

PLAN OF WORK 1954

FOR

GREENE COUNTY

VIOLET NAVY - COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

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I. COUNTY SITUATION CONSIDERED IN WORKING OUT THE 1954 PROGRAM

Greene County is one of the smaller counties located in the Northern Part of Virginia. It is strictly rural. General farming is done by most of the farmers in the county. Some are engaged in livestock and poultry production. Sources of income are from the farm products, poultry and livestock, stores and filling stations, the gas compressor station which employs thirteen local people, the Blue Bell Overall Factory which employs about seventy five women to date, and employment outside the county in Orange, Elkton, Charlottesville and Crozet. A good number of the homemakers work.

II. CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE 1954 PROGRAM TO FAMILY LIVING.

In setting up the 1954 program an effort was made to plan a program that would meet some of the most urgent needs of the homemakers. Keeping in mind a continued effort to improve homes, by making them more attractive, more convenient and more liveable. Through the Federation Goal, citizenship is being emphasized.

Better nutrition for the family will result from demonstrations in Vegetable Cookery, variety in cooking less expensive meats, low caloriad meals and planning the home garden. Both the women and girls will receive help in planning and preparing foods, thus the diet of the family will be influenced more.

Through, wiser selection of designs and materials, alterations and finishes and trims, the homemaker and her daughter can be better dressed at a minimmm cost.

Through regular club meetings and special interest or county

wide meetings, personal contacts, leadership, press and radio, Extension influence will continue to spread.

The agent will continue to work toward reaching more people by increasing club membership, visiting, and special interest meetings.

III. 1954 PROGRAM AS PLANNED

A. Subject Matter Fields

1. Foods To help the homemakers in planning meals that will help solve some of the nutritional problems; to assist the homemakers in learning to prepare foods in a variety of ways thereby encouraging them to eat foods they do not ordinarily use; to teach the homemakers to prepare less expensive foods in ways that will enable the housewife to have interesting, appetizing and well balanced meals at a lower cost. To help the homemaker in planning the home garden in order that a greater variety of foods can be produced at home as well as introducing new foods to the family; by:

a. Monthly demonstrations on, variety in Vegetable Cookery, Variety in Cooking Less Expensive Meats, Low Caloried Meals and Planning the Home Garden.

b. County-wide meeting on care and pruning of shrubs and small fruits.

c. Give publicity to program ahead of meetings, invite others to attend meetings.

2. CLOTHING

To help the individual in the selection, alteration and to develop skill in construction problems, to cut the cost of clothing for the family by the homemaker doing the work herself, by:

a. Monthly demonstrations on Selecting Becoming Lines and Designs for the Individual. Getting your patterns and Ready Mades to fit and Finishes and Trims for the Better Dress.

b. Special Interest group meetings on making the better dress.

3. HOUSING As a carry over from last year, on storage and kitchens, the homemaker will be able to add storage space or make better use of present storage, and will be helpful in planning the kitchen, either by remodeling or better arrangement, so as to make it more convenient, thus saving time and energy in her work by :

a. County-wide meeting on kitchen planning conducted by Home Improvement Specialist from Blacksburg, Va.

b. Have four result demonstrations on storage.

c. Have five result demonstrations on remodeling kitchens.

d. Take before and after pictures of improvements.

4. WATER IN THE HOME

To increase production, provide conveniences, save labor and improve health conditions, by:

a. Continuing to work toward increasing number of homes installing water and bath.

b. To interest three families in having the Agricultural Engineer from Blacksburg visit the homes and give advice on water systems.

c. Have three result demonstrations, each, on water and bath instillation.

d. Take before and after pictures.

5. HOME MANAGEMENT

To help the homemaker save time by using good arrangements of

small kitchen equipment, by;

a. Monthly demonstration on arranging Small Kitchen equipment for easier work.

6. SAFETY IN THE HOME

To make the homes safer, and eliminate hazards causing accidents by:

a. Monthly demonstration on Safety in the Home.

b. Have each club member score home on safety.

7. HOUSE FURNISHINGS

To help the homemaker save money and make better use of the things she already has through restoring or refinishing furniture and accessories.

8. HOME GROUNDS

To improve the appearance of home and community grounds, by:

a. Having four result demonstrations in home and community grounds improvements.

9. POULTRY

To enable the average farm family to do a better job in raising chicks and eggs, either for family consumption or market, by

a. In cooperation with County Agent have a county-wide meeting to present such information needed.

