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### III. SCOPE OF WORK

#### A. Home Demonstration Clubs

No. 11 Membership 235

Other groups sponsored by Home Demonstration Agent

No. Negro: 1 Membership 15

#### B. 4-H Clubs

No. 12 Membership 253

#### C. Older Youth Groups

No. 1 Membership 25

D. Number reached through special classes taught by agent 0

E. Number reached through neighborhood and community leaders 600

F. Estimate total number of families reached 1000

Number of farm families in County 2198

### IV. ORGANIZATION - Changes and new developments

#### A. County Home Demonstration Committee.

The membership of the committee is made up of the presidents of the 12 home demonstration clubs, three members of the Executive Committee who are ex-presidents of their clubs, and the County Federation Goal Chairman, making a total membership of 16. The Executive Committee is comprised of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, of which two are elected each year. Some home demonstration women who have been helping promote the work for years are invited to attend the annual planning meeting as members at large.

The function of the committee is to make and help execute plans for carrying on the home demonstration work in the county. The committee meets once or twice each year. The Spring meeting was held in May at which time plans were made for continuing the year's work and planning toward another year's program. The treasurer gave a good report with 11 clubs paying Federation dues. One club was discontinued at the April meeting and paid dues for one half the year. This leaves 12 H. D. Clubs.

The County Home Demonstration Committee Planning meeting was held in September, and was attended by representatives from six clubs, the District Agent, a visiting Home Agent, members at large and

several visitors representing the T.B. Association, Bond Drive Committee and Pechontas Fuel Company. A new Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer were selected. It was decided that Health be continued as the Federation Goal since the Committee felt that more work could be done on this even if it had been the goal for the past two years. The Committee planned the program to fit the present needs in the County. One meeting will be given to Health, others to a study of new household equipment which will appear on the market. Other demonstrations planned were rug making, landscaping, hat and bag remodeling, slip covering, dry cleaning, eradication of household pests, and a study of kitchen arrangements. The program was planned so that any new developments in home making can be included where the need arises.

**B. County Agriculture Board.**

The Taxewell County Board of Agriculture is made up of the Chairman and Co-Chairman of each of the 15 communities of the county, making a total of 30 community chairmen - 15 men and 15 women. The communities are divided into 79 Neighborhoods. The Neighborhood leader set up has not been completed and some Neighborhoods do not have leaders. In others they are working very well. This year, the organization promoted the production goals program with such interest shown. The Board has also assisted in the Bond Drives. In some communities, the Red Cross Drive was worked by the Community Chairmen and Neighborhood leaders. The Professional Workers have assisted in the various communities with these programs.

**C. County 4-H Council.**

The County 4-H Council organized in February 1944, has increased in interest and ability to conduct meetings and make plans for the County. At their first meeting of this year, they planned a County program for the year and appointed committees to work out plans for contests and prizes and for Achievement Day. These committees met in June and made definite plans for completing the year's program of work. Program, reception and recreation committees were named for Achievement Day. Results will be given at the end of the year.

The County 4-H Council helped with the Achievement Day program held in October as planned at the June meeting. The program was worked out through the 13 clubs in the County. The members of the Council were responsible for the attendance, transportation and recreation. The Chairman presided over the meeting and members of the Council gave club reports.

**D. Professional Workers Council.**

The Council is composed of Agriculture and Home Economics teachers, Farm Security Supervisors, AAA Clerk, a banker, the County Board

of Supervisors, the Chairman of the Agriculture Board, Public Welfare Staff, County Health Staff, County Superintendent of Schools and Extension Service Agents of Taxewell County.

After a period of inactivity the Council was called together by the farm and home agents in May for reorganization and planning. It was decided to hold regular monthly meetings. Plans were made for helping with the 7th War Loan Drive. At the June meeting of the Council, reports were given on progress of the drive in the various communities.

The Professional Workers Council has a regular monthly luncheon meeting and is attended by a good majority of its members. Goals have been suggested to work toward and are being drawn up and discussed. These goals include 4-H Club work.

