

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**COUNTY EXTENSION WORK**

**VIRGINIA AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICE**

**1958**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

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County Home Demonstration Agent

Your Soil for Better Growth" in January.

Follow up work continued from previous years on landscaping. Mr. Beecher, Specialist came to county one day for aiding families with specific landscaping problems. Agent has used bulletins and any information available to help families with landscaping. Information on Landscaping has <sup>been</sup> used in news articles, on radio and through personal contacts. Worked with 6 new families on landscaping and individual assistance.

Results--The ladies were most interested in Mr. Weddle's demonstration on Improving the Soil. 62% who answered questionnaires report having knowledge on how to make a compost as a result of this demonstration and a talk given by leaders in April to further emphasize this practice. 18% of the H. D. members reported making compost this year. H. D. members reported 346 shrubs planted in 1958.

Most of the families worked with on landscaping are continuing their projects. All have made some progress this year. A number of urban people have used Extension bulletins to aid them in planning their home grounds.

9. Recreation

Objectives: To create interest in organized recreation for groups in clubs and community groups. To draw families closer by wise use of family recreation. To have better planning for H. D. Club Recreational Meeting. To make annual picnic more than a meeting for eating only. To teach swimming and water safety.

several of the clubs have shown in the point system in 1956. The Rivermont Club has perhaps been as active as any club. The president, Mrs. Cecil Burke is very young, and has only been an N. D. member for 2½ years. While this club has been organized for sometime there have been 4 or 5 new members who have really given it a shot in the arm this year. The club has been represented at every meeting held, I believe. The club has been trying to build up the Community Center, and has completed three projects for this year. Counters were installed and painted, radiators painted, swings added to playground and 12 folding chairs given to the center. The leaders in the club have done an outstanding job with presentation of demonstrations. They have even gone a step farther and held 3 all day meetings (workshops) this fall to apply some of their knowledge. Non-N. D. members have been encouraged to attend these special meetings and may help the club to gain more members.

The finance committee has naturally been very active in earning money for the club as the projects mentioned above took both time and money.

#### F. Significant Achievement

Some of the school 4-H Clubs have been entirely too large for sometime. This fall when organization time came the agents decided that the Riverton 7th and Front Royal 6th grade clubs should be divided into smaller groups. The Riverton group was divided into two groups and the Front Royal

V. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - YOUTH

A. Organization

1. County Council

The Tazewell county 4-H Council is made up of officers of all 31 clubs in the county and the county officers. This group plans the overall county 4-H program with the agents and leaders.

At the spring council meeting, announcements of camps, fairs, and other club activities were made. County officers for the coming year were elected. They are: President, Clyde Barrett; Vice-President, Lenora Beavers; and Secretary-Treasurer, Betty Fields.

An executive meeting of the county officers was also held in February. This group decided to purchase four standard 4-H road signs. Each club was asked to contribute \$1.65 or more for purchasing these signs. These road signs have been purchased and are being erected on Route 61 in the Clear Fork area, Route 16 in the Freestone Valley area, on Route 19 at Bluefield, and Route 19 at the Russell county line.

The fall council meeting was held on November 1. The officers received training for their individual club offices. The 4-H yearbook for presidents, Adult Leaders' Conference and 4-H Center in Abingdon were discussed. Plans were made for a yearbook to be printed for the club presidents. Three leaders planned to attend the Leaders' Conference at Natural Bridge.

2. All Stars

All Stars in the county are encouraged to assist

3. Implications of survey results will assist the agent and committeewomen determine how far the people have progressed towards their long-time goals.
4. Each club woman will have an opportunity to participate in program evaluation thru club discussions, check sheets and leaders reports at the close of each meeting.

PLANS FOR PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

1. Reading of professional books and other publications pertaining to varied subject matter fields and professional interest.
2. Attend available agents training meetings, conferences and workshops.
3. Participate in programs and workshops planned by other organizations.

PLANS FOR COOPERATING WITH COUNTY AGENTS TO UNIFY COUNTY PROGRAM

1. Work cooperatively with Farm and Home Development Families.
2. Work cooperatively in establishing Farm and Home lighting open house demonstrations.
  - a. Emphasize importance of good lighting in all educational meetings.
  - b. Discuss value of good lighting to 4-H club, Home Demonstration and Community Club meetings.
  - c. Cooperate with other groups at local level in farm and home lighting.

Problems in Carrying Out Extension Program

- I. School consolidation will affect 4-H club work.

Situation. (1) The population growth of youth of club age - larger enrollment. (2) Children will be transported away from local communities to school.

- A. How should this problem be met?

Alternative solutions

1. More community 4-H clubs.

Consequences

:  
: Night meetings  
: Saturday leader training  
: meetings.  
:

some ten members were enrolled in forest appreciation and one member attended the forestry camp at Holiday Lake. Two members entered the district forestry judging contest and placed first.

#### d. Other projects

The phase of other projects is a large field and is aimed primarily to non-farm members and those with special interests. Many members do not have facilities or interest for crops or livestock and those whom we find interested in club work we provide projects with instruction wherever possible. We find a definite need set for the members by these other projects. As a result of this a large number of boys have become good members who otherwise would not have been interested or joined at all.

Because of so much dependence on mechanization and success of the project last year, when started, the tractor maintenance project was continued. The agent and four junior and adult leaders attended the tractor maintenance course in Tappanmock in January. With the cooperation of these leaders and the four machinery dealers in the County the program was carried out. A series of weekly night meetings were held, taught by the leaders and machinery dealers assisted by the agent. The junior leaders who attended the short course carried the project. It was extremely well received. Tangible results cannot be given, however, the members I know have learned further the basic principles of tractor maintenance and safety; applying it to everyday practice. One member competed in the district tractor drivers contest placing third.

In the electricity project with a large number of members enrolled emphasis was placed on this phase to instruct members in understanding and using electricity to an advantage in their homes and on their farms. Four monthly club meetings were devoted to electricity with demonstrations conducted by the representatives of the VEP Co. and Northern Neck Electric Cooperative on such topics as: Proper wiring and use of fire proof materials at Christmas, Better lighting in the home, Adequate electrical wiring and proper fuses and the home study unit. Two electrical schools were set up - in Montross and Colonial Beach by these representatives to instruct these members further. The schools were set up in the summer and did not have a good response and hereafter will be set up early in the school year. In addition to this

1958 PLAN OF WORK

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

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COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

## LIVESTOCK—Production and Farm Marketing—Interpretation

Work done with farmers and other persons in connection with the production of various kinds of livestock and livestock products, and with those aspects of marketing ON THE FARM, is grouped in this section. Consideration should be given to both the TECHNOLOGICAL and ECONOMIC aspects when reporting work done.

