

1955 PLAN OF WORK

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I. Conditions considered in working out the 1955 program.

Augusta County is the second largest county in Virginia. With two cities of Staunton and Waynesboro within its boundaries the urban population is very nearly equal to the county population according to figures from the 1950 census. As of January 1, 1955 the city of Waynesboro is extending its limits to take in another part of county territory which will further increase urban population and decrease county population. County population is divided between farm and rural non-farm residents with the latter exceeding by over 5000 persons. With the advent of three new industries in the county during 1954 there has been and will be a further increase in this figure.

Diversified farming is practiced on the farmland of the county with beef cattle, dairy, horticulture, poultry and sheep raising heading the list of specialized activities. The county is bordered on both sides by mountain ranges with a greater share of this area included in national forest acreage. In between these mountains the land is predominately valley broken by low hills and rolling terrain in some sections.

Most of the rural non-farming residents are employed in factories and plants within the cities. Industry consists mainly of furniture manufacture, textile mill products, apparel, construction and retail persons accounting for the greater balance of employed persons. To this list has been added the manufacture of air conditioning equipment, safety razor blades and related products, and small electrical equipment. These latter three are in the process of completing factory construction, moving machinery and getting ready to go into production during 1955. Most of the women up to now have been employed in either textile mills or small apparel factories but there will be jobs for women in these new factories.

Home Demonstration work was started in Augusta County thirty-six years ago. During these years the content of the program has changed a great deal. In the early years homemakers were interested in food preservation, food preparation and outdoor activities such as ~~garden~~ and poultry raising, home improvement in kitchens, living rooms, halls, porches, and bedrooms followed along in later years. Home management and clothing have been stressed several years back and revived again more recently. In the last decade there has been an ever-widening interest in community and county activities.

During and since World War II the horizon of Augusta County homemakers was widened to include an even greater interest in community, state, and world affairs. Many outside activities together with an increasing demand upon the time and resources in the household activities makes the homemaker an important cog in the pattern of family life. Many

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homemakers have felt it necessary to seek employment outside the home in order to better provide for their families and keep up with the rising cost of living. Some rely on seasonal employment to add extra income at certain times during the year. With more than one adult in the family working, family schedules have been disrupted and made wise planning necessary to get the many jobs done.

Homemakers will be directly responsible for adjustment to new family life patterns, adjustment to continuing high prices of household commodities. While the number of home owners in proportion to occupied dwellings is high yet almost three thousand homes were classified as needing repair according to census figures. Many of these home have been repaired or remodeled during the past four years but there is still much to be done. A number of homes particularly farm homes are still without running water. Some homes have cold running water and need the addition of hot water facilities. Others have running water but need the addition of toilet or bath or both. The majority of homes have electric service which is a good start towards making possible the addition of water systems. A number of new homes are under construction either on the outskirts of the cities or in the areas near new industrial developments.

That homemakers are still interested in subjects that will assist them not only inside the home but in the outside appearance of their homes is evident from the subject matter included in the 1955 program. It is hoped that the home demonstration program can be of help to the homemaker in meeting these and other problems with which she is faced.

II. The Adult program

A. Subject matter fields

1. Foods and Nutrition

Food topics were selected for major stress in the 1955 program of work.

a. Objectives for improving family living.

- (1) To assist homemakers with suggestions for easier holiday entertainment and adjustment to family desire for T. V. programs at mealtime or snacks for later evening consumption.
- (2) To assist homemakers with time-saving, economical meal-planning.
- (3)(a) To teach homemakers how to better identify various cuts of meat not only for those who buy but for those who have home produced meat for preservation. (b) To teach interested homemakers how to use cheaper cuts of meat.
- (4) To encourage better family nutrition by teaching how to include more milk and milk products in the diet also their use in simple desserts.
- (5) To bring homemakers with freezing facilities up-to-date information on freezing fruits, vegetables and meats.
- (6) To encourage weight reduction for homemakers who need to do so.
- (7) To assist Home Demonstration market sellers with marketing of surplus farm and home products.

b. Methods

- (1) Demonstrations at monthly H. D. meetings "Buffet and T. V. Meals" - December 1954 - To be given by leaders following leader training meeting given by agents in November 1954

"Quick Meals from the Pantry Shelf" - April 1955 - To be given by leaders following leaders training meeting given by specialist assisted by agents in March 1955.

