

The special interest meetings have aroused interest in ladies outside H.D. clubs. Through these the home agent hopes to reach far more than she is now.

Many of the most active H. D. members are taking jobs out of the homes resulting in loosing these from the clubs. On the average practically every H.D. club in the county has lost 3 or more active members due to this.

In 1961 more special interest meetings will be introduced in the county by the home agents. One of these will probably be knitting classes held and taught by county ladies who knit well. Knitting is a fast growing craft in this county and many homemakers are making extra spending money by knitting sweaters.

With so many different type of clubs in the county and so many ladies going to work on paid jobs it is felt that special interest meetings will eventually replace H. D. clubs in the county. The ladies will attend the ones they are interested in and usually will make suggestions of others that give the home agents a lead on other special interest meetings. They may be reluctant to join a club as they hesitate in tying themselves down with another club one afternoon a month.

The home agents presents a copy of all new bulletins to the Home Economic teachers and orders any they might desire.

#### 5. Commercial Interest

The home agent and Appalachian Power Company home economist work together on programs whenever possible. The Appalachian Power Company auditorium was used for 3 of the sewing classes. The Appalachian Power Company kitchen in Hillsville was used for the leaders cooking demonstrations.

The Home Agent worked with the business men's club in Hillsville with plans for the fair.

#### C. Professional Improvement

The home agent with two other extension agents from Virginia attended the first regional Winter Extension School held at the University of Georgia this past winter.

The training schools which were held for yeast breads, care of hardwood floors, finishing picture frames, hanging and framing pictures, were educational to the agent also. The sewing classes this agent taught was also helpful.

The agent is a member of the A.H.E.A., V.H.E.A., H.H.D.A.A. and V.H.D.A.A. She subscribes and tries to read Forecast, What's New in Home Economics, Farm Journal, American Home, Better Home and Gardens, and several other farm and home magazines. She also tries to keep up with information in the local newspapers.

The two home agents attended 2 district agents meetings and the State Extension meeting.

#### VII. THE LOOK AHEAD

The program this year has been an interesting one and one the members really needed. Many homemakers have commented about demonstrations they found especially helpful.

The weather was a handicap, though. Snows blocking the roads resulted in all club meetings being canceled from February 12 until the last of March. (Schools were closed 3 weeks). When the weather did open up it was hard to get the clubs going again as everything was off schedule, including the homemakers home work.

12 was enrolled in one class and 11 in the other. These participated in the pre-planning meeting. All but one of these completed the garments started and she will complete hers but is a slow worker.

One coat was outstanding in construction and appearance and was completely interfaced as well as lined. This agent saw one in Sacha Smartvent in Roanoke almost identical to this one priced at \$195.00. Materials for the coat cost \$21.96.

Since these classes are so much in demand in the county they probably will be repeated again in 1961. Many have already expressed the desire to participate.

## B. Public Relations

### 1. Co-Workers

The extension staff have their offices on one floor of the Carter House. The staff conferences are very informal since all offices join and the working relations of the staff is very cooperative.

### 2. General Public

Radio programs and news items are selected to cover the interests of the general public. The local newspapers are sent the Home Demonstration program each week for publication.

The Home Agent participated in the radio school and luncheon held by WDOM this year. Agents from three counties participated in this school as they have regular weekly broadcasts.

The home agents are honorary members of the Hillsville Garden Club and participate whenever possible.

### 3. Elected Representatives

Each year the Annual Report is presented to the board of Supervisors in a condensed form. A copy of this is handed to each member with an invitation to read the entire report at any time. This is kept on file in the home agents office.

### 4. Other Professional Workers

The home agent tries to keep informed on some of the activities of the ARC, SCS, Welfare, Health Department and other offices in the county. In this way she can help all concerned if the need arises.