B. SUBJECT MATTER FIELDS IN 4-H WORK

1. HOME GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

To develop pride in keeping home grounds attractive, to help the 4-H boy or girl share this responsibility; and to improve the home grounds by putting into practice the things learned in the study of this project, by:

- a. Monthly discussions and demonstrations
- b. Exhibits
- c. Contests
- 2. CLOTHING

To teach the basic principles in sewing to beginners and to develop skill in planning, selecting and construction in those taking advanced work, by

- a. Monthly demonstrations to those meeting during school
- b. Method demonstration meetings on neighborhood basis in summer
- c. Club and county contests
- d. Exhibits
- 3. FOODS

To assist girls in the selection, planning and preparation of well balanced meals, and to increase skill in preparation and serving meals, by

- a. Monthly method demonstrations
- b. Method demonstrations on neighborhood basis in summer
- c. County Contests
- d. Exhibits
- 4. SAFETY

To help prevent farm and home accidents, to encourage the 4-H boy and girl to learn and practice safety measures; to help others to learn and practice safety measures, by:

- a. Monthly demonstrations and discussions on safety.
- b. Exhibits
- c. News Articles

d. Radio Programs

5. HOME IMPROVEMENT

To assist girls in making the best use of existing furnishings, make plans for improvements and develop skill in making simple furnishings, by:

- a. Monthly method demonstrations
- b. Club and county contests
- c. Exhibits
- d. Tours

6. ELECTRIC PROJECTS

To teach the use of electricity in the home and on the farm and to teach the care and repair of electrical equipment, by:

- a. Method demonstrations
- b. Exhibits
- c. Contests
- d. Tour

IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. ADULT

1. FEDERATION GOAL - CITIZENSHIP

Emphasize spiritual development, knowledge of County Government, voting and historical facts of county, by:

- a. Devote one meeting to Federation Goal
- b. Devotions at each club meeting
- c. Have qualified speaker at one meeting to tell how county officials are elected or appointed and their duties.
- d. Give to each club member mimeographed copies of Graces.
- e. Compile historical facts to be presented at the end of the year.

2. NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK

To give publicity to the work being done in the county, by

- a. News Articles
- b. Radio
- c. Exhibits
- d. Increasing attendance at the District Federation Meeting.

3. FAIR OR ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Either help promote a county fair or an achievement program to increase community cooperation and a better understanding of one another, by:

- a. Encouraging homemakers to participate and render assistance in either.

4. DRIVES -

Continuing Educational Center at Blacksburg. Have each club give financial support to the continuing Educational Center.

5. COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT

To encourage each person to take more pride in improving the appearance of homes and public places in the county, by:

- a. Continuing to stress phases of the past Federation Goal.

B. 4-H CLUBS

1. 4-H CAMPS

To enrich the lives of girls physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially by:

- a. Encourage girls completing projects to attend camps.
- b. Encourage Home Demonstration Clubs to sponsor a girl at camp.

2. SHORT COURSE

To broaden the girls perspective of 4-H Club Work.

- a. Send quota allowed to attend Short Course.
- b. Select carefully the ones attending who will benefit personally and bring back the greatest helps to the county.

3. CONTESTS

To prepare girls to enter contests thereby develop a better spirit of cooperation and their ability to appear before an audience, by:

- a. Encourage girls to enter all contests in which eligible.
- b. Give specific training to girls entering contests.

4. RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

To encourage participation in various Church Organizations, by:

- a. Encouraging all club members to attend Church in observance of Rural Life Sunday.
- b. Take some part on the program.
- c. Recognize all club members (as a unit) present.
- d. Publicize observance of Rural Life Sunday.

5. NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

To acquaint the public with the work of local 4-H club members, by:

- a. Publicity of outstanding work done by club members.
- b. Exhibits
- c. Radio Programs

6. COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

To plan for all county-wide activities and to assist in carrying them out.

To train club officers in conducting club meetings making

club programs, giving demonstrations and carrying through all plans, by:

- a. Organizing a council and training officers for all their duties.
- b. Let council help plan for county-wide events.

C. YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES

To make a concerted effort to reach this age group and to develop leadership, encourage cooperation, promote wholesome family relationship and participation in community activities, by:

- a. Helping to plan a program suitable to their needs.
- b. Monthly meetings
- c. Using members of this group as 4-H leaders.