- F. Under "other livestock," persons assisted in work with horses and mules, rabbits for meat production, and fur animals should be reported. Control of rabbits as rodents is to be reported in item 140.
27. Voluntary local leaders who have ACTIVELY ENGAGED in furthering extension work with each kind of livestock. See also interpretation of item 8.
28. This is the sum total of office calls, telephone calls, farm visits, individual letters written, and attendance at meetings agent held or participated in, in connection with the line of work regardless of duplications. For example, there were 35 personal calls at the extension office relating to poultry, 18 telephone calls, 22 letters, 45 farm visits, and a total attendance of 376 at the 14 poultry meetings held during the year. This would make 496 contacts relating to poultry. This information should be readily available from office records. If records are not available, an estimate will suffice, based upon such information as is available.
29. The following factors should be considered in estimating the total number of DIFFERENT farmers and other persons in the county assisted or influenced TO MAKE SOME CHANGE, either through adoption of a new, or improvement in an old, practice—
- (1) Number of DIFFERENT persons reached through direct contacts (item 28 with duplications removed).
  - (2) Membership in related extension groups such as 4-H livestock projects, artificial-breeding, herd-improvement, and poultry- or dairy-marketing cooperatives.
  - (3) Probable number of other persons in the county reached through bulletins, circular letters, news stories, radio broadcasts and television, exhibits, and other mass media utilized in livestock extension. Include also indirect spread of extension information from one person to another.
  - (4) All available evidence indicating the percentage of the potential clientele in the county: Number of farms and other places that made use of extension information relating to specific kinds of livestock and livestock products. Such evidence may be from sample surveys, reports from local leaders and secretaries of organized livestock groups, requests for bulletins, inquiries received after the release of specific news articles or after broadcasts, amount of a product or of material handled by dealers, personal observations, and other sources.
- Item 29 will normally be greater than either item 30 or 31.
- Numbers reported in items 29, 30, and 31 should include only those who adopted or put recommended practices into use.
30. Report the total number of DIFFERENT persons helped with any livestock production or management practice. Include the specific practices listed in 30a through 30e, plus other production and management practices emphasized in the county extension program. Item 30 cannot exceed item 29, but will usually be larger than any one of the specific practice items.
- a. Selection of male and female breeding stock, artificial breeding, selection of feeder animals.
  - c. Those assisted in adopting more efficient ways of handling livestock or livestock products. Examples: Easier ways to care for hogs, do dairy-barn and poultry chores.
31. Includes total number of DIFFERENT producers assisted with any FARM MARKETING problem connected with livestock and livestock products. Work done with the trade is to be reported in items 32 through 38.
- a. Persons helped with practices of grading, sorting, or classifying; farm processing; and otherwise preparing animals or animal products for the market.
  - b. Persons helped primarily with the economics of marketing, use of market news service, supply and demand outlook, etc.
  - c. Persons assisted primarily with those activities involved in arrangements incident to the actual selling of livestock and livestock products, such as market orders as they affect the individual producer, contract selling, market outlets, and delivery arrangements.

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PROJECT WORKClothing For The Family

This topic was included in last year's program, but was selected again as H. D. members did not feel that objectives were fully realized. It was divided into five major phases, each phase making one of the monthly topics.

During January, six home demonstration club meetings were held. The monthly topic was Simple Alterations and Repairs; the objective, to teach homemakers to do simple alterations and repairs. Demonstrations were given on replacing zippers in skirts and dress plackets, shortening trousers and replacing pocket tips. After the demonstration meetings, call meetings were held in two communities during which ladies brought garments from home which needed one of the alterations which was demonstrated in previous meetings. Forty-three items were either repaired or altered as a result of this activity.

Selection and Buying of Clothing was the monthly topic for February. A label exhibit, newspaper advertisements, leaflets and bulletins were used in carrying out this part of the program. It was related to planning the wardrobe economically. H. D. women were encouraged to plan a clothing budget. Reports from the various clubs indicate that twenty-five women made clothing budgets for the first time and twenty-three who

Subject Matter Areas and Assistance Given - (Indicate with number families.)

	Short-Time Goals	Long-Time Goals	Outlook Information	Buying Information	Improved Methods and Practices	Demonstrations	Specialist Assistance
Feeds and Nutrition	5		4			2	
Vegetable Gardening	3						
Clothing			4	5		2	
Housing		2					
Home Management	5						1
House Furnishings	4			1			
Yard Improvement	1						
4-H Club					3		
Other (specify) Rural Art	2					2	1

Farm and home development families have progressed along similar lines reported in previous years. There weren't any new families added this year. Five families received assistance thru this program.

The agent planned a series of group meetings with these families. The families did not respond to the group technique, so the individual approach was used for assisting families.

The Allen's

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Allen, Hague Community, received home remodeling plans from Miss Amelia Fuller, Extension Farm and Home Unit Specialist. Miss Fuller and the Agent visited the Allens's and drew rough sketches of remodeling ideas desired by the family. After which these sketches were turned over to Mr. Wheary, Associate Extension Agriculture Engineer, who drew to scale and blue printed a suggestive

## VII. PLANS FOR WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES

Full cooperation will be encouraged by agent and county extension leaders in unifying the various county and state programs.

The county extension program will be closely related to activities of the following organizations:

1. County Welfare - study program and give assistance to the needy
2. Health Department - support the program to better health and safety reasons
3. Farm organizations - assist in order to extend extension methods

## VIII. PUBLIC RELATIONS

### A. Co-workers

Strive for understanding of related problems at all times.

### B. General public

Information through leaders and members will be encouraged. The radio and newspapers will aid in their services locally. Displays and exhibits will be used to best advantage. Leaders will be encouraged to represent county extension program in other organizations and county campaigns.

### C. Elected representatives

Keep representatives informed of purpose of county extension program. Extend invitation to special interest group meetings and special county extension programs.

### D. Commercial interests

Keep good will and cooperation of local merchants. Make them feel a part of the county program. Explain needs of rural families to local merchants. Wythe merchants are dependent upon farm and rural families.

### E. Other professional workers

Cooperate and assist with related problems. Extend them materials, courtesies and services available through county home agent's Office.

VII. B. (continued)

2. 4-H Club Leadership

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
No. Club Officers	125	135	135	136	136
No. adult project leaders	14	16	16	16	20
No. junior project leaders	8	16	30	30	28
No. result demonstrators	9	4	4	12	14
No. training meetings by agent	1	2	1	3	2
No. training meetings by others	2	2	2	3	2
Total attendance at leader training meetings	302	49	72	303	70
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	16	16	16	14	18
No. club meetings held by leader without agent	6	9	6	7	10
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	64	72	90	60	46
No. demonstrations given by adult leaders	18	9	12	7	12
No. demonstrations given by junior leaders	30	40	42	46	48

C. An Outstanding Leader

Helen Flanagan, a former 4-H club member, served as 4-H club leader for Greendale 4-H Club. She took the responsibility for meeting the club when the Agent could not attend. She was song leader at Senior 4-H club camp, helped with vesper programs and camp activities.