## V. LEADERSHIP

### A. Adult Work.

Each of the 11 Home Demonstration clubs has the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer. Some clubs have a reporter and others let the Secretary act as reporter. A meeting of the County H. D. Committee was held in May with a small attendance. A report of the Fall meeting will be given at the end of the year.

Each club has two project leaders whose duty is to attend leader's training meetings and give a set number of the demonstrations in their clubs. These leaders were to give or help with 4 of the demonstrations this year. The first training meeting held was on clothing and was attended by 15 women who gave much help in the meetings on clothing in March and April. The second training meeting was on planning for the canning season and was attended by 10 women who showed enthusiastic interest and gave the demonstrations in the clubs in May in the absence of the Agent. A third training meeting which was on refinishing furniture was attended by eight leaders. They gave help with the demonstration in June.

The project leaders have given approximately 45 days in attending meetings and giving demonstrations.

The garden and poultry leaders have had two training meetings for the year. The first was well attended and the leaders returned to their clubs with enthusiasm about the meeting and gave splendid reports. The second meeting was not so well attended, but those who did attend took advantage of the opportunity to get much desired information from the specialists. Fifteen days have been given by these leaders. One of these leaders gave her club a demonstration on how to candle eggs.

The Federation Goal Chairman has charge of the club's goal on Health, the County Federation Goal for the year. A study of the reports on the Rural Health and Medical Care Situation in Virginia is being reported in the clubs by these leaders. In some clubs they have reported on the use of the community home nursing sponsored by the club.

The War Information leaders give information and lead a discussion on subjects that come up in the meetings along this line. The Agent has sent out material monthly to these leaders for their reports.

The Community Neighborhood leaders have done their job in some communities while in others they have not been acting. Some good work has been accomplished by them in bond and Red Cross drives.

#### B. 4-H Club Work.

##### 1. Adult 4-H Leaders.

In the beginning of the year there were only 4 active adult 4-H leaders and several teachers who acted as sponsors. Leaders have been sought and trained in the various clubs. Of the 12 clubs, 5 now have adult leaders who help with organization and project work. One club has 3 adult project leaders.

##### 2. Junior Leaders.

More effort has been given to training junior leaders. Three clubs have high school girls, who are older members, acting as project leaders. There are 8 of these leaders. Club Officers have been given training and much improvement has been accomplished in conducting meetings. These officers have been helpful in checking up on members to keep them in the club and have them keep up their records. The report at the end of the year is expected to show an increase in percentage of records collected.

When plans were made for carrying the bread project in the Cedar Bluff 4-H Club, the officers divided the 28 members into groups for project leaders they had helped select. The members were grouped according to convenience to the leader's home. Then the Agent visited the leaders selected to give them the material needed and explanation of how to carry out the demonstrations. The girls are to follow up the demonstrations with practice, then bring samples of their bread for exhibit at the regular club meetings during the summer. Good results are expected from this club.

### C. Older Youth.

The one Older Youth Club in the County has no adult leader except the County Home and Farm Agent. But within their own group, they have capable leadership in three young lady teachers and others with leadership ability. The club selected Health for their project for the year. They are studying and discussing in their meetings the Rural Health and Medical Care Situation in Virginia.

The Rural Youth Club worked up an Agricultural exhibit for the County Fair. Along with the work on Health, the club has been working on securing an abandoned school house from the County, which they plan to remodel and convert into a Community House. One Community meeting was held, sponsored by the Rural Youth Club, and the older people of the Community agreed to help with the project. Funds have been raised through the efforts of the group toward the remodeling expenses. The 4-H Club in the Community has offered its help.

## VI. RESULTS

### A. Home Demonstration Clubs.

#### 1. Project work.

##### a. Foods

##### (1) Production.

Assistance on production this year has been given mainly through the garden and poultry leaders. These leaders give a short report at each club meeting and usually there is a discussion on questions from the members into which the Agent enters. They have been encouraged to improve their garden soil through use of cover crops and other ways to add humus. The women have become more interested in knowing their fertilizer and how it should be used. Early and late garden has been emphasized. They have been given help on acquiring better seed and disease free plants.

