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III. PERSONAL REPORT SUMMARY

Days in field.....	198½
Days in office.....	86½
Days annual leave.....	21
Days sick leave.....	0
Days leave without pay.....	0
Legal holidays taken.....	7
Number home visits made (adult).....	508
Number 4-H Club demonstrations visited.....	58
Total number different homes visited.....	438
Office calls.....	439
Telephone calls.....	342
Number news articles or stories prepared for press...	151
Number individual letters written.....	1057
Number different circular letters prepared.....	55
Number meetings attended.....	353
Number miles traveled.....	7551

IV. THE COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE.

Montgomery County is located thirty miles west of Roanoke and is the farthest county east in the Southwest Virginia District, and is known as the "Gateway to the Mighty Southwest". Though Montgomery County has been considered an agricultural county, it is now fifty per cent industrialized which would indicate that the source and amount of incomes of the citizens of the county would vary. Dairying, Beef Cattle, and Tomato Canning are the three chief sources of income from the farms, while many of the citizens owning small farms receive incomes from labor at the local factories. It is very evident that many changes have been made in the farm homes as a result of home demonstration work over a period of ten years. Farm homes have been repaired, remodeled, and painted, with attractive plantings, indicating improvement in the exterior of the home. On the interior of the homes the selection, quality and color of house furnishings has been greatly improved. Improvement in the quality of canned foods is quite noticeable. The most striking development has been in rural electrification. In 1930 fifty farm homes had electricity, and in 1936 five hundred and twenty-six homes had electricity. Electrical equipment used in the home has been increased one hundred and fifty per cent. Farm women realize their civic responsibility more than ever. It is evident that the notable improvement in rural Montgomery County is due directly to the Home Demonstration program conducted over a period of ten years.

V. STATUS OF COUNTY EXTENSION ORGANIZATION.

1. Home Demonstration work in Montgomery County is supported by the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors, which is composed of four representatives from the four districts in the county; namely, Auburn, Alleghany, Blacksburg, and Christiansburg.
2. Adult Extension work in Montgomery County is supported by the Montgomery Advisory Board, which is composed of nine members representing the four magisterial districts in the county, and all officers and leaders of organized adult groups. Four of the nine original members were appointed by the Board of Supervisors, who in turn appointed other influential women interested in Extension work. At present there are fifty-five members of the Advisory Board. The

purpose of the Beard is to plan the Extension program of work for the community development, and to assist in carrying out this program of work. Three meetings of the Advisory Board and one Executive Committee meeting were held during the year, at which time definite plans were outlined for executing the original program of work. The Advisory Board has accomplished more work, and work of a higher type this year than in previous years.

The fourth adult camp for home demonstration club members was sponsored again this year, and one member was sent to assist with the 4-H club camp. The home demonstration club chorus, working in its second year with a membership of twenty-five, has done successful work. The Advisory Board sponsored a joint adult achievement program in the evening for the men and women when the attendance was higher than at any other achievement program.

At the planning meeting of the Advisory Board, conditions in Montgomery County were carefully considered with the view of selecting projects that would serve the homemakers in the county to the best advantage. "The Well Dressed House" in House Furnishings was selected as a major project, as follow up work on the major project selected the previous year in "Modernizing the Home". It was felt that many of the farm homes had been modernized, repaired, painted and improved from the exterior during the year of 1936 as a result of this major project, and that during 1937 homemakers would make interior improvements in their homes, and that work in the "Well Dressed Home" would guide the homemaker in the wise selection and spending of money within the home for furnishings. It was also felt that with some homemakers having recently spent money for exterior home improvements and others possibly in securing electricity that funds would naturally be limited for house furnishings and to this group suggestions for making inexpensive articles for house furnishings and wise spending of money would be especially helpful. There are one thousand seven hundred and forty-six farm homes in Montgomery County, and it is felt that eight hundred of these homes have been reached directly by the Extension Program, and possibly two hundred reached indirectly.