"Identification of Meat Cuts and How to Use Cheaper Cuts of Meat" - May 1955 - To be given by leaders following training meeting given by meat specialist, also visit meat counters.

"Uses of Dairy Products in Meals and Simple Desserts" - June 1955 - To be given by leaders following training meeting given by agents with assistance from Dairy Council representatives.

(2) Special Interest Activities

Freezing up-to-date - Late April or May 1955 - Leaders will be trained in March by specialists as to how to best assist homemakers in local communities with up-to-date information on freezing. These meetings are suggested for late April or May depending on a community basis.

(3) Result Demonstrations

Community TOPS club for members and non-members where needed.

(4) County Home Demonstration Markets

The two home demonstration markets will continue at Staunton and Waynesboro, being held regularly each Saturday and special days before Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. It is hoped to let the market at Waynesboro continue with its present four sellers as long as possible and keep the Staunton market with its 20 sellers in its present good condition during 1955.

c. Evaluation

(1) Number of Buffet and T. V. meals served and number of recipes tried.

(2) Number of times food information passed to others.

(3) Number of cuts of meat identified by members.

(4) Amount of increase in use of milk or milk products in diet.

(5) Interest in food demonstrations and success of training meetings through reports of leaders check-sheets.

(6) Interest shown in freezing meetings through number of community meetings held, freezing information passed to others, number of freezing facilities in county reported by H. D. members.

(7) Success of TOPS club.

(8) Condition of H. D. Markets as of November 30, 1955.

2. Yard Improvement

This topic was selected for second consideration for stress in the 1955 program of work.

a. Objectives for improving family living

(1) To assist homemakers with planning home grounds improvement so as to improve outside appearance of home.

(2) To assist homemakers with planting of shrubs and planting flowers and bulbs for continuous bloom.

(3) To assist at least 20 interested homemakers with longtime plans for yard improvement.

b. Methods

(1) Demonstrations

"Planning Home Grounds Improvement" - February 1955 - To be given by leaders following leader training meeting given by specialists in December 1954 assisted by further help through kit of material prepared by agents in January 1955.

"Planning and Planting flowers and Bulbs for Continuous Bloom" -
March 1955 - To be given by agents to H. D. clubs during March.

(2) Result Demonstrations

To assist at least 20 homemakers with either continuation in yard improvement through individual planning at home visits and at other times as needed.

c. Evaluation

- (1) Number times information on yard improvement passed to non-members.
- (2) Success of demonstrations and training as determined by leaders check sheet and agents observations.
- (3) Results of yard improvement work reported on members check sheet at the end of the year.
- (4) Number of result demonstrators and progress made.

3. Home Management

This topic is continued as a minor phase of the 1955 program of work. Two of the food demonstrations previously mentioned are related to saving time in house work and food economy.

a. Objectives

- (1) To assist homemakers with economical purchase or use of food also to save time in meal preparation.
- (2) To assist homemakers with information on wills and deeds.
- (3) To assist young homemakers with money management information.
- (4) To teach homemakers with first aid measures for home appliances and equipment also prevention of repair through proper care of equipment.

b. Methods

- (1) Food demonstrations previously mentioned for April and May 1955. "First Aid to Home Appliances and Equipment" - November 1955 - given by leaders trained by agent with assistance from Power Company home economist.
- (2) Special interest meetings
Wills and Deeds held either as county-wide or community meetings - January 1955.

c. Evaluation

- (1) Number of homemakers reporting wills.
- (2) Number of wills reported new this year and interest shown in special interest meetings.
- (3) Number young homemakers interested in money management and help given.
- (4) Attendance at leader training meeting on Care and Repair of home appliances and equipment and interest shown in meeting as far as can be determined.

4. Clothing

a. Objectives for improving family living.