A special meeting for men and women was held in Taxewell with a garden specialist speaking on better practices in gardening. Two training meetings for leaders were held this year and many people have received help from the specialists.

(2) Conservation.

The program this year has not carried so much on food conservation as last year, but people feel the need of conservation ever more. They have received information on it through the War Information leaders in the clubs.

The demonstration in May was on planning for the canning season. In this the women were given ideas and plans for making the canning season easier by arrangement and preparation ahead of time. They have been given the latest bulletins on food preservation.

Comparatively few women in this county use pressure cookers. The Agent has stressed the value of them in time and labor saving as well as safety in canning. Many women are anxious to buy them when they are available. One club has bought one and are keeping it in use, passing it from one member to another during the canning season.

Club members and others are encouraged to use the community cannery at Cedar Bluff. The patronage has increased and many farm people are finding it of great value to them. The Agent has acquired information and given help to a committee who are interested in establishing a cannery in another part of the county.

(3) Nutrition.

Two of this year's demonstrations are concerned with nutrition. In January the demonstration was on Health and was approached from the standpoint of good nutrition as the basis of good health. The women were given help in planning better breakfasts. In August the demonstration is on Meal Planning for Busy Days. Results on this will be given at the end of the year.

The demonstration on Meal Planning for Busy Days was taken up from the standpoint of time saving yet having nutritious meals. Menus and recipes were given to the women along with several ideas on ways to save steps in the kitchen while preparing the meal. 18 out of 40 women reported planning meals by the Basic 7 Rules.

b. Clothing.

(1) Consumer Problem.

A program of 3 months on clothing was given in the spring. The

first month was spent on selection of patterns, materials and color. The problem of designs suited to the figure was demonstrated by showing good and bad designs. Although materials were limited, samples of those available were displayed and discussed.

Forty club members report that they have made 174 new garments this year. Many of the women feel the help they have received on clothing construction has benefited them greatly.

Information on consumer problems was given monthly by the War Information leaders. Bulletins and leaflets were distributed on judging of fabrics, etc.

(2) Conservation.

- (a) The women are conscious of the importance of clothing and much making over and re-dyeing has used most of the materials to be found in the homes.

Forty women reported remodeled 77 old garments, made 110 garments from feed bags.

In November a hat and bag remodeling demonstration has been given. Fifteen hats have been remodeled and many bags are being remodeled or made from scrapes of material.

This demonstration has been so popular that most of the clubs have asked to continue some of this work along throughout the year.

(b) Sewing Machine Clinics.

The sewing machine clinic work done in 1944 has had a good carry over. The women have helped others outside the club clean and improve their machines. The Agent has continually given help and information on machines that were out of order.

One club is repeating the clinic as a club choice demonstration for the sake of new members and because they want to learn more about it. 18 members reported cleaning a sewing machine.

(3) Construction.

The demonstrations in March and April were on construction of clothing. A training meeting was held for project leaders who helped the Agent with these meetings. In the March meetings

instruction was given in adjusting laying and cutting the pattern. In these meetings 25 garments were cut and started in construction. In the April meetings the garments were brought back to the club for demonstration on construction and finishes. From these meetings the women learned much more about correct and easier methods of construction of garments at home. Several women who had never made a garment made a good start in learning to sew in these meetings. By making their own, they can use old garments, feed bags and other materials they had at home while goods is so scarce.

c. House

(1) House Repair.

Help has been given on plans for remodeling or rearranging for convenience. Upon request people have been given information on control of termites.

Since the ending of the war people have become house conscious and many are building or remodeling. In October the Agent included in the demonstration on Arrangement of the House, information on better house planning and lighting features.

(2) Home Safety.

A report on what has been done on this will be given at the end of the year.

Home Demonstration members reported almost 100% rearranging their medicine cabinets, marking all poisons clearly and destroying old medicines.

d. House Furnishings.

(1) Conservation.