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
No. organizational leaders	48	64	60	68	74
No. project leaders (subject matter)	48	94	60	80	102
No. Federation program of work chairmen	16	17	16	17	17
No. program development leaders	21	17	18	16	16
No. result demonstrators	15	22	34	26	15
No. training meetings by specialists	7	3	0	0	7
No. training meetings by dist. agents	5	2	2	1	1
No. training meetings by agents	0	7	5	5	5
No. training meetings by others	0	1	1	0	1
Attendance at all training meetings	101	148	63	208	232
No. meetings held without an agent	60	44	72	62	80
No. meetings leaders assisted	11	56	120	105	80
Demonstrations by leaders	60	40	72	85	90
Talks and discussions by leaders	123	144	270	180	350

### 3. 4-H Club Leadership

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
No. club officers	153	290	385	65	306
No. adult project leaders	9	11	14	16	16
No. junior project leaders	-	3	3	3	3
No. result demonstrators	-	-	-	1	2
No. training meetings by specialists	-	-	-	-	1
No. training meetings by dist. agents	-	-	-	-	-
No. training meetings by agent	2	4	4	2	4
No. training meetings by members club dept.	-	-	-	-	-
No. training meetings by others	-	-	-	-	-
Total attendance at ldr. tr. meetings	136	109	123	83	91
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	9	3	6	7	8
No. club mtgs. held by ldr. without agent	44	90	35	49	52
No. additional meetings at which ldrs. assisted	9	35	50	64	62
No. demonstrations given by adult ldrs.	44	90	35	72	65
No. demonstrations given by junior leaders	8	12	10	9	14

### VI. A. Special Consideration

The Clothing Construction Classes were probably the most significant achievement of Extension work in the county this year. These classes were open to anyone in the county interested in learning more about sewing.

These classes were: 2 beginners classes, 2 advance sewing classes and 2 tailoring classes. Each class was limited to number participating. The beginners classes were not as much in demand, probably because ladies who do not sew but little were reluctant to enroll. Both advance classes had 19 attending. Others asked to enroll but the number that could be taught were already enrolled. 18 completed the course and 8 of these participated in the dress revue at the Achievement Program. The maximum for the tailoring classes that the agent could teach was 10 in each class; however,

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
No. Youth Committees	-	-	-	-	-
No. Other Organizations	-	1	1	1	1
No. Farm & Home Dev. Families	15	12	26	26	24
No. Other Families Reached	2445	2984	2974	2707	2491
No. Different Families Reached	3590	3663	3751	3725	3603

### B. Reaching Others

Securing leaders in the H. D. Clubs has been one of the major problems in club work in the county. However, this year the greatest number of leaders have attended training meetings in the county than ever since this agent came to Carroll County. Those gave the demonstration in most of the clubs later. Those that did not attend training meetings were usually trained individually to conduct the demonstration.

To reach those non-club members for participation in the special interest meetings club members were urged to inform their neighbor of the meeting, mass media was also used.

About  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the ladies participating in the special interest groups were non-club members.

Many families and individuals were reached through 4-H club members, H. D. club members passing on information through leaflets on word-of-mouth.

Since many homemakers work in the factories this agent realizes many are not being reached by club work or any type of meeting. To have clubs in the factories is not satisfactory as the ladies are paid on production basis. She tries to bring information to these ladies through radio broadcasts and weekly news articles. Since her broadcast is on Saturday she has a better chance of reaching them in this way. Available ballistics are often announced this way also.

## V. LEADERSHIP

### A. Growth of Leadership

#### 1. Overall program leaders

	1956	1959	1960-
a. County Agricultural Extension Service Board	1	1	1
b. Youth Council	1	1	1
c. Home Economics Council	1	1	1

#### 2. Home Demonstration Club Leadership

b. Senior Camp

Twenty boys and girls attended senior camp with the assistant home agent at the Southwest Va. 4-H Center.

The number attending camp doubled this year. Last year there were 22 who attended camp compared with 46 this year.

c. Conservation Camp

One girl and one boy, Elizabeth Snow and Raymond Leonard, attended Conservation Camp at Camp Farrar, Virginia Beach, Va. These club members reported to their respective clubs on the activities of this particular camp.