4-H Club work in Montgomery County is planned by the Montgomery 4-H Club Council, which is composed of the officers and leaders

of all clubs, and the members of the County All-Star Chapter. The purpose of this council is to plan the annual goals for club work in the county and to assist in carrying out these goals in each club. Three meetings were held during the year, and it is felt that the club council accomplished more this year than in previous years. At the beginning of the club year 4-H Club boys and girls joined together for the second year to make their program of work. Officers were elected and county goals set up to hold a camp at Crockett Springs with a committee to plan for the camp; held a one-act play tournament; club members must join before the first meeting in April in order to attend camp; work toward standard clubs, with the council to present a banner to the club making the best record. The requirements of a standard club are: one hundred per cent completion of club project, eighty-four per cent attendance at club meetings, seventy-five per cent attendance of club officers at each council meeting, club program made and adopted by February first, fifty per cent attendance at club Achievement Day, club represented at camp and pay dues to club council by May first. These goals have helped to make club members accomplish more work in their own respective clubs, and these goals were carried through one hundred per cent in all clubs when it was possible.

One hundred and ninety-nine of the one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight girls in Montgomery County were reached in club work. It is planned to reach more girls this year by more organizations, stronger leadership, and more interesting club programs.

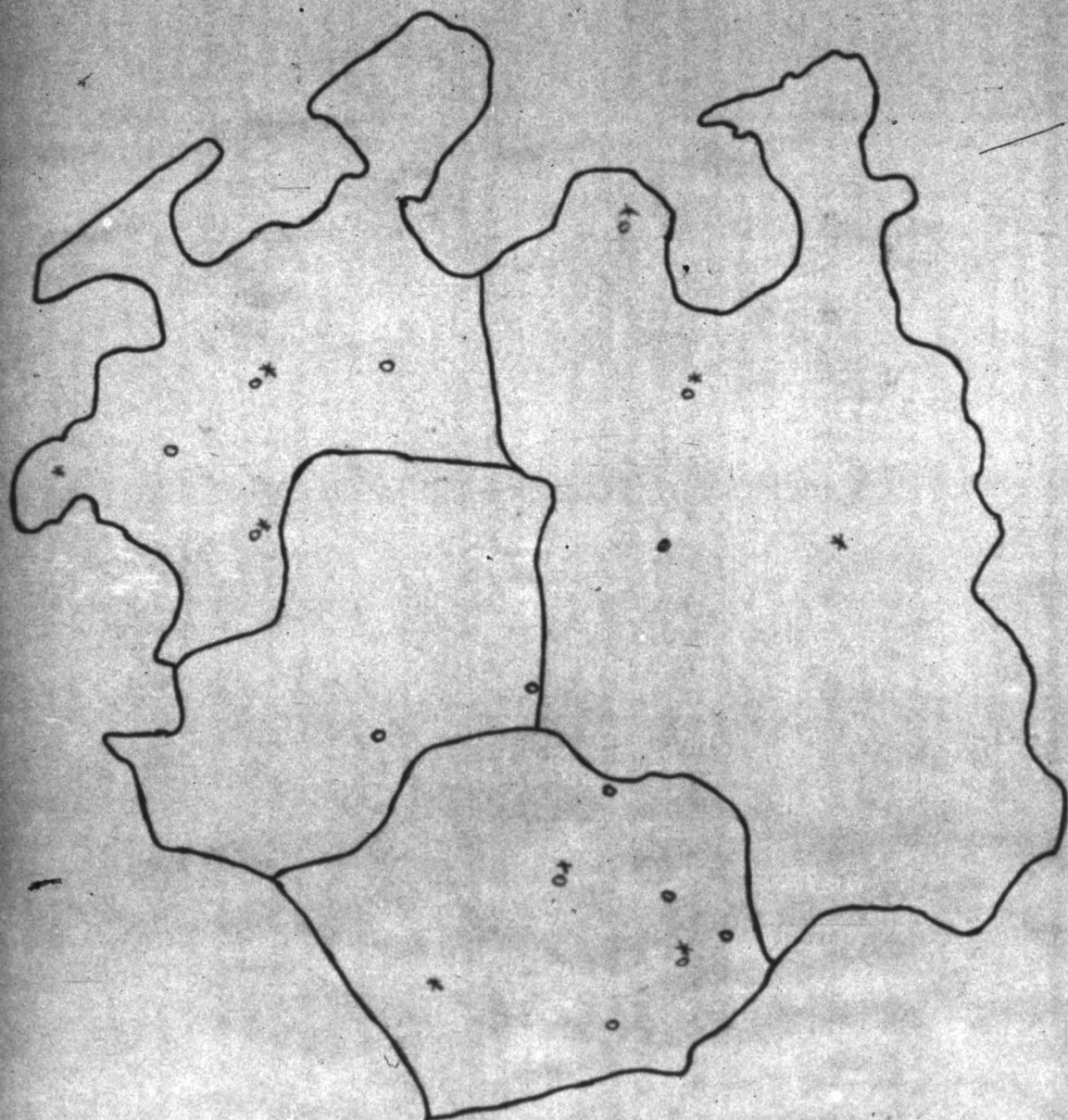
3. It is a policy of the Extension agents of Montgomery County to cooperate with all county organizations and institutions. The various Grange organizations have proved to be of great help in carrying out the program of work planned by the Extension agents, since each Grange has a definite program of work including the Extension plan of work. The Supervisor of WPA projects for women in sewing centers and school lunch projects has been assisted by the Home Agent, who is able to give information on organizing these projects and on persons working in these projects. The supervision of Out-Of-School Youth has depended to a great extent upon the Home Agent in putting her in touch with girls who are worthy of this program.