In the June demonstration on Furniture Repair and Refinishing, such interest was in evidence. Women have found that the old things they can fix up are better than they can buy now. Cupboards, tables, dressers, chairs etc. have been refinished to such satisfaction that the women are eager to do more of the pieces they have. In one club, a beautiful old cherry cupboard was cleaned and refinished for the hostess. Then a good drop leaf table was brought out of the attic and some old chairs and picture frames gathered up. Also old dishes for accessories

were brought out of the pantry. Arrangement of a lovely dining room was shown when her pieces are finished. She was glad to know she would not need to buy the dining room suite she had been seeking in stores. A complete report of the number of pieces refinished will be given in the final report.

One member has completely refurnished a living room from old furniture that she has done over. An old rug has been used, old picture frames refinished and new prints added. Unbleached domestic draperies at the windows lighten the room. This room has been used as a result demonstration in the Heissevain Club and has proven many good points on conservation of furniture and materials to the club members.

Members reported 17 pieces of furniture refinished; 13 slip covers made; 8 pieces of furniture repaired and 5 pieces remodeled.

(2) Construction.

In the December meeting demonstrations were given on making rugs from old clothing as well as new yarns. Also suggestions were given on quilt making. Results of this will be given in the fall report.

Very little work has been done in rug making. The County Committee asked for more help on this and it will be taken up in December and January. The December meeting will be used to demonstrate types of rugs that can be made and in January rug construction will actually be done by the members.

e. Home Management.

A demonstration on Home Laundry was planned for the September meeting. Results will be given in the final report.

The Home Laundry demonstration helped the club members with their ironing problems, as well as with the actual laundry. The easier way of ironing a shirt has been adopted by most of the members. In some communities the demonstration was offered to fit the conditions found there. Two communities have no electricity, but are expecting to get a line through within a year. In these the importance of careful buying of electrical equipment and planning for convenient wiring was stressed. At each meeting the women were urged to plan a work center in their homes to take care of the laundering and cleaning equipment. It was suggested that they take advantage of the Farm House Plans that are available from The Extension Division at Blacksburg. Out of 40 women reporting, 21 reported using better ironing and laundering methods; 16 hanging

clothes to better advantage; 21 making soap; 19 improving in storage of clothing and household equipment.

Help has been given on household equipment while having the furniture demonstrations. Suggestions have been given on kitchen arrangement from time to time. Then in the demonstration on planning for the canning season, women were shown how to make a canning stand from an old washstand, to save steps and time in the kitchen.

At each of the club meetings a living room was completely rearranged for better living purposes. One dining room was rearranged and one bed room. Members reported that 20 living rooms; 9 dining rooms; 11 bed rooms, and 8 basements have been rearranged since the October meetings.

The two farm and home unit demonstrators have been given help on keeping home accounts. These demonstrators have also been given help in kitchen planning, renewing old furniture and house arrangement.

#### f. Consumer Problems.

Consumer problems have been dealt with in the demonstrations on the various subjects such as clothing, furniture, house furnishings, sewing machine repair, and food conservation. Valuable information in this has come in the War Information reports also. Articles along this line have been used in the local paper as such as possible.

#### g. Markets.

There is no organized market belonging to the farm women in the County. However, because of the nearby coal camps and the short distance to the city of Bluefield, the farm people have a good individual marketing system and make a lot of their income in this way. Many who have no way of transportation send things to market by their neighbors.

Mrs. Fred Stowers, farm and home unit demonstrator, does an excellent job of marketing farm produce. She lives where she has easy access to Bluefield and produce is taken there once a week. She raises around 350 chicks each year and sells dressed fryers and hens. She keeps around 150 hens and last winter was selling 35 to 40 dozen eggs per week. Last year, she raised 150 turkeys for the market.

They milk a number of cows and sell butter and buttermilk. She sells the pork of as many as 5 hogs. She sells as many as 200 bushels of apples when the crop is good and surplus vegetables from the home garden are sold. This woman works hard, but is happy that she has this opportunity to make money on farm produce. She is very much interested in using it to make home improvements.