4. Contests

Mary Louise Largen entered the Girls State Public Speaking Contest during the State 4-H Short Course at VPI in June and won a red award.

Four girls were groomed for the district contest in May. One entered each of the following contests: Meal Preparation, Breads, Public Speaking and Dress Revue.

One girl was groomed for the District Canning and Freezing contest in August but on the day before the contest an emergency arose and she did not enter.

Jeanette Iroler was selected as the State Clothing Achievement winner. This was the first time that Carroll County has had a state winner. She will be going to National 4-H Club Congress in November, 1960.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

A.

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
No. H. D. Clubs	12	16	15	16	16
Membership	266	300	274	156	243
No. H.D. Groups *(Unorganized)				1	6
Membership				8	40
No. 4-H Clubs	24	58	63	65	51
Membership	1036	1568	1677	1816	1534
No. YW Clubs	-	-	-	-	-
Membership	-	-	-	-	-
No. Community Clubs	2	2	3	4	4
Membership	245	257	337	437	437
No. Home Ec. Committees	-	-	-	-	3
No. General Interest Committees					

Each month the 4-H members were assigned certain parts of the project to do at home. A check was made the next month regarding this. There was approximately 80% completion of this project.

Meal preparation with 358 girls enrolled was one of the most popular projects. Club exhibits and fair exhibits showing their accomplishments was one best check on this project. 286 girls completed this project. A training meeting for the home agent and the assistant was given by Miss Jamison on ways of getting meal preparation project groups started in the summer. Time did not permit the starting of these groups this year.

Clothing which includes "So You'd Like to Sew", "Make or Remake" and "Looking Your Best" was taken by 502. Club members equipped sewing boxes, made an apron and several other useful items.

Displays of garment, etc. made by members were put up at club meetings and entered at the fair.

During the summer, four sewing classes were held for 4-H members around Hillsville. This was a beginners sewing group and each member completed and modeled an apron. Approximately 400 girls completed this project.

There were girls taking other projects but these 3 were major ones.

#### C. Other Activities

##### 1. Rural Life Sunday

Approximately 11 4-H clubs participated in Rural Life Sunday. They did so by participating in the Worship Service with a program. Others gave opening assembly program in Sunday School and by mass attendance to one or both these church services.

##### 2. Fair

The 4-H clubs have their own department at the fair where they compete with each other. Each year this department has been growing. Seventy-two items were entered this year.

##### 3. Camps

###### a. Junior Camp

This year 26 boys and girls attended junior camp at the Southwest Va. 4-H Center near Abingdon, Va. with the home agent.

#### E. Farm and Home Development

In the Farm and Home Development Program 34 families are being worked with.

The homemaker is encountered with remodeling problems and plans for new kitchens and storage, probably more than any others. Landscaping and consumer education are others. Any problem involving homemaking is encountered in this phase of the work.

The Roy Cox's family has been aided in detail plans of the kitchen storage space in their new home. The Batsville kitchen workshop, kitchen arrangement, a step-saving U kitchen and other bulletins were used.

Mrs. Cox through the advise and assistance of the home agent has a work coat closet by the kitchen door. Also in the kitchen is a desk area. Neither of these were in the original plans of the kitchen although it is a farm home.

Mrs. Cox has a foil size basement that they plan on using for some living and all canning and freezing. The home agent has also helped her plan this conveniently stressing the grouping of each unit.

### III. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - YOUTH

#### A. Organization

The only youth organization the extension personnel work with in Carroll is the 4-H. Since Carroll is such a large county it is almost impossible to get the officers together for the two county council meetings each year. The attendance may range from 30 to 80 but transportation is the biggest problem.

#### B. 4-H Project Work

Gardening was the in school project for the year. This project was selected by the 4-H county council officers and adult 4-H leaders. Every 4-H member carried this project for the year.

Each month the club members were given leaflets on garden tips in addition to their regularly planned program. Members took soil samples from their garden and had them analyzed.

One club planned and carried out a tour of their gardens and presented prizes to the first, second and third place winners.

the month to enlist new members. Only about 6 new members were enrolled but no one can say how many were duplied to attend later.