V. SCOPE OF WORK:

A. ORGANIZATION

	No. in <u>1950</u>	No. in <u>1951</u>	No. in <u>1952</u>	No. in <u>1953</u>	Goal <u>1954</u>
No of home demonstration clubs	10	10	11	11	11
Membership	235	240	245	245	250
No. of 4-H Clubs	11	11	11	10	10
Membership	171	177	181	206	210
No. of young men & Women's clubs	1	1	1	1	1
Membership	16	18	14	14	20

B. NUMBER OF FAMILIES REACHED THROUGH

Home Demonstration clubs	200	200	225	250	275
4-H Clubs	150	150	175	200	225
Young Adult Clubs	16	18	20	20	25
Special interest groups	47	9	50	50	75
Result demonstrations	2	13	21	25	25

	<u>No.in</u> <u>1950</u>	<u>No.in</u> <u>1951</u>	<u>No.in</u> <u>1952</u>	<u>No.in</u> <u>1953</u>	<u>Goal</u> <u>1954</u>
Home Visits	157	407	350	308	400
Contacts by club members	300	300	325	325	350
Other (newspaper, radio, county meetings, etc.)		150	200	250	250
Estimate number of different families reached through above means	475	500	500	500	500

VI. PLANS FOR USING THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE 1954 PROGRAM

A. COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE

The 1954 club program was planned by the County Home Demonstration Committee.

It is the duty of each club program development leader to find out the wants and needs of her club members. These are presented at the fall planning for consideration. After the club calendar is made up she presents it to her club. It is also her duty to get a list of those interested in special interest activities. She will be given time at various club meetings to get a list of the needs of the club members. The County Federation Goal is recommended by the Home Demonstration Committee and promoted through the efforts of the county and club goal chairman.

B. COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

In cooperation with the county agent, organize a county 4-H council to discuss ways of promoting 4-H club work in the county. The council will plan for county-wide events and assist in carrying out the plans.

VII. PLAN FOR LEADERSHIP

	No.in	No.in	No.in	No.in	Goal
	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
A. <u>HOME DEMONSTRATION</u>					
Number project leaders	60	50	58	50	50
No. federation goal chairmen	10	10	10	10	11
No. of program development leaders	10	10	10	10	11
No. of result demonstrators			21	25	30
No. of meetings at which leaders were trained by specialist	10	4	6	2	6
No. of meetings at which leaders were trained by district agents		3	2	2	2
No. of meetings at which leaders were trained by agent			3	3	3
Attendance at all training meetings	68	93	113	35	100
No. of club meetings held by leaders without agent present	35	28	32	32	35
Total number of demonstrations given by leaders	35	28	32	33	35
Total number of talks or discussion by leaders	10	28	78	80	80

PLANS FOR TRAINING AND USING LEADERS IN CARRYING OUT 1954 PROGRAM

Leaders will be trained by specialist to give demonstrations for three months during the year. Federation Goal and Program Development Leaders will be trained by the agent and district agent. These leaders will have the responsibility to see that the objectives are carried out. Leaders trained previously in fields of special interest activities will continue to serve.

B. <u>4-H CLUB</u>	No.in	No.in	No.in	No.in	Goal
	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>
No. of 4-H Club officers	55	60	60	60	65
No. adult project leaders	21	25	25	17	20
No. of junior project leaders	1	3	15	20	20
No. of result demonstrators		1	2	3	4
No. of meetings at which leaders were trained by specialist	1	1	1	1	1
No. of meetings at which leaders were trained by agent	1	2	3	3	4
No. of meetings at which leaders were trained by personnel in 4-H department		1		1	1
Attendance at leader training meetings		14	15	25	50
No. of 4-H leaders trained individually	5	4	5	5	5
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	26	45	28	40	50
No. demonstrations given by adult leaders			28	26	30
No. demonstrations given by junior leaders	6	5	15	18	20

PLANS FOR TRAINING AND USING 4-H LEADERS IN CARRYING OUT 1954 PROGRAM

Adult leaders will be trained by the agent in the summer project work - When necessary they will be trained individually. Leaders in school clubs will be trained by the agent.

Most leaders will be able to work with the children during the summer.

VIII. PROBLEMS IN CARRYING OUT THE EXTENSION PROGRAM

There is difficulty in getting the interest of some in some parts of the county which does not have an organized club. In one or two clubs it is a little difficult for the leaders to get to training meetings.

Perhaps the best use of result demonstrations and established contacts has been used to the greatest advantage.