- (1) To continue help for interested homemakers on tailoring or other special interest phases of sewing as desired by club.
- (2) To continue help on buying clothing and sewing as possible through mass ~~meets~~ ^{meets}.

b. Methods

Special interest meetings to be held on Tailoring in September and October 1955 with experienced sewers on community or district basis as required by interest shown by home agent.

To continue help on buying and making clothing through news articles and radio broadcasts especially directed at Urban homemakers and others interested.

c. Evaluation

- (1) Number of garments made or remodeled during 1955.
- (2) Number special interest meetings held on tailoring and results obtained.
- (3) Number of broadcasts or news articles including clothing information.

*5. Housing and House Furnishings

While this phase is not included as a major phase of the program in 1955 it is considered as a special interest phase as requested by homemakers or home demonstration clubs.

a. Objectives for improving family living

- (1) To assist homemakers with information on refinishing furniture, reupholstering, slip covers or reseating of chairs as requested by clubs.
- (2) To assist homemakers with housing information and room improvement as requested in so far as possible.

b. Methods

- (1) Club choice topics or special interest meetings as chosen by clubs in January - October 1955 or at other times arranged.
- (2) News articles and radio broadcasts on housing, house furnishings or related topics.
- (3) Result demonstrations

To continue result demonstrations on storage, bath installation or improvement, addition of running water or kitchen improvement as interest is shown. If sufficient interest is shown help will be requested either from housing specialists or given by agents through special meetings or home visits. As much individual help will be given as time permits.

Evaluation

- (1) Number of club choice or special interest meetings held and attendance.
- (2) Number of storage conveniences added.
- (3) Number of bathrooms installed or improved.
- (4) Number of kitchens improved.
- (5) Number of other rooms improved.
- (6) Number of homes adding running water.
- (7) Number new homes built or old ones remodeled.
- (8) Number of pieces of furniture refinished, reupholstered, slip covers, chairs reseated, stools made.
- (9) Number of result demonstrations continued or new in 1955.

6. Arts and Crafts

a. Objectives for better family living

- (1) To encourage wholesome interest in art and music appreciation to improve the aesthetic side of homemaker's lives.
- (2) To encourage interest in crafts from standpoint of good workmanship and design that fits into pattern of home furnishings as recommended by specialist and other experts in the field.

b. Methods

- (1) Demonstration and Work meetings on Basketry and other craft as chosen by club. Leaders trained by specialist assisted by agents - July 1955.

- (2) Five minute talks on art appreciation, encouragement of group singing or music appreciation as a part of home demonstration meetings during the year.

c. Evaluation

- (1) Interest shown in basketry meetings or other craft topics.
- (2) Number of handicraft articles made as reported on members check sheets.
- (3) Interest shown in art and music appreciation as recommended for monthly H. D. Meetings.

B. Federation Goals

1. Family Relations

Much interest was displayed in the Family Relations goal which was new in 1954 so that it was voted to continue this goal both at the Spring and Fall Planning meetings in 1954. The County goal chairman appointed in 1954 is to continue in this capacity in 1955. Each club has appointed a goal chairman for the year. In many cases these are the same leaders who served in 1954.

a. Procedures to be used

- (1) Training meetings for goal leaders - January and June 1955. These meetings will inform leaders on subject matter to be included for 5 minute discussion topics during the early months of the year and give training for the goal meeting topic "Developing Activities for Different Age Groups". The agents assisted by Co-chairman and local people will conduct the first training meeting and will have the assistance of the Rural Arts Specialist for the second meeting.
- (2) Topics to be stressed as a part of this goal during 1955 are:
Continue emphasis on Family Fun at Home.
Have 5 minute discussion on Growing Old Gracefully and Pleasantly at 2 meetings.
Have 5 minute discussion devoted to Religious Training in the Home at 2 meetings.
Cooperate with Youth Chairman in securing 4-H club leaders.
Encourage the reading of books either from home or county or other library.

b. Evaluation

- (1) Attendance of leaders at training meeting.
- (2) Number of Family Fun nights held.
- (3) Number of books added to home libraries.
- (4) Number times books borrowed from libraries.
- (5) Number books read.
- (6) Observation by agents, co. chairman and club chairman on interest shown.
- (7) Interest and results of goal meeting in September.