Mrs. Stowers takes advantage of the services of the County Agent. In October the turkeys took blackhead and were dying. Mrs. Stowers called for help and the County and Home Agent vaccinated 150 turkeys for her. Mrs. Stowers, her husband and son learned to give the serum. Next year, she plans to vaccinate before the trouble develops.

## 2. Home Demonstration Club Activities.

### A. Federation Goal

In the planning meeting the County Home Demonstration Committee decided to continue Health as the Federation Goal for another year. Work on the community home nursing kits has been continued, and they are being used in the community.

One club plans to sponsor a first-aid kit for the school. They also have a committee working on the summer round up program. Several clubs collected contributions on the infantile paralysis drive.

The Burkes Garden club has assembled a complete first-aid kit for the Burkes Garden school and is planning on keeping a sanitary kit stocked. They sponsored a pre-school clinic at which 30 children were given the necessary vaccination required before entering school. This community has been without a doctor for over a year and the pre-school clinic held at the school saved the parents a long trip across a mountain to get the children ready for school.

In January, each club had a demonstration on nutrition and health. Studies are being made of the work of the Virginia Rural Health and Medical Care Committee and reports will be given on this.

Members reported that 17 have had physical examinations this year and 27 have assembled medicine cabinets.

### b. Other Special Activities.

To help make club work assist more people and help win the war, the members have passed on information to people outside the clubs. They report information carried to 263 families and 36 demonstrations given to people outside the club.

Club members have cooperated in the salvage and other war effort program such as Bend Drives, the Red Cross Drive and Service Men's Club.

3. Account of Year's work of one Outstanding Club.

Taxewell Home Demonstration Club has made an outstanding record this year with an increase in enrollment and attendance and an increasing interest in the work. The officers and leaders have been regular and faithful to their duties. They have attended all of the county meetings and have given good reports. The project leaders have helped with two of the demonstrations and gave the canning demonstration in the absence of the agent. They will give the September demonstration. Two of the members are officers of the County Home Demonstration Committee. Another member is the County Federation Goal Chairman. She attended the district Federation meeting and gave the county report. This club has participated freely in all club activities and programs. In the clothing project, they made 6 garments under directions in the demonstrations. They are practicing better methods of canning with an interest in all new information available. They bought a pressure cooker with money received from an exhibit at the fair and are keeping it in use during canning season. They are cooperative and dependable when asked to help with county training meetings in furnishing equipment, supplies etc. They have sponsored one special meeting on gardening for the community. One member plans to hold a sewing machine clinic in another club in the absence of the agent in July.

4. Account of how a H. D. Club member has adjusted to war conditions.

Mrs. Lester Cox of Liberty Club has adjusted to much extra work under war conditions. Her husband being in the timber business has been hard pressed to meet the demands. She and her daughter have lent a hand by keeping up the work at home and assisting him as much as possible. While the daughter goes with father to cook for lumbermen and keep books on the business, mother keeps things going at home. With

hard work, they have made improvements. She is kept busy with housework and outside work but feels she is doing her part to win the war. She also has served as a leader in her H. D. Club and has done 4-H leadership in the past year.

B. Agricultural Boards.

In the absence of a county farm agent in the county this year, the Agricultural Board has not been very active. They sponsored the Production Goals program. The home agent attended the county meeting and helped spread the information. The agent has worked with members of the board in any way she could in individual communities.

C. 4-H Clubs.

1. Project Work

The 4-H Clubs chose to carry fewer projects this year and try to do a better job on them. During the winter and spring, they carried Clothing, Housekeeping or Stop Feed Waste. For summer projects, they took Bread or Canning. Some have taken Garden or Poultry also.

a. Bread

Plans were made in April or May in the clubs for carrying the bread project. In most of the clubs taking bread, project leaders were trained for giving the demonstrations. The girls will go to the homes of the leaders for the demonstrations. The agent has given some of the demonstrations. After the girls have made bread themselves, they will bring samples to the club meetings for judging. They will keep their record of the number of times they make bread. The projects will be judged with exhibits of bread and the record books in August or September. Results will be given at the end of the year.

Eighty-five girls completed the bread project. Several of these girls do all the bread making at home. They report an improvement in quality since taking the project.

b. Clothing.