In order to better this situation, the agent will endeavor to reach more people through personal contacts, radio and press. Invitations will be extended to attend the meetings of various clubs and special interest groups. The agent will be on the alert to answer request and will express appreciation to anyone assisting in anyone.

The main problem with 4-H club work still remains that of getting leaders and getting the girls together in the summer work.

An effort will be made to get leaders trained early and get the project work started soon after school is out.

IX. WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES

A. HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Continue to cooperate with Health Department in drives to improve the health of the people in the county.

B. SCHOOLS

Give assistance in anyway possible.

C. WELFARE

Cooperate with Welfare Superintendent in giving information on food, clothing, house furnishings and other phases where needed.

X. PLANS FOR DEVELOPING GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS IN COUNTY WITH:

A. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Report to Board of Supervisors

Know and have good comradeship

Home visits to families of elected officers

B. GENERAL PUBLIC

With the help of leaders make every effort to carry out an effective and worthwhile program. Give due credit to work done by lay

people at meetings, through the press and radio. Also use these means in getting the program before the public. Welcome the opportunity for service, respond promptly and enthusiastically upon request. Cultivate cooperation of business people in the use of windows for exhibits. Consider Extension Educational Exhibits at the county fair.

C. COUNTY WORKERS

1. County agent - More frequent conferences with county agent to discuss problems in relation to 4-H and adult work.

2. Specialist - Be very careful to assemble all requested demonstration material and equipment. Try to have best physical arrangement for training meetings. Make an all out effort to get leaders from each club there promptly at the set time. Open meetings with explanations of the responsibility of leaders and the value of the specialist services. At the close of the meeting try to have each leader understand in detail what she will do in carrying the demonstration to her club and express thanks to both leaders and specialist. Submit reports of follow up leader training done by specialist.

3. District Agent - Council through conferences and letters on problems that arise from time to time and on techniques of carrying out the program. When the district agent visits the county have a list of problems to be discussed.

D. COMMERCIAL INTEREST

Work cooperatively with commercial concerns on matters that make for community improvement.

E. OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORKERS

Have good personal relations. Try to be familiar with their program. Seek an opportunity of cooperating in the program of the several agencies.

XI. PLANS FOR RECORDING PROGRESS AND EVALUATING PROGRESS AS PLANNED FOR 1954

Keep accurate monthly reports

Check more closely on progress made in present program with that of the previous year. Look to plan of work as means of checking. Use program development leaders to help check on progress made, getting names of those interested in special activities, getting suggestions for the program for the coming year, and totaling 1954 accomplishment sheets. Use project leaders to help carry the Extension Program to a greater number of people. Have leaders report all meetings held. Have frequent checks on club objectives at club meetings and work out plans for carrying through.

XII. PLANS FOR PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

A. ORGANIZE STUDY

Attend agent's workshop in various fields when possible.

B. READING PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

The agent will try to read as much as possible from professional magazines and publications so as to be able to give factual information on a variety of subjects and to keep posted on the newer methods being adapted.

C. MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Join National and State H.D.A. Association and Virginia American Home Economics Association.

D. PARTICIPATION IN PROGRAMS, WORKSHOPS, ETC. PLANNED BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

In so far as possible take part in programs, workshops, or meetings of other organizations that would strengthen the Extension Program.

E. PLANNED EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

Attend National Home Demonstration Agents Association.

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IV. COUNTY SITUATION AS IT AFFECTED THE 1954 PROGRAM

Greene County is located in the northern piedmont section of Virginia and is bordered on the north and east by Orange and Madison, and on the south and west by Albemarle and Rockingham. It has an area of one hundred and fifty-five square miles. Being strictly a rural county, general farming is done by most farmers in the county. A few are engaged in livestock and poultry production. The latter has been on the increase during the past year. A branch of the Blue Bell overall factory, located at Ruckersville, has been in operation the past two years. This factory employs about a hundred women. Income is derived from the above sources mentioned, the gas compressor station and employment outside the county, in Orange, Elkton, Charlottesville, and Crozet. A number of the home-makers are employed outside the home.

The 1950 census shows a population of four thousand, seven hundred and forty five, 11.2 per cent being colored. There are thirty eight churches scattered over the county. This year the new elementary school building in Stanardsville was completed. Two one teacher schools were closed and the children were brought into Stanardsville. All those above the sixth grade, at Dyke and Ruckersville were also brought to Stanardsville. Two schools on the mountain Wyatt and High Top, teach through the seventh grade. There are two colored elementary schools in the county.