Information on the Health Unit and clinics sponsored by the

County Health Unit has been presented in all organizations in the county where such information is desired. Cooperation with the Montgomery County School Board has been maintained at all times and the Superintendent of Schools requested the staff of teachers of the county to give loyal support to the 4-H Club and Home Demonstration program of 1937. Cooperation with the County Highway Department was established when the Home Agent consulted the County Engineer in outlining work in the county goal in "Home and Highway Development".

VI. PROGRAM OF WORK.

1. Map of County.



* Indicates Home Demonstration Clubs.

o Indicates 4-H Clubs.

	<u>No. clubs</u>	<u>No. meetings</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Home Dem. Clubs	9	108	227
4-H Clubs	<u>15</u>	<u>147</u>	<u>212</u>
	24	255	439

2. Scope of Work.

Club Enrollment for Past Three Years

Year:	Women		Girls	
	No. Clubs:	No. Members:	No. Clubs:	No. Members:
1934:	10	300	24	461
1935:	9	224	18	223
1936:	9	249	18	277

3. Women's Work.

- a. At the planning meeting of the Montgomery Advisory Board for Home Demonstration Work, conditions and trends in Montgomery County were discussed and the Home Demonstration program of work for the county adopted to meet a timely need on the part of the county women insofar as it was possible for the Advisory Board members to determine this need. "The Well Dressed Home" in the House Furnishings project was selected as a major project with the adult groups. At that time it was felt that homemakers had recently improved the exterior of their homes as a result of the major project of the previous year in "Modernizing the Home" and that the next logical work to be conducted would be in "House Furnishings". Also, that since the exterior of the home had been improved, the interior of the home should be equally as attractive and livable. The fact that money had been spent in improving the exterior, and in some cases securing electricity, naturally would limit these homemakers as to the available money for interior improvements, and it was felt that these homemakers would welcome inexpensive ideas and suggestions for "Home Furnishings" in order to make the interior of their homes as livable as the exterior would indicate. It was felt that in selecting this project Montgomery County homemakers might be guided in spending their money in order that a satisfactory result might be obtained from both a financial

as well as a homemaking standpoint. In reorganizing the adult groups, leaders were selected who were especially interested in this type of work.

The Base Shop, Riner, Snowville, McCoy, Prices Ferks, Glade, Ireato, Shawsville, and Otey Home Demonstration clubs carried House Furnishings as a major project. A total of two hundred and twenty-seven members carried House Furnishings projects during the year, improving two hundred and twenty rooms. One hundred and fifteen women improved the arrangement of rooms with windows being improved in one hundred and sixty-four rooms. One hundred and eighty-eight women followed recommendations in repairing, refinishing, or remodeling furniture, with a total of one hundred and eighty-eight pieces of furniture being repaired. One hundred and seventeen slip covers were made, thirty-one living porches improved and twenty-seven halls made more attractive. A total of one thousand one hundred and fourteen household articles were made in this project in order to make these homes more attractive and a total of five hundred and thirty dollars and fifty cents was estimated as savings due to the House Furnishings project.

