.

Highland County News, Pennsylvania

EDUCATION WEEK was observed at the club house at the club house.

Major H. J. Hennesy, adjutant general and instructor for Army recruits in the Southern Department, was just received orders to the Far East Command, the Virginia Military District adjutant general.

Mrs. Paul Mastey expects to enter the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., for a three months separate infantry officers' advanced course.



WINNERS IN THE GIRLS' DIVISION of Augusta 4H Achievement Day were: Back, left to right, Barbara Ann Zimmerman, North River; Rosalie Michael, Mt. Sidney; Mary Ann Keesley, Mt. Sidney; Jo Ann Smith, Beverley Manor senior; Shirley Quick, Beverley Manor; Jo Ann Truxell, Spottswood; second row, Daisy Lee Harris, Mt. Sidney, and Joyce Cupp, Towers; seated, Betty Via, Weyers Cave; Ann Hedrick, Wilson Memorial; Ann Masincupp, Beverley Manor; Doris Harris, Mt. Sidney, and Doris Wills, Mt. Sidney. (Staff Photo).



ADMIRING THE PLAQUE awarded the New Hope junior 4H Club at Achievement Day are, left to right, Chaske Preissell, Barbara Wood, Mariann Moore, and Peggy Kester. (Staff Photo).



Deliver's Mrs. Chatham, open light color champion. At right are the winners in the Amateur
A. Wayne Bostick with Helton, and Mrs. Park Harmon and handler, C. E. Pusch, with Harmon's



got beyond the naming of the first initiates. The charter members of the Hoop Club were named at County 4-H Camp in an impressive ceremony at the final council circle. A second group of members were named at the recent Achievement Day. In August the Big Chief of the All Star Group, Franklin Wilson, together with his wife attended the Young Men's and women's Conference at ^{Camp} Farrer, Virginia, as a delegate from Augusta County. ^{Beach}

The organization held three meetings during the year and one picnic. The group has elected new officers for the coming year and has made up its program of work. Included in their program is the appointment of a committee to study the possibility of a permanent County 4-H Camp for Augusta County. The group also plans to make a survey of the young men and women in the county in preparation for the possible formation of other young men's and women's groups in the county.

Scope of Work

	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
Number of Home Demonstration Clubs	26	27	27	29
Memberships	968	984	1004	*891
Number of 4-H Clubs	19	20	21	21
Memberships	537	595	603	563
Number Y. M. W.		1	1	1
Memberships		30	19	23
Number of other families reached	2300	2300	2500	2550
Total number of families reached	2800	2800	3000	3200

* Although clubs have reported a total of 84 new members this year there

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have been various adjustments in club rolls this year due to death of members, members asking to have their names removed or members moving away from the county. ^{Some} County of the clubs that have been organized for 25 years or more have made the greatest adjustments. This explains to a certain extent the drop in membership even though two new clubs were organized in new neighborhoods this year. Although the 1951 annual report showed 1004 members, monthly reports of the home agent and assistant home agent for December 1951 showed only 797 members

County Home Demonstration Committee

The planning group for the home demonstration club program is the Augusta County Home Demonstration Committee. This organization is made up of club presidents, program development chairman, and a few members at large, who are lay people in the county.

This group meets twice a year to plan for and check up on club activities and the county program of work. At the spring meeting county facts and problems are discussed as a back ground for determining the club program for the coming year. These facts are then presented to the local clubs by the program development leaders. As a result of this discussion, each club is prepared to recommend topics for emphasis in the coming year's program that will most nearly meet the needs of its community.

The suggestions are then presented at the fall meeting of the Home Demonstration Committee, and a county program is outlined, with goals and objectives set up for the coming year.

Special consideration is given to long time goals and objectives in the program.

The Augusta County 4-H Program Planning Committee is composed of the 4-H club leaders and the older club girls. This group meets early in the summer to discuss the 4-H club program in general, and to decide on the 4-H projects to be stressed during the coming year. The leaders in turn present this information to their club members, and enroll them for project.

4-H Club Council

The planning body for the 4-H program in the county is the Augusta County 4-H club council. This group, consisting of the officers of the local 4-H clubs, meets twice a year to plan for and check on progress of 4-H work in the county.

The council plans for, and directs all contests, and the observance of National 4-H Week, County Camp, Achievement Day and Rural Life Sunday. Committees are appointed who plan for these activities.

This year due to the resignation of the home agent no county meeting was held in January. However, several committee meetings were held to plan for the County 4-H Camp and the Achievement Day.

All Star Chapter

The Augusta County All Star Chapter held four meetings during the year. The first meeting was an organization meeting and a committee was appointed to draw up plans for the year. This meeting was held in the fall of 1951. At the spring meeting the honor club committee reported and plans for County 4-H Camp were discussed. A third meeting was held when the group held a picnic in July at Gypsy Hill Park. The group also had charge of the candle-lighting ceremony at the last Council circle held the last night of

County 4-H Camp. The reorganization meeting was held in September when new officers were elected and plans made for the coming year.