V. ADULT WORK

A. PROJECT WORK

1. Foods and Nutrition: In planning the 1954 program, an effort was made to find out some of the most urgent needs of the

people and include these in the program. It was the feeling of many that we needed to concentrate on variety in vegetable cookery, low calorie meals and less expensive cuts of meats. Three club meetings were devoted to foods. To get more variety in vegetable cookery, seldom used vegetable, such as chinese cabbage, red cabbage, egg plant, cauliflower, parsnips and brussel sprouts were prepared. Many reported that they were able to get their families to eat and like these vegetables.

Leaders were trained by Mrs. Mary L. Thompson, Assistant Food Specialist, VPI Blacksburg for the demonstrations on cooking less expensive cuts of meats and low calorie meals. Every club was represented at the training meeting. Ten demonstrations were given by the leaders. These demonstrations also proved very favorable and helpful to the homemakers, especially, the broiling of meats.

As a carry over from last year twenty-four homemakers reported improvement in breakfast. The number of families buying home freezers steadily increases each year. Assistance has been given through distribution of bulletins.

2. Clothing: In order to help the individual in the selection alteration and construction of clothes three, monthly demonstrations and Special Interest Meetings were planned. Miss Iva Byrd Johnson, Clothing Specialist, VPI, Blacksburg conducted a leader training meeting on Selecting Becoming Lines and Designs For The Individual, and Setting Your Patterns and Ready Mades To Fit, at which sixteen leaders were trained. Eight demonstrations were given by the leaders. Each club selected two to three finishes and trims to be demonstrated at the third meeting. Leaders assisted

the agent at seventeen de-onstrations. One special interest group meeting was held in clothing construction. Of the sixty seven members reporting, one hundred and three work dresses, one hundred and fifty-eight aprons, forty-five better dresses and eleven tailored garments were made.

3. Housing: As a carry over from last year, on storage and kitchens, the planning committee asked to have a county-wide meeting on kitchen planning and result de-onstrations in storage and re-odeling kitchens.

a. Kitchen Planning: A continued interest is shown in the improvement of homes, to make them convenient, attractive and livable. A special interest meeting was conducted by Miss Mary Settle, Extension Home Improvement Specialist, on kitchen planning. All interested people were invited to attend this meeting. Nineteen home-makers attended. Since this meeting two home-makers have re-modeled their kitchens. One of these was visited by Miss Settle the year before. She also used suggestions made by Miss Settle. The other three visited by Miss Settle the year before have not been able to do their re-modeling yet. Home-makers reported improving seventy-two rooms, either by painting or papering, fifteen floors sanded; fifteen houses painted. Pictures have been taken of the tow kitchens before they were re-modeled.

b. Water and Baths: To provide conveniences, save labor and improve health conditions in the home the clubs, as long time goal are continuing to work on the installation of water and baths in more homes. Mr. C. D. Wheery, Associate Extension Agricultural Engineer visited one home to give advice on bath room installation.

Due to the drought, which made it difficult to dig the ditches this family was unable to get the bath in. However, they are planning to go ahead with it as soon as possible. Three families installed water. Two of these were visited by Mr. Waller, Associate Extension Agricultural Engineer, in 1953. Four families installed baths. Indirectly these families were influenced to install water and baths. I know of one active club member who encouraged two of her neighbors to get the water in the home. One of these also installed a bath.

c. Storage: Adding storage or better use of present storage carried over from the 1953 program. Fourteen people reported making improvements in storage.

4. Home Management: In order to help the home-makers save time by using good arrangement of small kitchen equipment a monthly demonstration was planned on, Arranging Small Kitchen Equipment For Easier Use. Miss Mary Settle, Extension House Improvement Specialist, trained the leaders for this demonstration. All leaders were present for the training and in turn gave the demonstration at their club meetings. Nineteen reported making improvements in rearranging their kitchens for easier use.

5. Safety In The Home: An effort to make the homes safer by eliminating hazards which cause accidents will be stressed by devoting one meeting to safety in the home, and by having each club member score their homes on safety.

Mrs. Colleen Collett, Home Service Director, Northern Virginia Power Company, gave the demonstration to four home-making clubs. A leader gave the demonstration to one club while the agent was away at 4-H camp. The agent gave the demonstration to four clubs. Score sheets were given out to each club member. Twenty-four members reported

making their homes safer.