- b. Feeds preservation work was promoted and encouraged in the Riner, Shawsville, Snowville, Base Shop, Otey, McCoy, Prices Ferks, and Glade clubs with the importance of making and using satisfactory canning budgets for the family feed supply stressed throughout the year. A part of one meeting in each club was devoted to making canning budgets. A total of thirty two thousand nine hundred and forty-six quarts of feed were canned during the year, valued at eight thousand one hundred and fifty-one dollars and ten cents. Five hundred and eighty-seven pounds of fruits and vegetables were dried, valued at sixty nine dollars and five cents, with a total of one thousand one hundred and forty-one bushels of fruits and vegetables stored. The total value of fruits and vegetables canned and dried for the year amounted to fourteen thousand and eighty-two dollars and eighty-five cents. Mrs. Paul Linkeus, Glade club, won first place in the County and third place in the District Ball Canning Contest. The Base Shop Home Demonstration Club did outstanding canning work reporting a total of five thousand five hundred and ten quarts canned by twenty families individually. Four club canning contests

were held with the most outstanding exhibit displayed by the Glade club. Thirty-two members in the Glade club held a special meeting on canning pork, beef, and chicken. Four steam pressure cookers were purchased during the year. Seventy-one club members in the Shawsville, Glade and Snowville clubs carried a demonstration on "Sandwiches for Many Occasions" and learned how to make suitable sandwiches for school lunches that would give a child sufficient food value for the noon meal. Fifty-eight club members improved in table decorations for the dining room, making their dining room tables more attractive when serving. One club member, Mrs. Frank Gardner, Shawsville club, reported that she received three telephone calls requesting information in regard to the work that her club did on "Sandwiches for Many Occasions".

Home, Health and Sanitation work was stressed in all clubs with a total enrollment of two hundred and twenty-seven members. Thirty-five club members secured covered garbage pails, and one hundred and thirteen reported improvement in having the waste from the kitchen taken care of in a sanitary manner.

The Beautification of Home Grounds has been sponsored in nine home demonstration clubs with an enrollment of two hundred and twenty-seven members who carried demonstrations in the improvement of drives, fences and walks. A total of six hundred and twenty-four trees were planted in addition to seventy-five dogwood trees. One member, Mrs. J. A. Moore, Ironton club, reported sixty-five shrubs and flowers planted.

A total of one hundred and sixty-one members in the Glade, Prices Ferks, Shawsville, Osey, Base Shop and McCoy clubs carried demonstrations in remodeling garments in all day clothing clinics. Seventy-seven club members improved in the care, renovation and remodeling clothes, remodeling a total of three hundred and four garments, valued at three hundred and forty-nine dollars and fifteen cents. Five hundred and fifty-six dresses, valued at four hundred and fifty dollars and seven cents and four hundred and forty-two other garments, valued at two hundred and sixty-six dollars and thirty-four cents, were made during the year. The total estimated savings due to the clothing program during the year amounted to one thousand two hundred and three dollars and fifty-six cents. Six all day remodeling clinics were held with a discussion on "Possibilities for Remodeling, Line and Design, Color, and Fashion Trends" being discussed in the morning session. In the afternoon

each woman began work on her own individual remodeling problem. The Bane Shop club had an attendance of twenty-two members at their clinic and did outstanding work in this project. One member of this club, Mrs. Z. L. Crim, Christiansburg, wore the dress which she remodeled at this meeting to the Club Achievement evening program and sang in the club chorus.

Club members have continued their interest in vegetable gardening and garden leaders were selected in the Glade, Prices Forks, Bane Shop and Otoy Home Demonstration clubs and allowed time on every other club program for a short talk, in order to bring timely information to club members. Sixty club members followed recommendations for controlling insects, and forty improved in disease control.

The Glade, Prices Forks, Bane Shop and Otoy Home Demonstration clubs with an enrollment of one hundred and twenty-six members studied timely information on poultry. Forty-two of these members improved in chick rearing, thirty-eight followed production feeding recommendations and forty-two improved in the control of diseases and parasites in their flocks. Twenty-one club members improved poultry house equipment and forty-three cabled their flocks.