D. Contribution of An Outstanding Family

The Curtis Addison Family has made an outstanding contribution to the 4-H club center being developed in the county. They have donated about 200 hours work re-decorating the manager's house at the center and made a cash donation of \$200 on the center.

E. Work of An Outstanding 4-H Club Member

Nancy Orr was State winner in the Home Improvement contest this year. She was enrolled in this project for

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WISE COUNTY

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J. L. McCormick, Jr., County Agent - December 1, 1957 - November 30, 1958

PLANS FOR DEVELOPING GOOD PUBLIC RELATIONS

General Public

1. Friendly greetings to visitors and office callers will be exhibited at all times.
2. Public meetings of county farmers and housewives.
3. Send personal letters showing appreciation of cooperation obtained from local business men and firms.
4. Put up public exhibits at fair or other events.
5. Make greater use of telephone calls in arranging for teaching activities.
6. Summary of program accomplishments will be published during National Home Demonstration Achievement Week.
7. Highlights of County Extension Program and other related articles will be published in county newspapers.

Elected Representatives

1. A copy of County Annual report will be sent County Board of Supervisors.

Other Professional Workers

1. Cooperation will be solicited from other professional workers for their assistance in helping the people attain their goals.
2. Exchange ideas on county programs and participate in conference and educational work shops.
3. Attend professional meetings when requested.
4. Assist with such activities as: judging achievements, exhibits and home economic clinics or work shops on local level.

PLANS FOR EVALUATING PLANNED PROGRAM

1. Review the levels of attainment of the people with over-all planning committeemen in relation to their goals as set up in County Plan of Work.
2. Tabulate survey findings which will be used to measure attitude changes and practices adapted.

Plans also call for organizing a Youth Committee this year to make plans for better meeting the needs of the youth of the county

### 3. County 4-H Council

#### Objectives--

1. Held at least 2 County Council meetings a year with all clubs represented.
2. Increase 4-H membership.
3. Conduct county and local club meetings more efficiently and practice parliamentary procedure.
4. Enlarge 4-H participation in Achievement Program.
5. Collect 10¢ dues per member before the spring county council meeting.
6. Have more participation in County, District and State Contests.
7. Have Song and Recreation Training Meeting at Spring Council Meeting.
8. Have County Recreational Activities.
9. Cooperate with Home Demonstration Clubs in Community Programs.
10. Have each club represented at all county meetings and District Camp.
11. Have each local club set up and complete objectives for year.
12. Have 75% completion of project records.

Have participation of 4-H club members on radio programs.

Have clubs and county exhibits of project work.

Have county contests late in August.

Have participation in area contests.

The 4-H County Council is composed of all officers of the 15 4-H Clubs.

Each club has president, vice-president, secretary and Treasurer, Reporter, song leader and some clubs have recreation leaders.

### 4. County All-Stars

No organization--our hope is to have two other 4-H members to be taken into the All Stars in 1958.

### 5. Honor Club

#### Objectives

Assist with 4-H Achievement Program

Pay half of one boy and one girl expenses to State Short Course & 4-H Camp.

Sponsor one recreational party

Sponsor 4-H Yearbook

Hold one or more money raising activities.

Act as Junior Leaders

Add new members to club

Sponsor 4-H Share the Fun Contest.

#### Individual Honor Club Member Objectives

Assist younger 4-H members with 4-H projects

Encourage new members to join

Raise standards of our 4-H Club work.

Keep better records and aid other young members with records.

As a result of the interest of club members our program has been more meaningful and its influence has been projected to a greater number of non-club members. The "Open House" and Exhibit held during National Home Demonstration Week, cooperation with the Mental Hygiene Clinic, and the local hospitals and schools are some of the special activities that have contributed to a realization of extension objectives.

#### 4. Results

The use of soil sampling, and the farmer in turn fertilizing his crops with recommended grades and rates, has increased in Tazewell County ten percent. Farmers have asked more questions and advice on fertilization during the past year than in previous years.

#### F. Pasture Program

##### 1. Reason for Major Emphasis

Grass, in some form, is all that farmers in this area have to sell and the agronomy committee felt that emphasis should be placed on improving pastures.

##### 2. Objectives

To set up three fertilizer demonstrations on pastures located in different communities and to give a specific number of acres a thorough treatment of fertilizer and lime.

##### 3. Method

A pasture fertilizing demonstration was set up in Free-stone Valley in cooperation with the local cooperative and the Southwest Virginia Cooperative. This demonstration is located on the highway and should show up well next spring. The plant food institute demonstration has been fertilized twice this past year and is showing excellent results.

The thistle spraying demonstration has been continued this year in cooperation with the Extension Weed Specialist. This

## VI. Scope of Work

### A.

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
No. H. D. Clubs or Groups	' 10	' 8	' 8	' 10	
Membership	' 146	' 153	' 153	' 157	
No. 4-H Clubs	' 10	' 11	' 11	' 19	
Membership	' 213	' 310	' 197	' 301	
No. YW Clubs	' -	' -	' -	' -	
Membership	' -	' -	' -	' -	
No. Community Clubs	' 1	' 2	' 1	' -	
Membership	' 72	' 142	' 72	' -	
No. Home Ec. Committees	' -	' -	' -	' -	
No. General Interest Committees	' -	' -	' -	' -	
No. Youth Committees	' -	' -	' -	' -	
No. other organizations	' -	' -	' -	' -	
No. Farm & Home Dev. Families	' -	' -	' 11	' 11	
No. other families reached	' 300	' 828	' 729	' 1274	
No. different families reached	' 105	' 723	' 522	' 971	

B. The agent has written news articles publicizing home demonstration work.

The agent has made visits in unorganized communities to talk to various people about the program.

## VII. Leadership

### A. Volunteer Leaders

#### 1. Organisational

The 28 organizational leaders have carried out their duties to the best of their ability.

#### 2. Program Development

Miss Ethel Grubbs, home demonstration agent at-large, trained the program development leaders.