Work accomplished by the All Stars this year included, assisting with the County 4-H Camp in June, helping to plan for the County 4-H Achievement Day, decorating for this event and sponsoring the formation of County 4-H Honor Club.

LEADERSHIP
Home Demonstration

Home demonstration club leaders were called upon to take more responsibilities this past year due not only to extra demands upon the agents time for other activities but also due to the approximately three month period between the resignation of the former home agent and the advent of the present agent. During the year 21 leader training meetings were held with 558 leaders in attendance. Each club set as a goal to hold 7 meetings during the year without the home agent being present, in order to give time for other activities. As a result of this goal leaders held 221 meetings with 6005 persons in attendance. This is a little less than last years total due to visits the new agent made to home demonstration clubs during the get-acquainted period. At some of these meetings I gave the demonstrations but at the majority the trained leaders went ahead with the demonstration that was scheduled. Presidents in reporting their club meetings held without the agent present didn't indicate that the trained leaders went ahead with the demonstrations.

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Goals and objectives for the year and instruction for carrying them out were given to leaders at the fall meeting of the Home Demonstration Committee. Special training was given for program development chairman at the spring committee meeting, the morning session being devoted to this.

During 1952 there were a total of 226 different women serving as organizational leaders. Of these 141 were club officer, 29 were program development leaders, and 56 were federation goal chairman.

Program development leaders conducted 24 discussions during the year. Of the 28 Citizenship goal chairmen 90 talks were given by chairman at club meetings and 18 talks by outside speakers who included the County Citizenship chairman, a former County chairman, the State Citizenship chairman, and local minister.

28 Art in Daily Living goal chairmen gave 224 talks with 7 outside speakers.

Project leaders consisted of 56 House Furnishing leaders who conducted 122 demonstrations without the agent and 2 with the agent in 29 home demonstration clubs. The agent gave 14 demonstrations to clubs.

There were 32 Housing chairmen in the home demonstration clubs whose main function was to keep the clubs informed of any timely housing information.

There were 57 foods leaders in 28 clubs. These leaders gave 48 demonstrations without the agent, 4 with the agent with the agent giving 15 of these.

27 Health chairmen in 23 clubs gave 22 discussions or reports to home demonstration clubs and pointed out worthwhile community projects.

53 Rural Arts leaders in 23 clubs gave 25 demonstrations without the agent and 6 with the assistance of the agent, the home agent giving 57 additional demonstrations and 6 other leaders gave 22 talks on the Art program. Added to the above leaders are the 57 result demonstrators in the various clubs.

4-H Leadership

4-H club leaders deserve credit for the fine work they are doing with the club members. This is a demanding job and a leader must be unselfishly interested in young people and get some pleasure and satisfaction from the work in order to justify their time and effort.

5 leader training meetings were held during the year with 43 leaders in attendance. As a result of these meetings leaders gave 26 demonstrations without the agent being present and assisted the agents with 50 other demonstrations. They gave 53 talks or discussions during the year. Junior leaders gave 9 demonstrations and 24 talks to the 4-H clubs.

In addition to the regular leaders, several homemakers volunteered to help supervise project work during the year.

Besides the regular 4-H club meetings (212) held during the year 41 special meetings were held and leaders supervised and planned picnics, wiener roasts, skating parties, Rural Life Sunday observance, money making activities and other special events.

Plans were made for club contests held in May and leaders assisted in the supervision of summer projects on Personal Laundry, Food Preservation, Clothing Construction and other projects.

We had no leaders eligible this year for recognition awards at Achievement Day but leaders were recognized for their service by the home agent. We have several leaders who will be eligible for Silver Clover in 1953.

SHOW OF HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB PROJECT LEADERSHIP

	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. Project Leaders	156	156	255	207
No. Goal Charimen	52	52	54	56
No. training meetings held by Specialist assisted by agent By agent	11	13	27	18 3
Attendance at all training meetings	337	441	866	558
No. club meetings held by leaders with out agent present	179	189	235	*221
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	90	150	150	156

* See explanations in section on adult leadership which precedes this table.

GROWTH OF 4-H CLUB PROJECT LEADERSHIP

	1949	1950	1951	1951
No. adult project leaders	19	30	28	27
No. junior project leaders	4	4	10	12
No. training meetings held Specialist (District Agent)	4	0	0	1
Agent	6	12	14	7
Attendance at training meetings	137	124	259	43
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	20	18	10	18
No. club meetings held without agent	51	39	49	85
No. club meetings held at which leaders assisted	100	115	125	250
No. demonstrations given by leaders	51	39	49	85
by adults	0	0	0	0
by junior	6	6	39	40

An Outstanding Leader

It is not often that the extension staff in any particular county can point to an over twenty-five year period of service from any one leader. Yet Augusta County has a person who started to serve as a 4-H leader even before her oldest child had reached club age. Not only was she interested in the progress of her own children in club work but in the progress of other children of the community, county and state. She has attended every County 4-H camp ever held in Augusta County and I believe she has attended every State Short Course. Through her interest in 4-H work in Virginia she has served as President of the State 4-H Leaders' Association, and has held several other offices as well. Besides

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these services one could always count on "Ma" Quick's help at 4-H Achievement Day, County 4-H training meetings and to go ahead with meetings in her own local club when needed.