c. A County Campaign in "The Water Supply and Waste Removal for the Farm Kitchens" which was held in line with the major project proved to be beneficial to club members and others. A campaign leader was selected in each club who secured the enrollment, promoted the campaign and listed help desired by individuals. It was felt that many club members could improve their kitchens water supply and in many cases water could be put into the kitchen for very little expense. In many cases also, the waste from the farm kitchen was not being disposed of in a sanitary manner. The campaign was outline in order that all club members might do some work regardless of the fact that they might already have secured running water in their kitchens. For those who already had running water in the kitchen a check was made to see if they had hot water from a spigot, sink proper height, adequate drain boards, covered garbage pail and waste from the kitchen taken care of in a sanitary manner. For the clubmembers who expected to secure running water during the year, a study of the most suitable water system to be installed was made. For the club members who realized that it would be impossible for them to secure running water this year due to financial reasons,

improvements in their present water supply and waste removal were suggested, such as adequate containers for one days water supply, water buckets placed conveniently, provisions for disposal of waste water and adequate reservoir for hot water. By the campaign being so outlined all club members had an opportunity to work in the campaign. The Glade Home Demonstration club held a night meeting for this demonstration, inviting their husbands to be present in order that they might become interested and help in this work. Seven club members secured running water in the kitchen during the year, with fourteen adjusting kitchen sinks to the proper height. Twelve secured adequate drain boards with thirty-five securing covered garbage pails. Waste from the kitchen was taken care of in a more sanitary manner in fifty-nine homes. Five club members secured running water with a deep well pump, six a shallow well pump, three a spring gravity system and three from a hydraulic ram. One barrel and hand pump system was secured. Adequate containers for one days supply of water were secured in twenty-seven homes, with fifty-three placing the water buckets more conveniently. Fifty-four made provisions for the disposal of waste water and thirty secured adequate reservoirs for hot water.

- d. Home Demonstration clubs in Montgomery County have accomplished more in community activities this year than in any year previous to this. Mrs. Dutton Olinger, President of the Prices Forks club, gave the following report: "Last December we held a bazaar and cleared twelve dollars and forty cents. We sold ice-cream and cleared eight dollars and five dollars and ten cents was paid to us for sponsoring a cooking class. We gave one dollar for hot lunches at school and canned eight and one-half gallons of feed for this purpose. We also contributed one dollar toward wiring the school building and paid the expenses of a 4-H club member at camp. We closed the years budget with twelve dollars and eighty-nine cents in the treasury." The Knoxville club assisted the Montgomery County Health Unit by having six of their members help at the local clinics. This club provided a place for holding the clinic and assisted in transporting the patients as well as working in the clinic. A total of sixty-three patients were examined and advised as to treatment. The Base Shep club gave a play early in the year, giving ten dollars of their proceeds to wire the community church. They also send a worthy club girl to camp in addition to their State and Advisory Board dues of eight dollars. Demonstrations on Christmas suggestions and decorations, and Christmas programs which are social affairs, do much to keep the spirit of club work at its highest peak.

e. Two leaders from the Shawsville, Prices Forks, Otey, Ironto, Base Shop, Glade, Riner and Snowville Home Demonstration clubs were selected to represent their respective clubs at the Leader Training meetings in House Furnishings work, in order that these leaders might bring back to the club and community help in the major project being conducted, and to conduct the demonstrations in the major project in order that the agent might organize club work in other communities. Fourteen leaders were trained in House Furnishings work. Leadership work was satisfactory in the Base Shop, Snowville, Riner, Shawsville, and Glade clubs, but leaders from the Ironto, Otey, and Prices Forks clubs were unable to attend all of the leader training meetings. Thirty major project demonstrations were given by these leaders. Adult leadership work is on a competitive basis in Montgomery County, and club members consider it a privilege to enjoy the social as well as the project activities of a leader. Each year one new leader is added to each club, and one old leader retained. In this way a leader serves two years, the senior leader being able to assist the junior leader in getting into the work so that the entire club leadership program moves smoothly in the county and everyone knows how to carry on the program. At the last leader training meeting of the year, leaders expressed deep regret at having to give up leadership work. Outstanding leadership work for the year has been done by Mrs. Z. L. Grim, Base Shop club, who gave five of the major project demonstrations alone and assisted with the sixth demonstration. Mrs. C. S. Thompson, Snowville club, reported devoting twenty days to the leadership work in Montgomery County.

f. The fourth adult camp for Home Demonstration club members was sponsored by the Advisory Board, the camp being held at Crockett Springs, Virginia, with an attendance of thirty-six regular members and thirty-nine others taking advantage of the camp programs at various times. Interesting camp programs were planned, including a book review, recreation, discussion groups, handwork, nature study, special music and chorus work, which was under the direction of Inez Graybeal, Christiansburg, Virginia. This part of the program proved to be the most helpful and interesting part of the program and added much to the camp program. Recreation in the evening in the recreational hall proved to be good entertainment. On Sunday members of the camper's families visited

at the camp. This camp proved to be the most valuable and restful camp yet held, with a satisfactory attendance.