In their respective clubs these leaders devoted three months, May, June and July, to getting all club members to make suggestions for the coming year's program. These

III. B. 7. (continued)

Result Demonstrations

Thirteen result demonstrations were supervised by the Home Agent during the year. None of these were in housing alone - many of them involved housing, home management in the way of arrangement and house furnishing. Two examples of result demonstrations were:

Henry C. Williamson Home

Work with the Henry C. Williamson family on home improvement included a complete remodeling plan, a U-shape kitchen arrangement, selection of floor covering for kitchen and family living room, selection of colors for the entire house, selection of some furniture and curtains.

Bruce Hackler Place

Included in the Bruce Hackler home improvement plans were planning location, size and arrangement of an extra down stairs bedroom, bathroom, basement storage, storage for clothes, re-arrangement of kitchen and color plan for three rooms.

Other families with whom the Home Agent worked on result demonstrations in home improvement were: R. G. Preston's, Meadowview; George Gobbles, Wallace; E. D. Mitchells, Joe Bransons, G. C. Addisons, Alex Roberts, Jr., Harlow Singletons and C. C. Barkers, all of Abingdon and vicinity; J. A. Swift, Bristol Road; Robinson Orrs and S. H. Orrs, Glade Spring, Va.

#### 4. Family Life

- a. Table Decorations for Christmas by trained home demonstration club leaders
- b. How to Be A Gracious Hostess by agent
- c. Keeping Fit with Good Work Habits by trained home demonstration club leaders
- d. Decorating Cakes for Family Occasions by trained home demonstration club leaders

#### Objectives:

- (1) Draw every member of family into importance and responsibility through selected family activities
- (2) Through love and understanding create special occasions for family members
- (3) Develop appreciation of health, work routine for greater family happiness

#### Procedures:

- (1) Conduct training meetings for volunteer leaders
- (2) Leaders follow recommendations of State Extension specialists in presenting method demonstrations

#### C. Federation Program of Work

Family Life was selected for the State and County goal in 1958. Decision of Federation objectives was made by a committee with State Chairman's assistance. For clubs in Wythe these include:

- 1. Encourage family sharing and reading; wholesome family recreation; family music periods
- 2. Continue emphasis upon religion in the home
- 3. 4-H Program - continue assistance, leadership, and financial aid
- 4. Practice good health habits, e. g. physical checkups; annual dental visit; drink milk

PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE FARM BUSINESS—*Interpretation*

47. This item is the total number of DIFFERENT farmers and other persons assisted in all lines of work concerning the business-management aspects of farming. It will, therefore, include subitems listed under item 48 as well as others. Subitems 48a through 48j are for reporting the different persons helped in various lines. The same person may be helped in several ways, hence the total of these items would ordinarily be greater than the total for item 47.
48. Assistance should include—
- a. All persons to whom information on the "outlook" ahead was given as an aid to making farm-business decisions. For example, a discussion of the dairy situation and outlook at a dairy meeting with the idea of helping the group to make a decision would be included, as well as any meetings or other efforts to discuss outlook as such.
  - b. Work done in explaining how to keep farm records and use them; also in summarizing and analyzing farm records.
  - c. Special work done in helping farmers to make an overall plan of the farm business for the most profitable use of resources over a period of years.
  - d. Work done to help farmers make yearly adjustments in size, combination of enterprises, production expenditures, and operation of the farm business. Subitem 48e refers to long-time adjustments, 48d should include adjustments made from year to year.
  - e. Special work in helping farmers to develop new sources of income.
  - f. Assistance given to obtain and use credit for operating the farm business; for example, in the purchase of livestock, feed, fertilizer, and farm machinery, and in financing the purchase of the farm.
  - g. Help given persons in locating and/or appraising a farm for rental or purchase.
  - h. Help given in locating farm labor, instructing groups of workers in efficient work methods, and in acquainting employers of good farmer-worker relations.
  - i. Leases, partnerships, property transfers, and farm and liability insurance. (See subitem 66d.)
  - j. Work in acquainting farmers with income-tax provisions, including how to figure depreciation, handle capital expenditures, and divide joint farm and home costs.
49. This item should include work that may have been done with persons or firms doing business as farm planners or farm managers, as well as lawyers and others giving legal and income-tax assistance.
50. Should include also life-insurance companies, etc.

PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF THE FARM BUSINESS

*In estimating the influence of extension teaching, be sure to consider all phases of the extension program: Agriculture, home demonstration, young men and women's work, and 4-H Club work.*

45. Number of voluntary local leaders assisting .....	16
46. Total number of personal contacts made individually or through meetings .....	285
47. Estimated number of DIFFERENT farmers and other individuals assisted directly or indirectly with management problems .....	250
48. Estimated number of farmers and other individuals reported in item 47 assisted with—	
a. Information on the agricultural outlook .....	250
b. Keeping and analyzing farm records .....	30
c. Developing an overall farm plan .....	10
d. Making needed adjustments in farm operation .....	35
e. Developing supplemental sources of income .....	22
f. Obtaining and using credit .....	10
g. Selecting a farm for rental or purchase .....	21
h. Obtaining, training, and using farm labor .....	16
i. Legal aspects of the farm business .....	14
j. Income-tax accounting, social security, and related problems .....	150
49. Number of individuals or firms assisted in rendering better planning, management, legal, tax, or other specialized services to farmers .....	15
50. Number of banks or other agencies assisted in adapting loan and credit policies and procedures to provide better service to farmers .....	5

## IX. MISCELLANEOUS

### 1. Forestry

Forestry is of minor economical importance in Washington County; however, there are thousands of acres of sub-marginal land that should be seeded to trees. Over 100,000 seedlings were planted last year and one forestry demonstration was started. The ground work for the second demonstration has been done and will begin the first of the year.

### 2. Holston River Soil Conservation District

The Holston River Soil Conservation District has experienced another successful year. All supervisors attended the State SCD meeting in Roanoke and three supervisors attended the regional meeting. One supervisor and the outstanding cooperator will go to Phenox, Arizona this winter to attend the National SCD meeting as a result of this district winning the Goodyear contest. This district has won first two years and second once in three years of eligibility.

### 3. A. S. C.

The ASC program paid over \$135,000 to Washington County farmers this year. This amounted to over 2% of our gross farm income. This office attempted to keep the farmers informed on the ACF programs through news articles. Sixteen contracts for Conservation Reserve for this coming year have been applied for.

### 4. Farm and Home Development

The farm and home development program has been limited

VII. 4-H CLUB PROGRAM (cont'd)

Miscellaneous

Safety .....	181
Junior Leadership .....	8
Electric .....	29
Home Grounds Beautification .....	3
Entomology .....	7
Poultry .....	6
Wildlife and Nature Study .....	4
Soil and Water Conservation .....	5
Sheep Flock .....	5
	<u>257</u>

TOTAL OF ALL CLUB MEMBERS .....	181
TOTAL OF ALL PROJECTS CARRIED .....	441
TOTAL OF ALL PROJECTS COMPLETED .....	385
TOTAL NUMBER DIFFERENT MEMBERS COMPLETING . . .	129

The VPI Extension Foresters readily supplied their fence post treating equipment for display at our first Warren County Fair. This attracted considerable attention, and several farmers expressed an interest in attempting to treat posts. No other contacts on this topic have been made.