The majority of the 12 clubs took the clothing project. It could not be carried out the same in all clubs as some were more advanced or had advantages over others. Beginners did something simple like a towel or scarf first to learn to turn hems, pin, baste and whip stitch. They then began a simple garment like a slip or breezstick skirt. On this they learned to make seams,

darts, gathers, plackets and button holes. Many finished them successfully. Some made more than one garment. Older girls have made skirts, slips, pajamas and dresses, learning to use commercial patterns. During the project the girls kept records of the mending, laundering and other things they did on their clothing. The clothing work was judged in each club and county winners are to be selected.

Clothing projects were judged and prizes awarded to the winners in November. The members made 245 new garments; remodeled 222 old garments; darned or mended 491 garments; laundred 655 and dry cleaned 345 garments.

c. Poultry.

Poultry project members were given manuals and instructions. They have kept records and reported at club meetings the progress of their project. Results will be given in the fall.

Two members carried poultry. One kept pullets for layers.

d. Gardening.

A few of the garden members selected the project last fall and began then by sowing cover crops. These cover crops of vetch made a good showing. Other members began the project in the spring. Some are growing tomatoes only while others are growing a number of vegetables. They were encouraged to grow sweet corn by blocking in different varieties that would mature in a follow up fashion. Garden exhibits will be held in the summer for judging.

Twenty-four members reported finishing the garden project. They estimated the garden produce as valued at \$598.00. Two boys, brothers sold the extra vegetables to a coal company and realized a profit of \$138.00 on one acre of garden.

e. Housekeeping.

This was one of the more popular projects since so many of the girls of this county are not on the farm and cannot carry farm projects. When given the manuals, each girl made her plan for carrying out her housekeeping job. They studied the manual, followed the plan, kept a record and reported each month what had been done. Demonstrations on bedmaking, table setting, etc. were

given either by the agent or a leader. The girls enjoyed this project and made improvements in keeping their rooms. Some of them made articles like table mats, dresser scarves, and rugs for the house. They contributed their share in carrying on the work in the home this year. These projects were judged for prizes in each club.

f. Stop Food Waste.

In this project the manuals and pamphlets on cooking vegetables were used. Discussions were held on ways of cooking vegetables. One club cooked and served a lunch as a demonstration. Cooking to avoid waste was stressed. The value of learning to eat all foods was discussed. Records were kept on cooking done at home and reports given at the meetings.

g. Canning.

Plans for the canning project were made with the girls in May and June. They were shown how to make their plan with their mother and how to keep the record of the amount canned. They were given bulletins on canning which show the correct procedure. Leaders were given the training on giving the canning demonstrations which are to be given in July. The girls will bring jars they have canned along with records to the August or September meeting for judging. Results on the project will be given later.

The canning project helped both the girls and their mothers, for 24 girls made canning plans, and 3 improved storage spaces for canned foods. Fifty-two girls reported helping can 4928 and 1272 cans canned alone. In September cans were judged and the best quality cans were opened in a club that had a local leader who had given two canning demonstrations to the girls.

2. Health.

Health in its relation to food has been discussed in the food project work. Help was given in planning balanced meals. Some girls have found from keeping personal accounts that they have been spending money for lunches that were not healthful. Girls are asked to check their accounts for amount spent for recreation in relation to amount spent on dental care and health. In the clothing project, girls are helped to become interested in good posture.

3. Community Activities of the Club.

The clubs have planned to have a recreational meeting sometime during

the summer. Parents will be invited to some of these. The clubs in one end of the county where several are close together will all meet together for a picnic in August. Six 4-H Clubs and one H. D. Club plan to participate in this. Each club is to take a part in the way of recreational leadership. At another place, two clubs plan to meet together for a day of recreation. Since county wide picnics or camps cannot be held these get-to-gethers will help encourage club enrollment. The only war work that has been done so far is buying of stamps and bonds. They sometimes answer the roll call with the amount spent on this since last meeting.