The Achievement Program was attended by 75 members. 6 members took part in the fashion show. These members were from the adult clothing classes held in June.

Community Improvement Clubs were active this year in the county. 11 meetings were held by each; one being missed due to snow and blocked roads. Three-fourths of the club meetings were of educational nature. The rest was recreation.

One club, Mitchell Cross Roads, won second place in the Area Contest. They were defeated by Cross Community in Sullivan County, Tennessee. Mitchell Cross Roads won \$100.00 and a trophy as a result of this.

The Home Demonstration Clubs participated in the county fair. H.D. clubs had club exhibits at the fair with Fairmont winning first place with the exhibit "Art in Daily Living".

House Furnishing exhibits were supervised by the H.D. clubs. Club members also participated in the preliminary planning of fair improvements.

Mass media in the form of newspaper items and radio broadcasts were used also to educate more people in these activities.

#### D. Working with Urban Families

Two of the Home Demonstration Clubs were almost entirely made up of urban members.

The radio broadcast and news items include topics of interest for the urban ladies.

Non-farm families are beginning to far out-number the farm families work with in this county.

Both these groups are confronted with probably greater buying problems than their country cousins. The home agent has stressed importance of wise buying, how to choose wisely, etc. throughout the year to help these ladies. These topics have been used often both on the air and in the news by this agent.

Through the special interest meetings on Slip Covers, Clothing Construction, Making Corragas and Making Aigams this agent has drawn these ladies in. These were all work shop type meetings.

With so many new homes being built in the county the ladies realize what a problem it is to keep hardwood floors clean.

The leaders were trained by Miss Ruth Jamison, house specialist for the demonstration "Care of Hardwood Floors". Since less than half the leaders attended, the home agents gave some of the demonstrations on this in November.

Cleaning wax with the aid of steel wool was demonstrated for cleaning floors. A "poorite" was also recommended for cleaning and buffing the waxed floor. Different types of wax was discussed.

Floor Enamel was another point brought out both for new and old floors.

All these topics have been used on radio to reach the November club members. The home agent feels that the listeners usually are interested in almost the same topics as the H.D. members even though they will not attend a regular meeting.

"The Federation Program - Art in Daily Living" has inspired many of the members to look for more beauty in the surrounding area.

Making the wild flowers and aiding in making a scrap book of them has been a project of some clubs. These books have aroused so much interest that this same project will be repeated in 1961.

Slides of wild flowers were used at one meeting with each lady trying to identify these. One month wild flowers was brought to the club and name of it used at roll call.

Carroll County offers many beautiful flowers, etc. and far too few people are conscious of their beauty. Through this program it is hoped the ladies will be more aware of the way we have been blessed with beauty.

### C. Other Activities

The H. D. Clubs have been urged to participate in the fund raising drive for Southeast Virginia 4-H Center. To date 7 clubs have participated raising \$211.00 through auction sales at club meetings, bake sales in town, collectors, etc.

National Home Demonstration Week was celebrated by club members attending the district Federation meeting. Window displays were put up by some of the clubs and a visitation campaign was made in

frames, how to refinish these, how to clean dirty frames and refinish hardwood ones and how to mat pictures correctly. The pictures needing glass and those not needing it was discussed.

As a result of this demonstration many lovely frames are being restored and plans are being made for more. The club members are far more conscious of their pictures and frames as a result of this demonstration.

The demonstration "Hanging Pictures" was conducted by the leaders. These were trained by Miss Katherine Habel, House Furnishing Specialist.

How to group pictures, what type to hang in each room, where to display family portraits, when to use mirrors were discussed.

Many family portraits have disappeared from the living room since this demonstration. Many pictures are being grouped, hung at the correct height and in some homes, some of the excess pictures have been taken down.

Wise use of accessories in the home was conducted by the home agents in the H.B. clubs. Useful and attractive accessories were discussed, size of ash trays, number of potted plants, alternating accessories were brought into the discussion. The homemakers were made aware of the fact lamps, vases and flowers arrangements are considered accessories.