2. Health and Safety

Clubs were given a choice of this year as to whether they wished to take one goal the entire year or take two goals and spend 6 months on each of them. 5 or 6 of the clubs elected to spend the entire year on Family Life. All other clubs will spend 6 months on Family Relations and Health Safety. The latter is also a continuation from 1954.

a. Procedures to be used

- (1) A training meeting for goal leaders will be held in May. Much the same procedure will be used as the Family Life goal concentrating on this the latter part of the year. The goal meeting topic is Health Insurance for the month of October. The agents assisted by local people will give the training for this topic.
- (2) Topics to be stressed are:
 - A better understanding of Mental Illness.
 - Correction of at least 2 Home Safety hazards.
 - Discussions on highway courtesy.
 - Encourage physical check-ups.

b. Evaluation

- (1) Attendance of leaders at training meetings.
- (2) Number members having physical check-ups.
- (3) Number of Home Safety hazards corrected.
- (4) Number of people having Health Insurance and number new this year.
- (5) Observation by agents, co. chairman and club chairman on interest shown in topics.
- (6) Interest and results of goal meeting in October.

C. Other Activities

1. County objectives

- a. Augusta County will be hostess for the District Federation to be held sometime during the spring of 1955. We plan to have the clubs cooperate in assisting with the arrangements for this meeting and to have a good attendance at the meeting.
- b. Augusta County will be a 100% county as far as paying State Federation dues. Clubs will be encouraged to collect Pennies for Friendship, make contributions to CROP, etc. We hope to have a good representation at the State Federation meeting in late July.
- c. The big objective in 1955 is to revive the interest of non-active members and as new members are added to make them new, active members. Although we had a much better record as to Standard clubs in 1954 this can be improved. Clubs who did not complete Standard club goals will be encouraged to try a bit harder.
- d. If there is a county fair we hope to have H. D. clubs put on educational exhibits.

2. Result demonstrations

Result demonstrations are being continued on storage, bathroom installation, putting in water and Kitchen improvement for 1954. Yard Improvement is also being continued and we hope to be able to do a bit more on this than in 1954. Each club has been asked to send in the names of interested homemakers. Home visits will be made to plan and give assistance to these women as needed. Some of the monthly demonstrations will be of assistance. Evaluation will be made through before or after pictures or observation of progress made or continued from 1954. Specialist help will be used if necessary as arrangements can be made. Clubs will have also been encouraged to organize Community TOPS clubs serving members and non-members where interest is shown.

3. County project

While not included in this years planning in September 1954 the equipping of new kitchen which is in the new county office building may become a county project for all clubs to work on during the latter half of the year.

4. National Home Demonstration Week

A committee will meet in late January or early February to plan county activities for National Home Demonstration Week and to make recommendations for things to be done by local clubs.

5. Achievement Day

A special committee will be appointed by the County Executive Committee to plan a good program in November 1955.

6. Work in unorganized communities

The home agent has held several meetings with a group in the Pines Chapel neighborhood near Greenville. This will be continued on an unorganized basis until enough leadership is built up to warrant an organized H. D. club. Other neighborhoods which express interest will be worked with as time permits.

III. 4-H Club Work

A. Project Work

1. Clothing projects

a. Looking Your Best

16 of the 4-H clubs are taking this project during the winter of 1954-55. A plan for the year was worked out at the planning meeting held June 30, 1954 to cover six selected phases of the project outline. These include: Rating Yourself, Washing Sweater, Pressing Wool, Put in that Hem, Care for Your Hair, and Care for Your Teeth. These demonstrations are being given by the agents, adult leaders or junior leaders at monthly club meetings. It is hoped to use a movie in connection with the latter topic.

b. Make and Remake

Two of the Senior clubs are taking this project as a winter project and some of the other Senior clubs will take this during the summer of 1955. Agents, leaders and junior leaders have been giving the demonstrations in connection with this project.

c. So You'd Like To Sew

This project is being taken by 5 of the Junior (5th. grade) girls' clubs. Demonstrations are being given by leaders assisted by junior leaders or other adult project leaders, the agents, etc. in four different articles they will make as part of their project.