According to our local warden there were better than 35,000 seedling trees planted in Warren County this year. This was more than an 100% increase over 1957.

Also, our District Forester reports that he increased his timber markings more than 100% bringing this to 275,000 board feet. This area needs considerable more time and publicity before a really good job is done.

#### VI. 4-H CLUB WORK

##### A. Situation

According to "One Million Rural Youth in Virginia" Circ.636, there are in Warren County 1285 white farm and rural non-farm boys ages 10-19. In 1958, there are now 190 boys enrolled in 4-H Club work or approximately 16% of the total eligible.

We have 15 organized and active clubs. This figure breaks down to 11 school clubs for the younger members and 4 community clubs for the Senior 4-H'ers.

Project completion has been a problem and for several years the percentage has been in the 50's.

Opportunities for livestock projects are limited, as well over 50% of our boys enrolled are either town or suburban residents.

### Highlights of 1958 Program

The County Extension Program stands high in the view of the people. It has made its contribution by helping to translate to them the American ideals of free citizenship into practical living. It has "helped people to help themselves" in spite of the socioeological changes which exist in communities today. The knowledge and skills brought to rural people, by the Extension Agent and Specialists, indicate signs of growth, thru initiative and responsibilities were shared. The people thru their own efforts have achieved a more richer and satisfying standard of living.

In order to encourage this healthy growth and diffusion of knowledge, families were given outleak information and general economic facts. The people were encouraged to make their own decisions in planning to meet their present and future needs. This year's program assisted 694 families with such problems as: consumer buying of clothing, clothing construction, feed and nutrition, money management, health and sanitation, housing, house furnishings, family and community recreation.

During the year 413 volunteer leaders were trained and encouraged to participate in program activities. This program provided opportunity for changes in action, attitudes and understanding as the people worked cooperatively towards common goals. In so doing leaders and laymen were provided with learning experience for both "doing" and "thinking."

LIVESTOCK—Production and Farm Marketing

In estimating the influence of extension teaching, be sure to consider all phases of the extension program: Agriculture, home demonstration, young men and women's work, and 4-H Club work.

Item	Dairy animals and products A	Poultry and products B	Beef cattle C	Sheep, goats, and products D	Swine E	Other livestock and products F
27. Number of voluntary local leaders assisting.....						
28. Total number of personal contacts made individually or through meetings.....						
29. Estimated total number of DIFFERENT farmers and other individuals assisted directly or indirectly TO ADOPT recommended practices.....						
30. Estimated number of farmers and other individuals reported in item 29 assisted with any phase of production and management.....						
Of this number how many were assisted with—						
a. Selection and breeding.....						
b. Feeding.....						
c. Controlling external parasites.....						
d. Controlling diseases and internal parasites.....						
e. Efficient work methods.....						
31. Estimated number of farmers and other individuals reported in item 29 assisted with any phase of farm marketing.....						
Of this number how many were assisted with—						
a. Preparation for market.....						
b. Commodity outlook and market information.....						
c. Arranging to sell and selling.....						

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## 2. Meal Preparation

### Objectives:

1. Learn how to set the table correctly.
2. Plan meals based on the basic seven.
3. Study the importance of eating breakfast.
4. Learn to prepare and serve a meal.
5. Learn and practice table courtesy.

### Procedure:

1. Demonstration will be given on "Table Setting" by agent and club members.
2. Study basic seven food group and make menus for all three meals.
3. Plan and serve a meal.
4. Demonstration will be given by 4-H members on a "Packed Lunch".

## 3. Housekeeping

### Objective:

1. Learn new and easier housekeeping methods.

### Procedure:

1. Get cleaning equipment.
2. Learn steps in washing dishes.
3. Agent will give demonstration on "Making a Dustless Dust Cloth".
4. Learn steps in making a bed.
5. Learn to hang up clothes.
6. Club members will give demonstration on "Window washing".

VII. E. (continued)

four years. A brief summary of her accomplishments in this and related projects were:

18 rooms decorated, 24 pieces of furniture refinished, 9 pieces of furniture painted, a color scheme planned for a seven room house and one kitchen; helped paint the roof of her home and plaster painted a large poultry house, grew flowers and improved landscaping of home grounds by relocating shrubs and putting up a new mailbox with name plate.

VIII. COOPERATIVE WORK WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND GROUPS

Work with other agencies and groups has been mentioned throughout this report, e. g. Appalachian Power Employees taught 4-H Farm and Home Electric Course; helped with Lighting Exhibit and gave lecture on Home Lighting; Bristol Chamber of Commerce sponsored 4-H Achievement Day program, Community Improvement Program, 4-H Leaders Banquet; Abingdon Kiwanis Club sponsored County 4-H Dress Revue; Abingdon Chamber sponsored County 4-H Awards Day Program, etc.

The Home Agent worked with vocational agricultural teachers, Home Economics teachers and almost every civic club in the county on plans for the Tobacco Festival.

IX. PUBLIC RELATIONS

Highlights of the 1957 Home Economics phase of the County Extension program were published in both county papers and the Bristol Herald Courier and a copy of this

	<u>No. in 1957</u>	<u>Goal 1958</u>
Number result demonstrators	12	20
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by specialist	2	2
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by district agent	0	0
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by agent	12	12
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by personnel in 4-H Dept.	0	0
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by others	1	3
Attendance at leader training meetings	175	190
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	20	30
No. clubs holding meetings without agent present	10	25
No. club meetings at which leaders assisted	120	120
No. demonstrations given by adult leaders	12	25
No. demonstrations given by junior leaders	16	25

Plans for training and use of 4-H leaders

1. Organizational leaders - assist with monthly club program; train 4-H club officers; assist with projects and records
2. Project leaders - trained volunteer leaders assume responsibility of girls living in small community groups; assist and encourage high standards in fulfilling project requirements
3. All leaders will receive special training by agent and other 4-H adult leaders who have served in this phase of 4-H work
4. Encourage and assist leaders in training and directing group organization rather than individual training of 4-H members.

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## COUNTY EXTENSION WORK

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letins and The Extension Service News are read by the home agent. Other home economics articles and books are read by the home agent for professional improvement.

XI. OFFICE AND WORKING CONDITIONS IMPROVEMENTS

A general office clean-up was given the Tazewell Extension office by the Extension workers in the county. A new lamp, mimeograph machine and folding machine were also added to the office equipment.