Even though there are still a number of potted plants in the homes these are being grouped. Wooden accessories such as churns, both barrel and upright, coffee grinders, etc. are being taken out of those hiding places, being refinished, ash trays seem to be larger and many bric-a-brac have disappeared.

Many Carroll ladies either do not give much thought to selection of furniture or do not know what to select. In the demonstration "How to Know Good Furniture", the home agents, with the aid of slides, tried to point out good construction features in buying furniture, what goes with what and what type of furniture is appropriate for certain styles of homes.

It is hoped that through this demonstration the homemakers will give more thought to selection, construction and use of furniture before buying. The size of furniture in relation to room and house is another point this agent hopes they will consider before buying.

to emphasize good points and minimize poor. Due to snows many clubs did not receive this information.

## 2. Foods

This is always a popular demonstration "New Egg Dishes" which the leaders were trained to conduct in the H.D. clubs has brought many favorable comments. Probably the most popular dish among this selection has been "Top of the Stove" custard. Many of the homemakers who would not bake custard reports they are enjoying cooking it this way.

The home agent and assistant trained the leaders for this.

Correct temperature for cooking eggs and egg dishes was stressed. Nutritional value was not over looked along with cost.

Many club members have their own laying flock. Their problem is tempting the family to eat eggs and realizing this food is desirable at other meals than breakfast.

H. D. Club leaders were trained by Miss Janet Cameron to give the demonstration "Yeast Breads". Batter breads were made as well as the knead type dough. Different styles of rolls were demonstrated at the October meeting.

People of Carroll County like to eat and the ladies were quite anxious to learn to make acceptable rolls and loaf breads. It is hoped this will be tried by many.

With so many newer foods on the market today the H.D. members felt the need for information on wise buying of foods. The agents give this demonstration. Built in services, grades, reading labels, and use of food was stressed.

It is hoped the ladies are more conscious of what they are buying and the price they pay.

## 3. House Furnishings

In house furnishings, hanging pictures correctly is a need and refinishing picture frames is instructions desired by many.

There are many nice picture frames stored in many attics, out buildings, etc. in Carroll County. The ladies were interested in learning what to do with these to make them usable. At this demonstration they were taught by the agent how to patch gilt

1. Clothing

Carroll County probably has more mill-and cloth outlet stores than any county in the state. Through these stores nice materials can be bought cheap. A large number of the homemakers sew probably as a result of this. Some are good seamstresses and some fair but many desire to know more about sewing. This has resulted in requests for sewing classes. In 1960 two beginners classes, 2 intermediate classes and two tailoring classes were taught by the home agents. Every class was much in demand. So much so that many were unable to enroll in the classes. Through these classes many were aided in achieving higher standards. Through these the home agent has been able to help county people other than H.D. members.

In the tailoring classes 9 suits and 4 coats and 4 dress-jackets were constructed. All were well constructed and the appearance of each was far above average.

Use of sewing machine attachments was one of the H.D. scheduled topics. Through this demonstration the homemakers were instructed in the use of seam gauge, ruffler, tucker and others. Probably the one used most since then has been the seam gauge and ruffler. Even though the ladies do a good deal of sewing they know very little about using the sewing machine attachments.

Cleaning and oiling the sewing machine was a special interest meeting. This was desired because ladies did not know how to clean the machine, how often to clean or where to oil. One big problem in Carroll County as in most counties is that ladies refuse to study instructions books. The instructions were given by Singer Sewing Machine Co. for this training in their shop at Pulaski.

One group of 4-H girls were taught this also by the agents which resulted in their giving demonstrations to others. Many homemakers were unable to attend the Pulaski meeting are asking for the meeting again. Care of sewing machine is probably needed more by ladies who sew than anyone type of instruction.

Since so many ladies sew they desired instructions on how to choose the correct pattern. Others who do not sew needed help on choosing the correct dress.