2. Food Preparation

Two of the Junior 4-H clubs who have two of our Senior 4-H club members as adult leaders are taking this project meeting at night or on Saturday for project instruction. The agents have not had to work too closely with these groups because both of these groups have the best of leadership.

3. Safety

Three of the Junior 4-H clubs are taking this project this year as a winter project. Since this is a new project to the county they are stressing Correct Lighting in the Home, improving posture, home safety hazards, highway safety hazards, safety talk by State Police Officer. Movies will be used to illustrate home and highway safety hazards and club members will be given an opportunity to correct as many of these as possible.

4. Food Preservation

Canning and freezing of foods will be taken as a summer project. Demonstrations by the girls as well as judging will be encouraged in so far as possible. It is hoped to train some adult leaders in the spring so

far as possible. It is hope to train some adult leaders in this Spring so that they can go ahead with this and other summer projects during the summer months.

5. Farm and Home Electric project
With the cooperation of the Virginia Electric and Power Company and the REA Cooperative in the county we plan to hold some evening workshops with the older 4-H boys and girls during the month of March and also have some classes at County 4-H Camp in July to train club members in giving demonstrations. We plan to have an enrollment of at least 12 boys and 12 girls (more if interest is shown) who will complete projects and to send one boy and one girl to the State Electric Congress in September 1955.
6. Older girls will be encouraged to carry miscellaneous projects suited to their home situation such as laundry, ironing, room improvement, house-keeping, etc.

B. Other Activities

1. National 4-H Club Week
Special emphasis will be given to the Augusta County 4-H program during National 4-H Club Week by planning some county activities such as radio broadcasts, special newspaper publicity. Every club will be encouraged to observe the week with a local observance of some type. Exhibits, bulletin boards, Parent nights and other local observations will be planned. Posters will be displayed in public places in each community.
2. County 4-H Camp
We plan to hold a well organized camp in the summer of 1955 in the adjoining county - Albermarle County 4-H Camp. Plans for this will be made during January and February, training given if needed and capable staff members secured. We will have the cooperation of the electric power suppliers for this area for conduct of one of the camp classes.
3. Contests
Club members will be encouraged to hold local contest, practice giving demonstrations and county judging with winner taking part in county and area contests. A new contest "Share the Fun" is being sponsored by the County 4-H Honor Club during National 4-H club week.
4. Community Activities
Clubs with good local leadership will be encouraged to be active in community affairs, assist with drives and other community welfare work during the year.
5. Rural Life Sunday
Rural Life Sunday will be observed cooperatively with local Home Demonstration clubs or other community groups. 4-H club members will help plan and participate in the services where possible to do so.
6. 4-H Officers Training School
A 4-H officers training school will be held in December 1954 to enable club officers, leaders and parents to be trained in their part in the 4-H club program.
7. Achievement Day
Achievement Day will be held during November 1954 with a well-planned program. Members and leaders will be recognized for outstanding project work.

IV. Young Men and Young Women's Work

A. Program Areas

1. All Star Chapter

The All Star Chapter plans to hold four regular meetings during the year, secure the interest of club members in the new All Star Key award program, and assist in other phases of the County 4-H club program where possible to do so. A banquet is planned for March 4th. for adult leaders, Honor club members and all former All Stars with a speaker from the International Youth Exchange in Washington. This was a very successful last year and they hope to make it even more successful in 1955.

2. Work with young homemakers in the H. D. program. Young homemakers who are members of the H. D. clubs are being encouraged to take part in a special interest group on money management during February as well as regularly scheduled parts of the county H. D. program. Individual work will be carried on with this group as requests are made for help and as time permits.
3. Young Men's and Women's Club Interest has been expressed in the formation of a Young Men's and Women's club in Augusta County in addition to the All Star group. Rockingham County has offered to assist a group in organizing. The Extension workers will assist this group in any way possible in an advisory capacity.