4. Brief account of Work of one Club.

Tannersville 4-H Club has a small enrollment of only 10 girls but they have done good work. They conduct their meetings well and keep good records. They carried the clothing project through the winter and spring months. First, each one made a towel or scarf to learn to use the needle and how to make a straight hem. Several did embroidery as extra work. They then started their garments and have made a skirt, dress or pajamas. One girl has made a very attractive dress for her clothing contest. She makes many of her dresses. These girls have given good reports on the mending and clothing care they have done at home. They are taking canning for the summer and their leaders will give them a demonstration. Results on their canning will be given at the end of the year.

D. Older Youth.

Shawver Mill Rural Youth Club is the only one in the county. They have a membership of 25. This year, they took Health for their project. They are making a study of the Rural Health and Medical Situation in Virginia and the recommendations for improvement with relation to their own community. This is done through group discussions and debates. Our debate is on hospitalization for farm families. Other activities of this club is assisting in Bond Drives, Red Cross, salvage programs, food preservation, community recreation, and the recreation program on 4-H Achievement Day.

E. Other Work Done by Home Demonstration Agent.

1. County home economics workers.

There is no County Organization of Home Economics Workers, but they are members of the Professional Workers Council and contact is made through this.

The Agent visits home economics departments whenever possible and exchanges information.

The Farm Security Home Management Supervisor and the agent cooperate whenever there is opportunity. She is invited and attends extension meetings whenever she can. A conference was held with the home economist for Pocahontas Fuel Company to plan feed work as not to have conflict and repetition in one part of the county.

As county chairman of the State Home Economics Association, the agent contacted each worker about membership in the association. No work has been done as a group.

2. County Nutrition Committee.

It seems this organization has been dropped. The home economics teachers are not interested or are too scattered to meet under the present difficulties of travel. The agent did what she could on the nutrition campaign through clubs and local papers.

3. Office of Civilian Defense.

The agent has offered her assistance and cooperated with this agency as much as possible.

4. Salvage Committee.

The committee has been assisted by contacting rural people and urging their participation in collections of waste fat, paper and clothing. Some of the H. D. Clubs worked on the United Clothing Collection and turned in good collections.

5. Rationing Board.

The agent was asked to help secure community service chairmen to give out information. The War Information leaders of the H. D. Clubs have been used in that capacity and the agent sends the material to them which the ration board supplies. This helps the leader to have information for her club direct from O.P.A. The agent continually has questions on rationing to answer in the clubs.

6. War Bond Committee.

Assistance is given on the Bond Drives through neighborhood leaders and club members. The Chairman of Sales in Women's Organizations,

has been given assistance in contacting leading women of the communities. In the 7th War Loan, the H. D. Agent as one of the professional workers of the county, served in aiding two communities with the drive.

7. School lunches.

There is no county wide school lunch program, but in schools that have it where the agent visits, she gives help in anyway she can. Bread recipes have been given to the cook in one lunch room. 4-H girls who help with the lunch room are given help in bread making in their club project.

8. Red Cross.

The agent was asked to enlist community chairmen for the Red Cross Drive and carry the materials out to them and give training as much as possible. This was done in 4 communities or neighborhoods. Club women have asked for sewing and knitting but the local chapter never has large enough allotment.

VII. APPRAISAL OF MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO COUNTY IN MEETING WAR NEEDS WHICH WAS MADE BY H. D. PROGRAM

The clothing project carried over 3 months in the spring gave the women help in selection of new materials and use of materials on hand when clothing materials are so scarce. Then the construction part of the project was accepted eagerly since they felt the need of knowing how to sew at home more than in ordinary times. Women who had not been making their own dresses learned to cut and construct a garment in these demonstrations. Also old garments were altered or made into new ones. Several women were making an effort to make their children some garments from old clothing handed to them since they could not buy ready made clothing or material. Help on this was greatly appreciated.

The 13 clubs in the county worked on this project and 25 or more garments were constructed in the process of learning.

Girls in 4-H clubs who have taken the clothing project have also appreciated the work since the things they make are nicer than they can get ready made. They have also been given help in repair and care of clothing and have done a great deal in keeping their own clothes in repair.