- g. The county club Achievement Day for Home Demonstration work in Montgomery County proved to be the most successful achievement program yet held, according to reports from men and women from the county. A joint program with the men and women and social meeting was held in the High School Auditorium, to which two hundred and fifty people came. After enjoying an interesting program in the form of a review of the Extension Program for the year, punch and cookies were served by the Blacksburg 4-H club members and student helpers. A social hour with interesting contests and stunts added much to the pleasure of the evening. Reports throughout the county from farm men and women verify the fact that this was the most successful and far reaching adult achievement program ever held in Montgomery County.

The Price's Forks Grange sponsored a community fair for the fifth time and were able to credit themselves with by far more progress and success than in previous years. The farm and home agent assisted in making the premium list and had the catalogues mimeographed in the local office. The two outstanding exhibits were in canning and vegetable gardening. Exhibits at this fair have continued to progress over a period of five years showing notable improvement in the quality, standards of exhibits and preparation of these exhibits for exhibition. The Price's Forks community fair, though small, has developed into one of the best community fairs in which the agent has yet worked.

- h. The Base Shop Home Demonstration club with a membership of twenty-seven carried through the best program of work for the year. In addition to the six major project demonstrations, which were conducted by the leader, six other meetings of the club were held on "Home and Highway Beautification", "Water Supply and Waste Removal for the Farm Kitchen", "Winter Bequests", "Christmas Suggestions", and an all day clothing clinic in "Remodeling Clothes". A night social meeting was held during the Christmas season to which the women invited their husbands and guests to enjoy the holiday spirit. Six members of the Base Shop club belong to the County Club Chorus. Five members attended the District meeting held in Abingdon and the club sent one member to the State Federation meeting held in

Blacksburg for full time with several other members attending part time. Every member of the Bane Shop club improved in the gateway or entrance to their home in their work on "Home and Highway Beautification". During the year the club gave a play to replenish the club treasury. From the proceeds of this play ten dollars was given to help wire the church in the community for lights, and three dollars given to send a worthy girl to camp. In addition to this the Bane Shop club paid five dollars dues to the Advisory Board and three dollars dues to the State Federation. Eleven members of this club secured electricity this year for the first time and have purchased a total of twenty-nine pieces of electrical equipment. A total of five thousand five hundred and ten quarts of fruits, vegetables and meats were canned by this club during the year, valued at one thousand three hundred and sixty-one dollars.

- i. Home recreation has increased during the past year in Montgomery County. Many new songs have been carried into the clubs and homes as a result of the County Club Chorus. The Home Demonstration Club Chorus working for the second year has done much to stimulate interest in club music. Twenty members of this chorus met twice a month for practice. One of the outstanding features of the District meeting held in Abingdon was the special music presented by the Montgomery Chorus. An excellent program was also presented at the Adult Achievement Program. Thirty home demonstration club members have been assisted in developing home recreation during the year.
- j. Thirty-nine home demonstration club members attended the District meeting held in Abingdon with three members attending the State Federation meeting held in Blacksburg for full time and approximately seventy-five women attending part time. Both programs were considered good by Montgomery County club women, but those attending the District meeting felt that the program and work presented at this meeting was more definite and helpful and gave them something tangible to bring back to their local clubs. "Home and Highway Beautification" was selected as the Montgomery County Federation Goal. In each club a "Home and Highway Beautification" chairman was elected, and a meeting of these chairmen was held in the Home Agents office with the Landscape Specialist of the State Highway Department present to discuss how this work might be conducted in Montgomery County in cooperation with the Highway Department. One meeting

in each club was devoted to this work and as a result thirty-six club members made the entrances to their homes more attractive, twenty-four improved mail boxes. Thirty-seven yard fences, twenty-eight drives and thirty-two walks were improved. A total of six hundred and twenty-four trees and shrubs and seventy-five dogwood trees were planted.

- k. One home demonstration club member from Montgomery County, Mrs. Guy Roop, Riner club, attended the meeting of the National Council of Home Demonstration Clubs in Manhattan, Kansas, and was elected the first president of the National Council of Home Demonstration Clubs. Club members of Montgomery County are proud of the fact that this honor has come to one of their members.