B. Activities

Specific activities have been planned with the exception of those mentioned above. Young men and women will be encouraged to take part in activities as they come up and will be encouraged to send representatives to State camp and other district or inter-state meetings during the year.

V. Farm and Home Development

Since Augusta County is one of the pilot counties in Virginia to concentrate on getting this phase of the extension program under way in 1955 the following procedures will be used:

1. Presentation of plans to County Board of Supervisors in December.
2. Staff conference of Extension workers on procedures to follow - early January.
3. Joint meeting of County Board of Agriculture, County Home Demonstration Committee, Key 4-H club leaders and extension staff to discuss program and to pick the area within the county with which the extension personnel will work - Late January. A special committee from this group may be the actual working committee to select the area if it is not done at the above meeting.
4. The area to be selected will contain 50 to 60 families but the goal for the first year will be a maximum of 30 families. This number will depend on the procurement of two additional extension workers.
5. After the area is picked a meeting will be held for all interested families in the area and work will be started with individual families as the program progresses and interest is shown.
6. Regular staff conferences will be held with the County Agent as chairman to keep the extension staff informed of progress and cooperation needed.
7. Other professional workers will be asked to attend a meeting in early February to inform them of the program and how they can cooperate with the Extension workers in helping individual families with their problems.

VI. Scope of Work

A. Organization	No. in 1951	No. in 1952	No. in 1953	No. in 1954	v1955 Goal
Number of home demonstration clubs	27	329	29	31	32
Membership	1004	891	990	1065	1100
Number of 4-H clubs	21	21	24	30	30
Membership	603	620	665	698	700
Number of young men and women's clubs	1	1	1	1	2
Membership	19	23	24	25	40
Number other organizations (Markets)	2	2	2	2	2

VI. Use of Organizations to strengthen 1955 Extension program

A. County Home Demonstration Committee

Two meetings of this committee will be held during the year for a check on progress made, and a means for planning the 1956 program to meet existing conditions. Frequent check-ups will be taken at club meetings on the progress of the club program and completion of standard club goals. The public will be informed of the vital parts of the county program and the progress and importance of these. Executive committee meetings of this group will be held as necessary, also special committee meetings to plan for county-wide events. A year book will be prepared by a committee assisted by the Home Agents to furnish information and encouragement to the Home Demonstration program.

B. The County Board of Agriculture has met separately from the County H. D. Committee as far as planning is concerned up to now. Since a joint meeting of this group is being arranged to plan the Farm and Home Development program it is hoped that at least one other joint meeting of this group can be held connection with planning the 1956 county program.

C. County 4-H Council

Two meetings one in spring, the other in the fall will be held to check on goals and accomplishments in the present years program and to plan for another year's work. Special committees will plan for county-wide activities such as National 4-H Week, County 4-H Camp, contests and Achievement Day.

D. County 4-H Honor Club

The County Honor Club is holding regular meetings every other month. Members of this group are older club boys and girls selected on the basis of work accomplished. They will serve as Junior leaders and assist with various phases of the 4-H program where needed. Their major project in 1955 in addition to recreation at regular meetings will be the sponsorship of the County Share the Fun Contest during National 4-H Club Week in March.

E. County All Star Chapter

This group will hold 4 regular meetings and plan for worthwhile activities to hold their group together. Members of this group will be used to act as 4-H leaders, counselors at County 4-H Camp, assist with Achievement Day, etc.

F. County 4-H Project Planning Committee

Planning for a good attendance seems to be the main factor in planning for 4-H project work for the 1955-56 year. 4-H club leaders and interested older club members from each club have been comprising this committee. This year we hope to schedule a meeting jointly in connection with the spring 4-H Council meeting instead of waiting until after school is concluded for the summer.