6. House Furnishings: To help the homemaker save money and make better use of the things she already has through restoring or refinishing furniture and accessories.

No special meetings were held on refinishing, but a number of homemakers called for advice on refinishing furniture. Reports show that thirty-eight pieces refinished, thirty-eight pieces upholstered, thirteen slip covers, thirteen rugs, six lamps and eight lamp shades were made.

7. Rural Arts: To learn the correct principles of art and design in the home and to develop skill in the application thereof. Each club selected Textile Painting as a club choice. Two special interest meetings were held in addition to the regular monthly meeting. A large number of articles were decorated. Some members were able to do a little advanced work on shading.

8. Gardening: To encourage the homemaker to plan a better balance garden, including some new vegetables each year, so that the family can be better fed. One club meeting to be devoted to planning the home garden. Mr. G. R. Williams, Associate Extension Horticulturist conducted a leader training meeting at which the leaders received training for the discussion. Five leaders received training and led the discussion in their clubs. Thirty-five members reported that they followed garden suggestions.

Garden letters were distributed to interested club members each month.

9. Poultry: To enable the average farm family to do a better job in raising chicks and producing eggs, either for family consumption or market. In cooperation with the county agent a county-

wide meeting was planned to present this information.

The meeting was planned jointly and fifteen farmers and home-makers attended. H. L. Moore, Poultry Husbandman, L. W. Herrick, Associate Extension Poultry Husbandman and Dr. Johnson, from the State College led the discussion. Those attending carried information back to their clubs. Twenty-one members reported that they used information received.

10. Home Grounds: To continue the improvement in the appearance of the home and community grounds.

Plans were to add four result demonstration in home and community grounds improvement. Mr. A. S. Beecher, Associate Extension Horticulturist, made five home visits in November to give advice on landscaping and foundation plantings. As yet this work is still in the planning stage. A special interest meeting was conducted by Dr. W. P. Judkis, Horticulturist on pruning of shrubs and small fruit trees. This was an open meeting ten home-makers attended.

Due to the drought in Greene County this past year many were unable to do much toward foundation plantings. However, nineteen reported doing some. Twenty-six did some pruning of shrubs or small fruit trees. Fourteen improved mailboxes, twenty-five improved walks or driveways.

Each year the Stanardsville, Home-makers, in cooperation with the town sponsor a clean-up campaign. All other club members cleaned around their own premises.

B. FEDERATION GOAL--CITIZENSHIP

Citizenship was selected as the Federation Goal for the first time. The home-makers felt that they should know something about the county and the county government. Emphasis was placed on spiritual development, knowledge of County Government, Voting, and Historical facts of the county.

Each federation goal chairman was responsible for devotions or seeing that someone else planned a devotion at each club meeting. Members were urged to have family devotions, attend church, and invite others to attend. Copies of graces were mimeographed and distributed to club members. Each club had a speaker on county government. Among those who spoke were the county clerk, county treasurer, a lawyer, the welfare superintendent, a member of the school board, and board of supervisors. Many interesting facts about the county were presented by the various club members. Everyone was reminded and encouraged to register and vote. Sixty-seven members turned in reports. Of these sixty two attended and invited others to church, forty-six voted and thirty eight used the graces that were distributed.

C. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. County Objectives: Objectives included giving assistance and demonstrations to non club members and invite them to join the club, encourage boys and girls to enroll in 4-H clubs and serve as leaders for those enrolled; have three meetings without agent; keep check on objectives; support the Federation goal; each club give financial support to the Continuing Educational Center; and each club have a result demonstration.

Reports show that club members passed information on to one hundred and eighty-nine persons. Some new members were gained, but we also lost some. Nineteen women served as 4-H leaders. Club members checked on objectives regularly. Each club supported the Federation Goal through their active interest and participation. Eight of the nine organized clubs contributed to the continuing educational center at VPI. The same eight clubs cooperated in making a food and clothing sale a success. Half the proceeds were given

to the Continuing Educational Center and the other half remained in the County Co-mittee Treasure. The club failing to participate is a weak club and things happened at the time the project was being put on, which kept them from participating. A total of \$151.17 has been given from the clubs in Greene County to the continuing Education Center. Each club has at least one result demonstration. Some had three or more, since there are twenty-eight being carried.

2. National Home Demonstration Week: To give publicity to the work being done, in the county through news articles, and radio and increase club attendance at the District Federation Meeting.