4. Girls Work.

- a. Foods and Nutrition work was carried as a major project in twelve clubs; namely, Bane Shop, Blacksburg, Childress, Den Hill, Ellett, Elliston, Ironto, McCoy, Prices Forks, Riner, Rock Road and Shawsville. A total of one hundred and eighty-four members were enrolled in this project. "Meal Planning, Preparation, and Serving" was selected as a major project with demonstrations in "Meal Planning", "Table Courtesies and Family Service", "Breakfast Dishes", "Luncheon Dishes", "Supper Dishes" and "Canning". Correct posture and health habits were also studied. A total of twenty-three thousand six hundred and eighteen quarts of fruits and vegetables, valued at five thousand five hundred and ninety-one dollars and eighty-five cents, were canned by club members or they assisted with canning this number. A total of one hundred and thirteen club members entered Foods Judging Contests, while one hundred and sixty-three made and carried out a family canning plan. One hundred and six club members tried to pack well balanced school lunches. Fifty-two club members entered the Ball Canning Contest and ten the Kerr Contest. Outstanding canning work was accomplished by Sylvia Slusher, who canned two hundred and fifteen quarts of fruits and vegetables alone, winning first place in the County Ball Contest, and second place in the County Kerr Contest. A total of five thousand three hundred and forty-six meals were planned and served by 4-H club members during the past year.
- b. Twenty-eight club members in the Reesedale, Ironto and Mount

Pleasant clubs did Garden work as a major project, with one hundred and eighty-four members enrolled in foods work assisting in garden work. Outstanding garden work was accomplished by Stanley Hendricks, Irons club, who is the 1937 winner in the Garden Contest. A total of fifteen different vegetables were raised by Stanley Hendricks, with a total profit of nineteen dollars and sixty cents for the year. Growth work was carried as a regular part of the club program, with one hundred and eighty-four club members entering the contest. Contests were held in each group with the first winner over and under fourteen years of age selected to enter the County Contest, which was held prior to the State Short Course. Contestants were judged by the doctor and nurse of the local Health Unit. Kitty Sisson, Shawsville club, won first place in the group over fourteen years of age. Kitty Sisson entered the State Health Contest at the State Short Course and placed second in the State Contest.

- c. Five 4-H clubs have club rooms and have improved their club room as a community project. The Bane Shop club painted a book case as their community project. The Blacksburg club conducted the sale of Tags for the Blacksburg Parent Teachers Association in order to raise money for the community milk fund. The Shawsville 4-H club has done a good piece of work in beautifying the Shawsville High School grounds. At the beginning of the club year, the club invited the State Landscape Specialist to visit the club and school and make a plan by which the Shawsville school grounds might be developed. This plan was made to cover a period of several years, and work begun on the project.
- d. The best program of work for the year was put across by the Blacksburg 4-H Club which has an enrollment of seventeen active members. Thirty meetings were held, fourteen social and sixteen business, with a total attendance of ninety visitors during the year. The leader was present at every meeting held during the year, including special county meetings. Every member completed the year's work, showing that one thousand seven hundred and four meals were planned and served by club members. The club included in their Foods and Nutrition work a formal tea and a banquet. A fifteen minute radio program on the year's club activities

was put on by this club over station WDBJ. In addition to the regular club work, a full minor project program was taken in gardening, personal improvement, working for and making 4-H club uniforms, making 4-H samplers and luncheon sets. There were twenty-nine luncheon sets and eighteen uniforms made. Thirteen Blacksburg club members attended the county club camp, and two members assisted in putting on the Pulaski club camp. First place in the County Correct Dress Contest for evening and street wear was won by Blacksburg club members, as well as the club winning first place in the county one-act play Tournament. Two members were taken into the State All-Star Chapter. Five picnics were held during the year, and a total of fifty-three dollars and seventeen cents earned from rummage sales and show tickets. This money was used to buy club uniforms for all members of the Blacksburg club. Members of this club decorated the dining room of the Faculty Apartment Center for the Home Demonstration Agents meeting and made corsages for guest speaker and officers. The club assisted the Blacksburg Parent Teachers Association with the sale of tags to raise money for the milk fund for underprivileged children. The Blacksburg 4-H Club was awarded the County Banner for accomplishing the most outstanding program of work for 1937.