XII. THE LOOK AHEAD

As this was the first year the home agent has worked in Tazewell county, she feels that more progress can be made in next year's program in view of the experiences during the past year. An understanding of the people in the county and the Extension program in the county will enable her to be of more assistance in planning and promoting the program next year. Home demonstration club membership has increased in the 15 organized clubs. One club, the Falls Mills Club, has increased their membership from four members to eleven active members. Three clubs that had not been too active in the past year disbanded during the time there was no home demonstration agent in the county. The Extension program in Tazewell county has been successful during the past year.

or for bounty here. The extremely severe weather and frozen ground contributed much to the problem, but lack of interest in trapping seemed to be the main reason for the poor response.

#### B. TOWN AND COUNTRY INSTITUTE

This year's Town and Country Institute was the best we've had over the 5 year history of this event in Warren County.

The program held at the Virginia Gentleman Restaurant included:

Virginia Forest Service	Bob Dunn, District Forester
County Health Department	Mr. Miller and Mrs. McCormack
Value and Place of Recreation in Christian Living	Rev. Martin, Rockland
Meeting the Problem of Urbanisation	Rev. Snyder, Riverton

15 persons attended and each spoke highly of the program.

#### C. FAIR

For the first time in over 20 years we had a county fair here at Front Royal. This year's enterprize was sponsored by the Front Royal Jaycees who did an outstanding job of organizing and directing the fair's activities. The agents were used extensively as references and actually served as Agricultural Committee Chairmen in the Agricultural Division and a total of 168 entries were made. These were: 109 vegetables, 18 Field Crops, 14 Fruits, 10 Eggs, 17 Dairy Heifers, and 2 Goats. These represented a fine turnout for a first year fair, and created more interest than a little. Next year should prove to be a much bigger undertaking.

All the exhibits were arranged and displayed in a most educational and interesting way. Being a part of this event was a grand opportunity for contacts with farm and urban folks, and did much to publicize activities of agents here in Warren County.

checkers stopped to chat with friends

"specials" always run out quickly.

These and other peeves were classified and the list sent to at least one super market. Here it was discussed at the director's meeting and posted in the employees' room.

It was also interesting that preference for pre-packaged meat about equalled dis-satisfaction.

The program of "quick meals" was given by the leaders. These had attended a demonstration given by Mrs. Burton, home economist for the Virginia Electric & Power Company, who showed the use of the oven for quick-time cookery. The leaders presented this for the April meeting-- some having a covered-dish meal with the members preparing the suggested dishes. Since all clubs meet in the homes, there is a problem of giving a food demonstration, for most of the kitchens are small. So very often the food must be prepared ahead of time, recipes discussed, and the results used for refreshments. Leaders have done a nice job with this type of program and members are always interested in new recipes and foods.

One club has for their Christmas program a food fest-- an annual affair with members bringing their newest and best recipes prepared. Change of times has shown a change in type of the August meeting. Years ago, it was a picnic month-- but gradually the women have changed to the idea of "Ma Eats Out" meeting. They claimed that preparations for a picnic left them tired before they came to the picnic. Might this be a general trend, or just in an urban set-up?

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- b. A further study by producers of broilers and fresh eggs of the marketing possibilities of their product.
  - c. A better knowledge of how to raise replacements for fresh egg and hatching egg producers.
5. L-H Club Work
- a. A desperate need for more local leaders.
  - b. An understanding by school principals in most cases that L-H work is an essential and fruitful part of the students education.
  - c. A means to finance certain phases of L-H club program.
  - d. A growing demand on agents time to properly train members to participate in the many judging events.

V. Activities

Acronomy

A. Situation

1. Tobacco quality reduced by improper rates of Nitrogen, Phosphate and Potash.
2. Tobacco not properly harvested and graded.
3. Approximately 40% more farms need to use silage as part of roughage program.
4. A supplemental pasture needed for 70% of cow and calf herds to keep calves gaining during July and August.

B. Extension Methods

1. A tobacco school for professional workers and farm leaders on February 27 on proper fertilization and management.
2. One or more grading demonstrations on tobacco.
3. News articles during planting and harvest time on proper management.
4. Hold a school for grade C producers to include a tour of farms using silage.
5. Hold a mid-summer tour of farms using supplemental pasture.

## 2. Objectives

To hold a yearling ewe sale the last of June with at least 1,000 head for sale and to get the sale recognized as an established sheep sale.

## 3. Method

A dinner meeting, sponsored by the local market, of producers who had consigned ewes to the first sale was held in March. At this time the requirements were established for the 1957 sale. A sales and advertising committee was elected for the sale. A questionnaire was sent to all buyers at the 1956 sale to get their opinion as to how the sale could be improved. The County Agent and C. T. Barns, Jr., Division of Markets, visited each producer of yearling ewes and made sure he understood the rules and requirements of the 1957 sale. Also the ewes were inspected in the field. Another meeting was held with the Division of Markets to set up the grades for the ewe sale.

The local county dipping vat was secured to dip the sheep so that they would be free of parasites and disease.

## 4. Results

The second yearling ewe sale was held June 28, with 1,130 head selling for an average of \$27.00 per head. Most of the sheep stayed in Southwest Virginia, except 175 head that went to Suffolk. All agencies that cooperated in sponsoring this sale felt that it had been successful and that a quality sheep sale had

#### Agent Demonstration

##### Professional Sewing Techniques

A demonstration on Professional Sewing Techniques will be given by the Home Agent for Home Demonstration Clubs in January and February. Samples to show how to do certain finishes will be prepared to teach such techniques as, edge stitching, how to put in a zipper, how to turn a curved edge, (inside and outside curve) how to layer seams, how to turn a sharply defined corner as on a collar, seam finishes, how to set in sleeves, directional stitching, miter pocket corners, button holes and other professional tricks.

Two commercial leaflets will be used in preparing this demonstration - Sewing Secrets - Coats and Clark Inc., and Simplicity Sewing Book. Also, mimeographed sheet MG 51, "For that Professional Look".

##### Selecting Accessories

In September and October the Home Agent will give a demonstration for all Home Demonstration clubs on Selecting Accessories.

Illustrative materials to be used for the demonstration on Selecting Accessories will include several shape hats, several type bags, and some costume jewelry. Mimeographed leaflet, MG 42, ACCESSORIES, will be distributed to club members, and the score sheet, What Does Your Outfit Score?, used to score individual outfits worn to club, in order for members to learn how to use it.