She has served long enough to see many boys and girls, now prominent workers, who got their beginning and interest in public service in the 4-H clubs of Augusta County. Her eldest son came through the 4-H rank to attend V. P. I. and serve as an assistant county agent in Virginia.

Mrs. W. A. Quick, Sr. has already received the highest honor to be conferred on a 4-H leader in Augusta County, the Silver, Gold, Diamond and Emerald Clover for service of five, ten, twenty and twenty-five years respectively. Early this year she was honored by the Staunton Exchange Club by being selected as the first person to be recognized and placed on the roll of honor in the club "Book of Golden Deeds". This Book of Golden Deeds is on file at the Staunton Library. It contains citations from people who have worked with her through all these years.

Cooperation with Other Agencies

The County Extension program could not operate without the cooperation of many other agencies. Our county and local school officials deserve credit for making possible our conduct of 4-H club meetings in the local schools. Some of the teachers serve as sponsors of the 4-H club. Home Economics teachers throughout the county have assisted the home agents in various ways. The home agents have in turn assisted them in any possible way with canning centers, lunchroom equipment, etc. Food

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has been donated to lunchrooms by both 4-H and Home Demonstration members.

No Virginia State Fair was held this year due to a discontinuance of the charter held by the group who operated it for the past few years. An interested group of County and City business men secured permission to operate the Fair in 1952 but could not get the financial arrangements worked out in time to hold the Fair this year. The home agents and two different members of home demonstration clubs served on the planning committee of this group and will continue to cooperate in any movement to plan a Fair for 1953.

Cooperative work with the county Health Department has been done whenever possible by the home demonstration clubs. Funds were donated by home demonstration clubs for tonsillectomies and other services in their communities.

Business firms are always ready to cooperate with the home agents or the 4-H and home demonstration clubs whenever asked. Demonstration materials are very often donated or loaned by local stores and they are ever ready to secure the supplies needed by club members in their program.

The Virginia Power and Light Company sent a representative to our county 4-H Camp to teach a class this year and are always ready to help in training boys and girls in their electric project work.

We have tried to maintain good public relations with our elected representatives by keeping them informed of our activities each month and giving them a complete summary of the year's work at the end of the year.

Our relations with the local newspapers and county and adjoining county radio stations have been of the best. This has enabled us to keep the public informed of our activities and given us an opportunity to convey timely information to county people not associated with our extension group.

The Augusta County Farm Bureau cooperated in allowing us to use their building for our Home Demonstration Achievement Day this year.

Many other groups have cooperated not only with the home agent but with local extension groups.

1952 APPRAISAL AND SUMMARY

The 1952 program of work for both home demonstration and 4-H clubs was planned to assist Augusta County women and girls to be better homemakers and to raise the standards of living in the rural communities.

This has been a successful year and the home agents feel that the program has made progress in spite of the fact that there was a change of agents early in the year and that there was almost a three months period when the assistant agent had the full responsibility of the program. She did a fine job and the leaders who carried on the home demonstration meetings during that time deserve a lot of credit.

The adult project program resulted in more homemakers taking interest in improving their homes. Major improvements included those made on bedrooms, kitchens, bathrooms, storage spaces and other rooms in the house. The new agent has been much impressed with the attractive and comfortable homes in Augusta County.

The housing program took a slight spurt this year due to the relaxation of controls on scarce materials and installment buying. Many of the folks who had consulted the agents about plans for new homes, remodeling and storage improvements have been able to carry them out this year.

The Art program continued from 1951 proved to be just as popular in 1952. Many articles were made and exhibits were made not only at May club meetings but at Achievement Day. In addition three window exhibits were made during National Home Demonstration Week. The rural arts program is being continued in 1953 with emphasis on other crafts.

Work on the Federation goals of Citizenship and Art in Daily Living aroused club members to their responsibility as citizens, resulted in more women voting or becoming new voters and made them more aware of themselves not only as individual citizens but as local, state, national and world citizens as well. The extent of the Art in Daily Living program was realized and other phases of this are being continued in years program.

The cooperation of home demonstration clubs, 4-H clubs and the various civic clubs in the county has resulted in a better community spirit and stronger communities.

Work with the 4-H program has held its own. 4-H camp had an increased attendance this year and other county meetings were well attended. Adults including parents, leaders and home demonstration members are taking more interest and prospects look very good for the coming year.

Two home demonstration clubs were organized in the county this year under the sponsorship of older home demonstration groups. This makes a total of 29 home demonstrations. Clubs report 84 new members during the year.

With this years record as a background the home agents feel that the new years program is already off to a good start and that the end of 1953 will see even more progress made toward the Augusta County long-time objectives goals.