News articles and radio program throughout the year emphasized the work being done. Twenty-three home-makers attended the district meeting.

3. Achievement Day By bringing all clubs together, community cooperation and a better understanding of one another prevails.

Thirty-eight members representing the nine organized clubs worked together to make the achievement day a success. One afternoon was devoted to the program. Each club president or some other member gave reports on their club accomplishments. The county Federation Goal Chairman gave a very interesting report on the Federation Goal Accomplishments. Mrs. Margaret Miller, Interior Decorator from Charlottesville was guest speaker. Two 4-H club girls entertained with batton twirling. After the program refreshments were served and everyone had an opportunity to learn and visit with other club members.

4. Fair Judging: By training women to judge local fairs, it was felt that through the information received counties having fairs could improve on exhibits and quality of products entered.

Six home-makers attended a training school in Charlottesville. Three of these trained, assisted with judging at the Culpeper county Fair. Two assisted with judging at the Orange County Fair.

5. Institutes of Rural Affairs: Two home-makers attended the Institute of Rural Affairs at VPI, Blacksburg.

VI. 4-H CLUB WORK

A. PROJECT WORK:

1. Clothing: To teach the basic principles in sewing to beginners and to develop skill in planning, selecting and construction in those taking advanced work.

Seventy two younger club members enrolled in the, So You'd Like To Sew, project. Forty-three completed the project making a total of one hundred and seventy five articles. Fifteen girls enrolled in the Make or Remake project. Thirteen completed the project making nineteen garments. Two adult leaders assisted with project instruction at school in the, So You'd Like To Sew Project, a junior leader assisted with Make Or Remake during summer.

2. Food and Nutrition: To assist girls in the selection planning and preparation of well balanced meals, and to increase skill in the preparation of well balanced meals, and to increase in the preparation and serving of meals.

Thirty-four girls carried Meal Planning. Preparation and Serving. Twenty-one completed. Three girls carried the bread project. Two completed. A total eight hundred and eleven dishes were prepared. Thirty-seven meals were prepared and served. Two junior 4-H leaders assisted during the summer with meal planning preparation and serving.

3. Home Grounds Beautification: To develop pride in keeping home grounds attractive, to help the 4-H boy or girl share

this responsibility; and to improve the home grounds by putting into practice the things learned in the study of this project.

This project was carried jointly by seventy five boys and girls. Thirty seven completed.

4. Room Improvement: To assist girls in making the best use of existing furnishings, make plans for improvements and develop skill in making simple furnishings.

Eleven girls enrolled in, Your Room, project with seven completing. A total of fifteen articles were made.

5. Safety: To help prevent farm and home accidents, to encourage the 4-H boy and girl to learn and practice safety measures.

This project was carried jointly by twenty-two boys and girls eleven complete.

6. Electricity: To teach the use of electricity in the home and on the farm and to teach the care and repair of electrical equipment.

Representatives from the Northern Virginia Electric Power Company met with the farm and home agent to plan for the projects. They also assisted with project instruction. Three girls enrolled in unit I, two completed. Two enrolled in Unit II, one completed. Three articles were made. The girls visited the demonstration kitchen of the Northern Virginia Electric Power Company in Luray. Mrs. Collett demonstrated the use and care of electrical equipment.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES:

1. 4-H Camp: To enrich the lives of girls, physically, mentally, spiritually and socially.

Girls completing projects, who were twelve years of older were encouraged to attend camp. Six girls attended camp and participate

in all activities.

2. Short Course: To broaden the girls perspective of 4-H club work thus enabling her to be of greater service to the work in her county.

Three girls attended Short Course, Melvinia McKee was taken into the 11 Star Organization.

3. Contests: To develop skill through practice, and a spirit of cooperation in working with others, and to gain poise and self confidence in appearing before an audience. Girls will enter food and style dress review area contest.

4. County 4-H Council: Organize a county Council to strengthen the 4-H program and plan for county-wide events, and to give officer training to all club officers.

Mr. Jack Tyree, Associate State 4-H club agent met with club officers and assisted in the organization of the 4-H county council.

VII. YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN'S WORK.

Due to the fact that the young men and women's group, when organized, was composed of an older age group it has gradually weakened. Most of the boys and girls of this age group have gone away to school or to work. Therefore, this group did not gain in membership and also failed to function this year.