#### 4. Home Management

##### Objectives for improving family living

- To develop leadership
- To learn how to make better use of time
- To learn better buymanship
- To acquire better management practice with family records

##### Procedure

##### Use of Leaders

##### Leader Training

Home Demonstration Club Home Management Leaders will meet, possibly in July, to be given instructions on how to keep a weekly time schedule. After they have kept the weekly record,

hand, there are some that could profit by changing from farming to some other occupation. The need for some type of program to help correct these situations was apparent and it was felt that the Farm and Home Development plan was a step in the right direction.

2. Objectives

To attain and maintain 30 to 40 active Farm and Home Development families and to provide adequate publicity concerning the program. Each farm added to the program would be analyzed by the County Extension personnel and suggestions for improvements would be discussed with the family.

3. Method

Prospective Farm and Home Development families were known primarily as a result of previous experiences with farm problems by the County Extension personnel. Farm visits were made at which time the program set forth was discussed with the farm families. From the information revealed in these visits, the County Extension personnel determined whether or not the Farm and Home Development plan could be applied effectively.

After a family had been selected, an inventory and a farm layout map were made on the present operation. From this inventory and familiarization of the layout of the farm, a proposed plan of improvement with possible alternatives was outlined by the agents.

The County ASC and Soil Conservation programs were

#### a. Organization

The County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation, formerly called the Production Marketing Administration, has a county committee of four members, one clerk and twelve community committeemen. The county agent is the fourth member of the committee who is ex-officio member without a vote or administrative power. The county committee handles the administration of the program within the county under the direct supervision of the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee from Richmond, Virginia. Mr. Ruford Blevins, District Supervisor, supervises all the work done by the county office manager and committees within the county.

The twelve community committeemen are responsible to the county committee in any work in their respective community dealing with the Stabilization and Conservation Program. The county and community committeemen are paid for their services on a per diem basis. The county agent, being ex-officio member and a Federal and State paid employee, does not receive any compensation for his services in connection with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation program.

The United States Secretary of Agriculture holds all the county agents responsible for the educational phase of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation program within their respective counties. The county agent works closely with the county committee and office clerk in regard to the county program. The county agent not only discusses the program in farm meetings but on the radio during the year and in his personal contacts with the farmers encouraging them to participate in the program and to obtain the practices that will be most beneficial to them in conservation on their farms.

The Agricultural professional workers and the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation county committee and office clerk held a meeting to determine the practices to be carried out in the county in the 1958 program and to make recommendations to the State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office for the 1959 Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation practices.

The county agent's office and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office including county committee, community committeemen, clerk and district field representative cooperated exceptionally fine this year.

The county agent's office and Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office, every since the start of the program in the county in 1936, have been together or across the hall from each other in the Wise Court House. This close contact helped both the county agent and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conser-

and subject matter leaders. There is a wealth of leadership within the membership of the clubs. There are also those who will not take responsibility. All sections of the county and all organizations profit from the training and development of leaders in home demonstration clubs.

There are ten 4-H Clubs, with junior, intermediate and senior clubs in the three high schools and two clubs at the elementary school at Colonial Beach. The boys and girls meet together for business and short programs after which they separate for project instruction. Agents, leaders and members prepare short demonstrations for the meetings. These programs are planned at county council meetings and in club committee meetings.

### III. County Extension Program - Adult

A. Organization - A brief description of the composition, organization and how they functioned in carrying out the 1958 extension program.

#### 1. County Agricultural Extension Service Board

The County Board is composed of the following: Representatives of commodity committees, representatives of special-interest committees, home demonstration clubs, representatives of 4-H Clubs and 4-H County Council.

This organization was used to strengthen the 1958 program by meeting early in the year for discussions of plans made by

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7. Richlands Fair

The Richlands Fair will be held in May and at the same time the 4-H Achievement Day is held. The Home Demonstration Clubs will be responsible for planning and carrying out the homemaking department.

8. Tazewell County Fair

The Tazewell County Fair will be held in August of 1958. All community and home demonstration clubs will be working with the fair. The two Tazewell Home Demonstration Clubs, being conveniently located, will take care of the most important committee work. The agent works on fair planning in each club throughout June and July, setting up committees and getting educational material to the people about the fair. The homemaking department of the fair catalog is worked out by a committee and the home agent.

9. Publicity of Home Demonstration Work

Home Demonstration work will be published in many ways. Newspaper and radio will be used frequently because of the wide coverage. Newsletters, exhibits and public meetings will be used for publicity on a smaller scale.

III. FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT

At the present time there are 39 Farm and Home Development families in Tazewell County which includes the TVA families. It is hoped that the total number of families can be increased 25 during 1958, however there is not an active committee for this work in the county at the present time. The selection of the families is done by the agents. The major portion of the work done with Farm and Home Development families is by individual

- d. Individual visits by agents to members projects whenever possible.
- e. Letters sent periodically or when needed to advise members as to varieties, planting dates, fertilization, etc.
- f. Distribute bulletins and pamphlet reference material to members.
- g. Have a tour during the summer to members projects, one in each district or community. Members to be selected as to results obtained in garden, tomato and field crop projects. Scoring of gardens will be attempted at this time.
- h. Attend tours, demonstrations and field days with adults.
- i. Have training meetings in land appreciation where members will learn more about proper landuse and conservation of land resources.
- j. Strive to have every member, after being instructed in it at a monthly club meeting, secure a soil sample in crop field. They will use recommendations as a result of this test.
- k. Inform tomato project members as to markets to sell products, pink, greenrap and ripes.

## 2. Livestock Projects

### Situation

Most every farm has a dairy cow and a large percentage of these dairy projects are of the family cow and calf status. In recent years the hog project has increased and a large portion of these consisting of market pigs. (Family meat supply). Increased interest has been shown in the breeding pig and sow and litter projects. A few members are carrying beef and sheep projects. We now have a pig and calf chain which is proving most successful. Several members each year carry a portion of the farm flock as a poultry project with some in the special unit.

### Needs

- a. Probably the single biggest need is the feeding of a proper balanced ration to all livestock, this should take precedence over all others.

### Results

Method demonstrations on "Window Treatment" were given by the home demonstration agent in the 15 home demonstration clubs. Colored slides were used to show problem windows and what treatment should be given to these windows. Fabric samples of curtain and drapery materials were used to show women selection of fabrics. Design and line in selection of fabric was also brought out. Hanging curtains and draperies correctly and proper hardware to use for hanging the draperies and curtains was also illustrated. Result demonstrations will be conducted with many individuals in the future as a result of this demonstration. Interest shown thus far has been very good and indicates that the agent will have an opportunity of assisting many club members in the future with window treatment along with planning interior color schemes.