In February the demonstration was choosing "Correct Pattern and Dress". Style and lines of pattern, pattern in the material, type of material were among the information presented to the club by the home agents who gave the demonstration. The ladies attending this meeting are now aware of need of selecting proper pattern

Sawyer Furniture Co., Inc.	Living room furniture	100
United Church Furniture Company	Church furniture	25
Vaughan-Basset Furniture Co., Inc.	Bedroom furniture	300
Vaughan Furniture Co., Inc., The	Bedroom furniture	300
Webb Furniture Corporation	Bedroom furniture	460
Wonderknit Corporation	Boy's shirts	225

The employees in Galax industries include both Grayson and Carroll counties and the City of Galax. Besides these there are 192 teachers in the county, 155 of these are women. A good number of the people work in Mt. Airy, N. C. and Radford Arsenal as well as surrounding towns.

Appalachian Power Company serves Careoll County and the surrounding area. It is one of the largest electric utilities in the south both in area and number of customers served.

## II. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - ADULT

### A. Organization

The County Home Economics Extension program is developed by several committees consisting of the County Home Demonstration Committee, the Fair Committee and the Special Interest Clothing Committee.

Every Home Demonstration member has a part in planning the yearly Home Economics Extension program. Members are urged to write down topics they desire in the program throughout the year. In June and July these are discussed and clubs decide on their choice. In August the County Home Demonstration committee organize the topics by months for the next years program. Some are set up as special interest so anyone in county interested, may participate. Other topics are put in H.D. program as monthly topics.

The Homemakers department of the fair committee is made up of representatives from all ladies civic clubs. These meet, plan their department of the fair, making changes necessary for improvements. They in turn have representatives from their clubs assist in necessary fair responsibilities with the home agents acting as advisor.

The clothing committee is at present the only acting committee for special interest meetings. Plans are underway for others but Carroll County ladies cannot be pushed too fast. There is a need for a nutritional committee but to date the agent has been unable to arouse the necessary interest to organize one.

### B. Subject Matter and Special Emphasis Areas

There is no public recreation facilities for the young people excepting those provided by the schools and churches.

The 1955 Census showed 252 telephones in rural homes and 991 televisions. Some improvements have been made and additional telephones installed since then. Telephones are still very limited in the county making it necessary for the home agents to visit people if quick communication is needed.

A large number of homes have no piped running water in the homes and no bath facilities. This situation is being improved though with many new homes being constructed and improvements being made on old ones.

The median school year completed for persons 25 years and up is 7. Women report slightly more education than men.

Manufacturing in Carroll County and the City of Galax is as follows:

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Carroll County</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Employees</u>
	National Carbide Company	Calcium Carbide, acetylene	179
	<u>Hillsville</u>		
	Carroll Hosiery Corporation	Ladies' Full-fashioned hosiery	113
	J. L. Harmon Lumber Dealer	Finished lumber	25
	Virginia Lee Hosiery Mills, Inc.	Ladies' Full-fashioned hosiery	200
	Wayne Gardner	Finished Lumber	9
	<u>Galax</u>		
	Allied Chemical & Dye Corporation	Pyrrhotite	150
	General Chem. Div., Gossan Mines		
	American Mirror Company, Inc.	Mirrors	60
	Burlington Industries, Inc.	Upholstery & Drapery fabrics	325
	Carnation Company	Dairy Products	85
	Combs & McKnight	Finished lumber	15
	Dixon Lumber Company	Lumber	190
	W. K. Early & Sons, Inc.	Finished lumber	20
	Galax Chair Company, Inc.	Upholstered chairs	25
	Galax Furniture Co., Inc.	Living room furniture	125
	Galax Mirror Co., Inc.	Mirrors	165
	Gazette Printing & Publishing Co., Inc.	Job Printing & newspapers	20
	Harris-Marshall Hosiery Mills, Inc.	Seamless hosiery	145
	Lindeman Wood Finish Co., Inc.	Varnish	20
	F. H. Hanes Knitting Co., Inc.	Men's and boys' knitwear	300
	Fenry Manufacturing Company, Inc.	Children's dresses	125
	R. & H. Hosiery Mill, Inc.	Hosiery	90

The type of agriculture in the county is diversified due to the geographic structure of the land. Food and feed crops, vegetables, apples, livestock, and livestock products are the principal products. Livestock and livestock products make up over 60% of the Agriculture Income. Milk production is increasing rapidly. Apples and peaches are also important crops with some of the most productive apple orchards in the state located on the slope of the Blue Ridge mountains in the county.