VIII. SCOPE OF WORK

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
No. ED Clubs or Groups	10	10	11	11	11
Membership	235	245	245	245	245
No. 4-H Clubs	11	11	11	10	11
Membership	171	177	181	206	178
No. other families reached	238	120	200	250	200
No. of different families reached	250	250	200	200	210
No. Co-unity clubs membership					

IX ORGANIZATIONS FUNCTIONING IN THE 1954 PROGRAM

A. County Home Demonstration Committee: The 1954 program was set up by the county Home Demonstration Committee, based on the requests of the club members. The program development leader played a big part in getting suggestions from the club members and in presenting them at the planning meeting. She also helped present the program calendar to the clubs. The county Federation Goal Chairman steered each club goal chairman in her respective duties.

B. Rural Life Institute: Mr. L. B. Howell, Extension Sociologist, and Mr. D. R. Fesser Associate Extension Sociologist assisted in planning for a Rural Life Institute to be held in Greene County. All rural ministers and professional workers in the county were invited to attend. The morning was spent in talks and discussion on how the welfare Department and A. S. G. serves or functions in Greene County. The afternoon was devoted to talks and discussions by two of the rural ministers. This meeting, will help every one to understand the work of other organizations and will enable us to work more cooperatively.

X. LEADERSHIP

A. Contributions of Volunteer Leader

1. Organizational: In both adult and 4-H the organizational leaders were responsible for successful meetings. Serving in this capacity, gave an opportunity for development of the individual in both organizations. Even though both groups did a nice job, there is still room for improvement. The homemaking clubs included training in Parliamentary Procedure in the 1955 program.

2. Program Development: It was the program development leader who checked on the program from time to time, gathered requests

and presented them at the planning meeting for another year.

3. Subject Matter: An opportunity for demonstrating skill is shown by the subject matter leader. After being trained by Specialist or the agent these leaders in turn give demonstrations to her club or 4-H clubs as the case may be. Twenty-eight meetings were held by adult leaders in home demonstration clubs. Thirteen meetings were held by adult leaders in the 4-H clubs.

B. Growth of Leadership

HD Club Project Leadership	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
No. Project Leaders (subject matter)	60	50	58	50	50
No. goal chairs	10	10	10	10	9
No. Program Development Leaders	10	10	10	10	9
No. result demonstrators			21	25	28
No. training meetings by specialists	10	4	6	2	5
by District Agent		3	2	2	1
by Agent			3	3	1
Attendance at all training meetings	68	98	113	135	74
No. Meetings without an agent	35	28	32	32	32
No. meetings leaders assisted					25
De-monstrations by leaders	35	28	32	33	28
Talk and discussions by leaders	10	28	78	80	74
<u>Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership</u>					
No. Club officers					55
No. adult project leaders	21	25	25	17	19
No. result demonstrations					
No. training meetings held by specialists	4	1	1	1	1
by agent		2	1	1	1
by district agent					
by member club department					1
Attendance at leader training meeting	20	14	7	15	21
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	5	4	11	10	6
No. Club meetings held by leader without agent present	26	45	28	26	13
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	37	16	12	6	8
No. demonstrations given by adult leaders	20	45	28	26	13
by juniors	6	5	15	18	20

XI WORK IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

A. Health Department: Until the health department was dissolved in July, home-makers encouraged others to take advantage of chest x-ray and clinics. They also assisted at the blood mobile.

B. Schools: Assistance was given in the cutting out of skirts for cheer leaders. Also some assistance was given in planning, decorating and serving at the junior, senior banquet.

XII EVALUATION

Progress is shown, particularly in the home demonstration program. Practically every member serves as an officer or leader in her club. As a leader she has responded willingly, attending training meetings and giving demonstrations in her clubs, and in some cases to other groups. All members have passed on information to others and have worked toward increasing club membership. Even though new members have been added to every club, the loss of some by moving away, or death, evens the score.

We find a project once started continues to grow from year to year. More and more we find the home-maker interested in making her home attractive and comfortable through wiser planning, selection and use of furnishings. Each year more modern conveniences are added to the home. The home-maker is not alone satisfied in having these conveniences, but she wants to know how to make the best use of them. The program is expanding as evidenced by requests from club members and non club members.

The agent has been unable to meet with the two unorganized groups this year. Due to the fact the two Episcopal Missions, closed in one case, and moved to another, so that there was a regrouping and it has not been possible to get them to meet in their homes.

4-H club work could be better. More interest in the 4-H club boy and girl needs to be shown by parents and others. Through the organization of the 4-H County Council we hope to strengthen the 4-H club program.