VIII. Plan for Leadership

A. Home Demonstration

	No. in 1951	No. in 1952	No. in 1953	No. in 1954	Goal 1955
Number Project Leaders (subject matter)	162	169	228	239	273
Number federation goal chairman	54	56	58	56	62
Number program development leaders	27	29	29	31	32
Number of result demonstrators	50	57	39	64	65
Number meetings at which leaders were trained by specialist	5	6	9	5	5
Number meetings at which leaders were trained by district agents	1	3	2	1	2
Number meetings at which leaders were trained by agent	22	12	7	8	6
Attendance at training meetings	866	558	602	567	600
Number club meetings held by leaders without agent present	235	221	210	229	250
Number club meetings in which leaders assisted	150	156	170	175	180
Total number of demonstrations given by leaders	235	197	210	192	200
Total number of talks or discussions by leaders	286	360	365	381	385

Project leaders will include foods, yard improvement, craft and home management leaders in 1955. These leaders will be trained by specialists and agents when a specialist help is not available.

Federation goal chairman will receive training to speak on 5 minute discussion topics at monthly meetings on various phases of the goal objectives as well as training for the goal meetings in the fall.

Program development leaders will receive training in February then go back to their clubs for discussions on the program for 1965 in March, April and May with the county planning meeting to follow in June.

The number of result demonstrators for 1955 is an estimate as all names have not yet been sent in. These demonstrations will be helpful individually or in special interest groups to be arranged if there are enough in any one subject.

B. A 4-H officers training school will be held early in December, 1954 to acquaint club officers with their duties.

The number of training meetings for 4-H club leaders needs to be increased. This year we hope to train leaders in the spring who can go ahead with most of the instruction for summer projects. Home Demonstration Club Youth Chairmen will assist in getting additional project leaders among their membership to receive this training. We hope to have a meeting for Youth Chairmen to initiate this undertaking.

	No. in 1951	No. in 1952	No. in 1953	No. in 1954	Goal 1955
No. 4-H club officers	100	100	115	175	200
No. adult project leaders	18	24	24	33	36
No. junior project leaders	10	12	10	14	15
No. result demonstrators			3	4	4
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by specialist					1
No. meetings at which leaders were by district agent			1		
No. meetings at which leaders were trained agent	14	7	7	1	5
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by personnel in 4-H Department			1	3	2
Attendance at leader training meetings	359	43	133	181	185
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	10	18	24	28	30
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	49	45	47	72	75
No. club meetings at which leader assisted	215	250	250	260	260
No. demonstrations given by adult leaders	49	85	55	53	55
No. demonstrations given by junior leaders	38	40	60	65	70

C. Young Men and Women's Clubs

Number of club officers	5	5	5	5	9
Number adult leaders or sponsors	1	1	1	1	2

We hope to use Home Demonstration club youth chairmen to interest young men and women in the proposed Y. M. W. group which will attempt to organize early in 1955 with the assistance of the Rockingham County Y. M. W. group. Officers, leaders and sponsors will be helped individually as needed by the agents. Depending on the program which already trained or will be given necessary training.

IX. Plans for Work with Other Agencies

A. County Health Department

The home agents will secure the cooperation of the county health department in any project with which they can help, also assist them in any way that we can cooperate with them.

B. Dairy Council

The home agents work whenever possible with the district Dairy Council office in this area. Often we secure illustrative material in connection with our programs as well as films.

C. Red Cross and Civil Defense Agencies

We cooperate whenever possible with these agencies and get assistance on goal and other phases of our program. Other H. D. clubs secure speakers through these agencies.

D. Government Agencies

We will cooperate in any possible way with any of the government agencies as well as secure their aid with Extension programs if needed.

X. Plans for Developing Good Public Relations

A. Elected representatives

Monthly reports of extension activities will be made to the Board of Supervisors through-out the year. ~~At the close of the year.~~ At the close

of the year one copy of the annual report will be filed with this group, then a summary of the years work given to each member of the board. Copies of the 1955 Home Demonstration year book have been given to them and their names are included in the book this year.

B. General public

The general public will be kept informed of extension activities through news stories and feature articles in the newspapers and weekly broadcasts over the radio. Special publicity will be given during National 4-H Club Week, National Home Demonstration Week and for other special events.

Co-workers

Office conferences with co-workers will be held as often as possible. Daily contacts and friendly relations will do much toward fostering congeniality with co-workers.

Relationships with specialists will be strengthened by having leader training meetings planned well in advance, and having all requested supplies on hand. Reports that are requested will be sent in promptly.