The 1950 Census showed 1,467 women over 14 years of age working on public jobs or 16 percent. Surveys show women are securing employment outside the home at the rate of approximately 40 per year in Carroll County. There is no record to show the number of ladies now employed but the percentage is high.

There are more than 50 Protestant churches located in Carroll County representing most of the denominations. Most of the churches maintain Sunday Schools, youth programs, and other activities which enhance the spiritual life of the community.

There are 26 public schools in Carroll County of these 13 are small schools having less than 5 teachers. In addition to regular academic classes the 3 senior high schools offer courses in business training, home economics, shop work and vocational agriculture.

Two modern hospitals, both equipped with operation rooms serve the county from Galax. One is an 88-bed facility and the other has 60 beds. At Hillsville in Cor's Clinic with a nine-bed capacity that can treat maternity and minor surgery cases. Serving the Galax area are 17 physicians and 4 dentists. Serving the Hillsville area are 6 physicians and 3 dentists.

Two hotels and 6 motels serve the area for tourist, and overnight guests. The motels are all fairly new. A number of new restaurants have been built within the past 2 years.

The Carroll News published weekly and the Galax Gazette, published twice weekly serve the county. The Roanoke Times and Roanoke World News are delivered daily throughout the county. A daily newspaper from Winston-Salem and two weekly papers from Mt. Airy serve the Southern part of the county.

Radio Station WBOB in Galax serves the area. One fifteen minute program each day is given to the extension staff from the 3 bordering counties with Carroll staff having the Wednesday and Saturday program.

Shopping centers for the area are Galax and Mt. Airy, North Carolina which are on the county boundary lines and Roanoke 70 miles away.

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1960 PROGRAM

The Clothing Construction classes was probably one of the highlights of the years work. These were conducted in two parts of the county within reach of every community and open to anyone interested. These were highly successful in the respect they were filled to capacity, those attending desired to learn, the finished product was very attractive and all were well made. Above all these have aroused the desires of others throughout the county to participate in a "sewing class". Those attending have done a much better job of publicizing what the classes have to offer than the agents could ever do.

The Federation Program "Art In Daily Living" is another highlight. Each club has stressed reading in this program, resulting in 46 reading certificates awarded at the Achievement program and 399 books reported read by 63 of the 102 H. D. members returning their yearly report to the home agent. Study of wild flowers is another phase many of the clubs have followed. Several clubs made scrapbooks of wild flowers; identifying them and telling where they grow. One month roll call was answered with the name of Evetts wild flower, another by bringing a wild flower and identifying it. The scrap books were displayed at the Achievement Program.

This same Federation Program of Work will be carried next year with continued interest in these two fields and adding good magazines and bird identification to the list.

Since nature is so lovely in this mountain county, the ladies have too long paid little attention to it. This program is arousing their interest and making them aware of the beauty around them.

#### I. THE COUNTY SITUATION

Carroll County covers an area of 496 square miles with a population of more than 27,000 people and 3,757 farms. 3,744 of these are white and 13 negro.

Carroll is a mountainous county situated on the southern part of the Blue Ridge area and borders North Carolina. It is a part of a great plateau that lies on the back bone of the mountain. 80% of the county has an elevation varying from 2,000 to 3,500 feet above sea level. The climate is cool and moist. It is one of the most scenic counties in the state.

In 1954 the farm land totaled 232,709 acres, 73% of the county's area of 317,440 acres. At that time the average farm was 61.9 acres. There are twice as many part-time or residential farms as commercial ones. The average age of the farm operator is about 56 years.

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