- e. Eight leaders assisted with the 4-H foods program, one of whom, Mrs. R. C. Moore, Blacksburg club, did excellent work. Information on work expected of leaders was carried to each leader at the beginning of the club year. Two Leader Training meetings were held to train leaders in foods preparation demonstrations. Satisfactory leadership work was conducted by five leaders giving a total of forty-four demonstrations. Since two meetings a month were held in the clubs during the summer months, the foods program was handled more efficiently than it would have been without the help of the leaders. Mrs. Moore devoted sixty days to leadership work in the Blacksburg club, turning her home over to the club for regular meetings, foods demonstrations, teas, banquets or whatever the program might demand. Outstanding leadership work was accomplished by Mrs. Moore as leader of the Banner Club of the county.
- f. The fifth 4-H club camp to be held in Montgomery County for 4-H club members was held at Crockett Springs, Virginia, with sixty members and six instructors assisting with the camp program. The camp was financed entirely through the efforts

of the 4-H Club Council, who sponsored a club one-act play Tournament in order to secure necessary funds. Five other clubs also paid dues to the council, and a picture show was sponsored. The money was used for camp expenses, which included expenses for instructors and materials. A special rate of three dollars, covering all other expenses, was made to club campers, since the manager of Crockett Springs Hotel is an active member of the Advisory Board. Seven club boys and girls were sent to camp by individuals and organizations interested in the County Club Camp. The camp program was well planned by boys and girls at the council meeting to be of special interest to boys and girls. Interesting handwork in making leather pocketbooks, nature study of flowers and insects, travel talks and recreation proved to make the camp the best and most interesting camp yet held. At the close of the camp, an exhibit of handwork and specimens collected in nature study was displayed which was judged to be an excellent display. The Advisory Board paid the expenses of one helper, a person to conduct the nature study work with the girls, vesper service and camp nurse. The camp followed the original set-up and was divided into two Indian tribes.

- g. One hundred 4-H club members and leaders attended the 4-H Club Achievement Day which was held in Blacksburg for the first time. An interesting club program was held with reports of club activities and special music. An exhibit of luncheon sets made by club members added much to the club program. Prizes were awarded to the winners in various club contests conducted during the year. Following this program a picnic lunch was served at the "Picnic Nook". A tour of interesting and new buildings on the V.P.I. campus was then enjoyed, with swimming in the V.P.I. pool as the closing feature of the program.
- h. A one-act play Tournament was sponsored this year for the second year with each club working up a short one-act play. A county Tournament was held with each club presenting a play and the winner declared. The Blacksburg 4-H Club won first place. This work added much pleasure in the way of recreation in the local clubs, and in some cases clubs have worked up a second play and presented it in their local communities as a means of raising club funds. 4-H

club members have learned how to make home made games and have made sets of games to be used in their own homes.

5. One Older Youth Group was organized with the older boys and girls in Auburn District with a membership of forty-five girls and thirty-one boys. This group met regularly twice a month during the spring months and once during the summer, with interesting programs planned by the program and recreational committee. Discussions on "Personal Development" and "Self-Improvement" have proved to be most interesting. At the close of these discussions a "Progressive Party" was held in order that members might put into practice the things learned in this group.

VII. Adult work for the year has increased and developed to a higher degree than has been noticeable in previous years. Leadership work in "Home Furnishings" has been satisfactory and as a result, excellent project reports were made at the close of the year. Work on "Home and Highway Beautification" proved helpful and interesting as well as the County Campaign on "Water Supply and Waste Removal for the Farm Kitchen". The Montgomery Home Demonstration Club Chorus and one-act play Tournament have added much to the club programs and interest. Both the 4-H and Home Demonstration Club Camps were very interesting and satisfactory. 4-H club leadership work, while better this year than last, is far from satisfactory as well as the enrollment of 4-H club members within the county. It is felt that the work completed in Montgomery County during the year has been satisfactory, but some club members as yet fail to feel the responsibility in reporting their individual work to the club.

VIII. For the year 1938 it is planned to reach more communities in adult and 4-H club work, in order that club enrollment in Montgomery County may reach a higher total. It is felt that through the new method in planning and conducting both the 4-H club and home demonstration club projects for the year of 1938 this goal will be attained. 4-H clubs will conduct "Room Improvement" and "Clothing" as their project, while the home demonstration clubs will study "Nutrition and Meal Planning" with much work and emphasis placed on "Securing a Homemakers Circulating Library".

Outside club programs and activities will also strengthen the club program. The adult and 4-H club camps have become a permanent feature of the County Extension Program.