Relationship with district and state administrative staff will be strengthened by answering requests for information and sending in reports promptly. The home agents will strive to carry out instructions for conducting and improving work in the county as suggestions are made.

C. Commercial interest

The home agents hope to continue the excellent cooperation they have had with and from commercial interests in the past. This will be done through friendly contacts and impartial treatment of commercial competitors.

E. Other Professional Workers

The home agents will distribute bulletins to other professional workers as these are sent from V. P. I., assist them when help is needed and enlist interest in various activities with which they might cooperate with us.

XI. Evaluation of 1955 program

Each subject matter section of the report has been followed with criteria which will be used in evaluating progress and results of these programs as they occur.

A calendar of activities for the year in detail (with copy for the assistant agents) will be used to check accomplishments and results periodically. This calendar will include work to be done each month, who will take the major responsibility, comments of agents as to value of teaching methods used, changes in practices adopted and changes in attitudes of people.

In addition we will ask leaders to send in a check sheet following their monthly demonstrations so that training may be improved. A reporters form is also being used this year in order to get more accurate information on meetings held, attendance and meeting places for the following month.

4-H club work will be evaluated on the basis of total percentage of project completion, project completion in various subject matter phases, any increase in leadership, number of meetings the leaders conduct without agent, comparison between number of members at beginning and end of the year, etc.

XII. Plans for Professional Improvement

- A. Organized study
No organized study is planned for 1954.
- B. Reading Professional Literature
The home agents try to keep in touch with current home economics developments as well as extension education publications through reading farm magazines, home economics magazines, etc.
- C. Membership in Professional Organizations
The home agent and assistant home agent both belong to the National Home Demonstration Agents Association and the National Home Economics Association. The home agent is a member of the National Business and Professional Women's Club and holds an office in the Staunton club.
The home agent hopes to attend the State Home Economics meeting in March 1955 and if possible the National Home Agents meeting in Seattle this fall.
- D. Participation in Programs and Workshops Planned by Other Organizations
The home agents will show their interest in the programs and workshops of other organizations by participating or cooperating if the opportunities present itself.
- E. Planned Educational Trips
No trip is planned at this date but would like to go through the Bureau of Home Economics laboratories at Beltsville, Maryland sometime this year.

XIII. Plans for a Unified County Extension Program

The staff conferences of County Extension workers on the Farm and Home Development Program and the joint meetings of the County Board of Agriculture and the Home Demonstration Executive Committee on this same program we hope will open the way for a joint meeting later in the year on planning other phases of the County Extension program. Because of the fact that planning activities have come at different times of the year for the agricultural and home demonstration programs having joint meetings of this group haven't seemed feasible heretofore but at least one will be attempted in 1955.

XIV. Most Difficult Problems in Carrying Out the Extension Program in Augusta County

1. Urban problem
Because of the increasing urbanization of the area around the cities of Staunton and Waynesboro this problem comes up occasionally. Women living in the city belong to some of the Home Demonstration clubs out in the county and wish to bring in more urban members or organized clubs within the city limits. The club at Waynesboro while originally outside the city limits now has more urban members than rural. We have met this problem in the past by explanation of the county extension set-up and will continue to do so as the problem comes up.
2. Find Active 4-H Leaders
In some communities we still lack active 4-H leaders. We are in hopes to locate interested parents or home demonstration members who might help out in some of these cases. Perhaps we can start by getting them to help as project leaders and gradually enlist more assistance.
3. Keeping Interest of Older 4-H Members
It has been more difficult to hold the interest of older 4-H members because of the consolidation of the school.

We feel the increasing activities of the Honor Club has been one solution to this problem. Division of the junior clubs into smaller groups enable better project completion and more individual attention and we hope more interest as girls graduate into High School.

4. Shortage of Secretarial Help

With only one extension secretary for five agents the home agent has not been able to do some of the things which would help keep 4-H leaders better informed. Since we are to have a second secretary, if one can found, it is hoped that gradually such things as monthly news letters and other things to promote both 4-H and Home Demonstration activities can be added.