#### b. Cleaning Furniture

##### Objectives

1. Teach inexpensive recommended procedures for cleaning wooden furniture.
2. Teach inexpensive recommended procedures for cleaning upholstered furniture.
3. Teach homemakers ways of cleaning glass.
4. Teach homemakers to make furniture polish and proper use of furniture polish.

##### Method

1. Leader training meeting to train leaders to give demonstration in the 15 home demonstration clubs.
2. Illustrative materials.

- (4) Radio and newspaper publicity
- (5) Encourage women in these two small areas to organize and become a definite part of the extension program

The Home Economics Council has only been organized one year. Members agreed upon one major problem, which offers opportunity of extending and strengthening the extension program. Local home demonstration leaders will assist the council in the two selected areas. Leaders in home demonstration clubs will readjust and study materials and information available in their extension training and demonstrations.

### 3. General Interest Committees - Health

A local doctor and graduate nurse will conduct two meetings in 1958 for a health chairman in each club. The health chairman will give a monthly report on a selected topic. The topics for discussion will center around: "How to Care for Sick in the Home." Doctor and nurse will teach in simple, understandable language, as volunteer leaders do not have special training.

This problem was selected because of a shortage of doctors and nurses. It was felt this information was needed and would be used at sometime by every family.

Annual physical examinations will be encouraged for all club members in order to keep physically fit.

### 4. County Home Economics Committee

#### 1. Food and Nutrition Committee

Composition: two volunteer leaders from home demonstration clubs specially interested in further study of nutrition (36 members). Committee will teach better nutrition to community groups. Committee will aid young homemakers through industrial help, demonstrations, and publicity. Encouragement and support of school milk program will be emphasized. Committee will study County nutritional problems and make recommendations in planning long-range program needs.

III. B. 9. (continued)

Civil Defense, worked with the Home Agent December 17, on final plans for the two-day course in Civil Defense to be taught at Glade Spring and Abingdon. The course was planned to teach self-protection

Civil Defense Course

174 people attended part or all of the two-day course on Civil Defense in Abingdon and Glade Spring January 30-31. The program for the Civil Defense course was as follows:

Washington County Civil Defense Meeting, Abingdon - Appalachian Power Company, January 30, 1958; 10:00 A. M., "Civil Defense"--Douglas L. Moore, Jr., Assistant State Coordinator. "Frontlines of Freedom" - movie; "Fallout and its Effects" -- Samuel J. Hawkins, State Health Department; "Facts About Fallout", Movie. 1:15 P. m., "Food in Emergency" -- Miss Fay Brown, State Nutritionist; "The National Threat" -- Major J. V. Minnick, State GOC Coordinator.

January 31, 1958; 10:00 a. m., "Home Protection Exercise"-- Samuel J. Hawkins; "Rescue Street", Movie; "Home Nursing and First Aid" -- Mrs. A. W. Crosswhite and Mr. Jack Ffier, of Local Red Cross Chapter. 1:15 p. m., "Operations Civil Defense" -- Douglas L. Moore, Jr., Assistant State Coordinator; GOC, Mass Feeding, Wm. M. Marsden, Assistant State Coordinator; Conelrad, Radiological Training; Auxiliary Police - C. D. Planning; "The Day Called X" - Movie.

## I. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1958 PROGRAM

During the past year Tazewell county did not have a home demonstration agent for five months. One of the highlights of the year's work was the outstanding leadership abilities demonstrated by home demonstration club leaders. Interest in attending leader training meetings has increased. Leaders have assumed more responsibility in giving method demonstrations. Without these leaders, the home demonstration clubs could not have continued their work.

Through the demonstrations in the clubs, members have learned ways of cleaning and adjusting the sewing machine, cleaning furniture and mending rips and snags in clothing. This has enabled the homemaker to use what they have in the home and to cut down on the amount of money they spend for various services.

The improvements made in the home and its surroundings has improved the standard of living in all the homes of those participating in the Extension program. This has been accomplished through the home demonstration, 4-H and community clubs. Work has also been done on an individual basis in areas where there are no organized groups.

The adult 4-H leaders have assisted club members in project work and keeping records. These leaders have helped to improve the interest in the youth program.

## II. COUNTY SITUATION WHEN PROGRAM WAS PLANNED

Tazewell county is located in the southwestern part of Virginia. It is bordered by West Virginia on the northern side. The population of the county is 47,512, of which 9,604 is rural, 29,048 is rural

3. Learn the type of clothes to wear on different occasions and accessories to wear with the clothes.

Procedure:

1. Leader training meeting was conducted by agent on "Mending and Repairing Clothing".
2. Special interest meeting was conducted on "Care of Sewing Machine".
3. Agent gave demonstration on "Looking Your Best".

Results:

Agent conducted a leader training meeting on "Mending and Repairing Clothing" with an attendance of nine leaders from five clubs who gave the demonstration in their respective clubs. The agent gave the demonstration to two clubs. 1,526 items of clothing have been mended and repaired.

A special interest meeting on "Care of Sewing Machine" was conducted by Mr. C. D. Wheary, Extension Agricultural Engineer. Because of bad weather, only five members were present for this meeting.

The agent gave a demonstration on "Looking Your Best" to each home demonstration club. How to dress for the occasion and grooming were stressed. This demonstration has helped the women to become more conscious of the way they look at home and the importance of being neat and attractive for the family.

The agent gave each member a sample deodorant and a sweater soap sample which had been sent from two commercial companies.

3. Foods

Objectives:

1. Learn how to prepare meals from pantry or freezer in

## WARREN COUNTY PLAN OF WORK

1958

### I. SITUATION

Here in the Valley of Virginia we are blessed with some of the top soils of the East, and burdened with some of the worst. Our topography lends itself to grass and trees for the most part, although there is enough good upland and bottomland to feed to market weights enough cattle, hogs and sheep to push our total farm income over two and a half million dollars. This income is earned by some 185 commercial farms, which leave the remaining 291 farms for residential, part-time or hobby farming.

Front Royal and its industry dominate the county and materially affects the prices our farmers need pay for supplies and services, yet it also is a boon to the many farm folks who found it necessary to gain off-the-farm employment.

Generally speaking our crop production is above average for Virginia, but our forage production especially in pastures is critically weak. This problem is accentuated by the droughty 1957 season.

Everywhere farmers are feeling the pinch of receiving so small a fraction of the over-the-counter food prices. This pinch is apparently extended to the towns because after mid-July, farmers had plenty of hands asking for work.

Some reduction in the number of participants in the Acreage Reserve was noted for 1958, and again the Conservation Reserve went by with little or no local effect.

Drought last year is expected to reduce the total amount of fertilizer used to below the 100 lb/acre of crop and pasture land.

With more off-the-farm employment conservation farming, especially in terms of more grass and trees with a reduction in crops grown is in