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III. COUNTY SITUATION AS IT AFFECTED THE 1952 PROGRAM

Floyd County is a rural county with very few industries, therefore, practically all of the income is from agriculture or people working in industries outside of the county. A number of men and women are employed in near by towns, the Defense Plant at Radford, Christiansburg, and Roanoke. Since the Defense Plant has been in operation, several women and most of the men who are not regularly employed have found jobs. This means that the women will have more work to do in helping to keep the farm in operation because hired labor is not available. The younger boys are being inducted into the armed services leaving a gap in the home.

Because of the high cost of living many homemakers have felt that they should work outside of the home to supplement the income. This group can attend meetings at night.

The main source of the agricultural income is obtained through dairying and beef cattle. With improved pastures and herds the tendency is toward grade A milk production and improved grade C production. Farm families will be expected to produce an even greater food supply in 1953. This will mean that some of the income will have to be put into farm machinery which will enable them to produce more food with fewer laborers.

The homemakers are interested in making permanent improvements in their homes such as installing water systems, bathrooms, and large electrical equipment. Many of them still make most of the clothing for their families. They take a great deal of pride in making their homes attractive from the outside and convenient on the inside. They will have to do much of this themselves, as there are few surplus laborers. They need suggestions on time and energy saving methods. The people are interested

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in civic improvements such as beautifying church and school grounds which can be done through community effort

IV. CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE 1952 PROGRAM TO BETTER FAMILY LIVING

The extension program has continued to grow and its influence is far-reaching. There is an increase of two Home Demonstration Clubs with 36 members making a total of 18 Home Demonstration Clubs with a membership of 432. In addition, there is 1 colored Homemakers Club with 15 members and 18 4-H Clubs with a membership of 405 girls.

One of the greatest contributions has been the development of rural leadership. Definite increases are shown in the attendance of leader training meetings, the number of meetings conducted by leaders and the results obtained through method demonstrations. The number of telephone and office calls have also increased by about 200 each. The requests for information and individual help have been greater.

This year 115 leaders have conducted and assisted with 155 meetings as compared to 82 leaders and 130 meetings last year. The members have served on more committees and the over-all interest, including club attendance, has increased. The 110 organizational leaders have given 1,110 talks or discussions to adult groups.

The Home Demonstration members take pride in having a Home Demonstration Kitchen in which they are equipping. It is in the new courthouse and is in connection with the Home Demonstration Agent's office. It is the first of its kind in the Southwest Virginia district. All of the clubs contributed to buying the following equipment: double sink, hot water heater, 2 corner cabinets, 1036" base cabinet, 48-cup coffee maker, 60

pieces stainless steel tableware, 3 dozen dinner plates, 3 dozen dessert plates, 3 dozen cups and saucers. Other equipment has been donated by members.

The Home Demonstration program was made up by the county committee from suggestions of the members and work was included on house furnishings, food and nutrition, clothing, home management, rural arts, and health.

The program has contributed to better family living by helping to improve the diets of rural people. The food leaders have given 30 demonstrations on preparing foods with an attendance of 450 homemakers. The report at the end of the year shows that 4,800 quarts of tomatoes and juice were canned, 25,039 quarts of other vegetables and 26,887 quarts of fruits. The number of families who have bought home freezers has increased and this shows almost twice as much food frozen as last year.

The house furnishings program was concentrated on THE ATTRACTIVE DINING AREA. The most popular demonstration was on MAKING THE BRAIDED RUG and the members have completed approximately 80 with 30 of them being room size. Special emphasis was placed on making a plan for the rug before they were started.

HOME AND COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION was chosen for the third year as the Federation Goal. The outstanding accomplishments show that 95% of the members participated in the clean-up campaign and have made improvements on the outside appearance of the home. The members exchanged flower bulbs at club meetings and the reports show that 1,500 new plantings were made.

The Floyd County Home Demonstration members were hostesses for the District V meeting of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs during National Home Demonstration Week. Approximately 600 homemakers from nine counties attended the meeting.

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The number of L-R Club members has increased from 363 girls to 405 this year although there are 18 clubs, the same as last year. The attendance at club meetings has improved especially in the summer groups. The Clothing Unit II - Make or Remake project was carried by 115 of the club members in 16 groups with leaders during the summer. Thirty-eight girls participated in the county style dress revue. Four blue ribbon winners were selected. Two girls participated in the district food preparation contest and one girl attended the L-R Club Electric Congress in Richmond.

A record number of club members have attended out-of-county camps this year. A total of 47 girls and 3 leaders attended camp at Holiday Lake, State Conservation Camp and State Short Course.

Three community improvement clubs participated in the community improvement contest this year. The Bank of Floyd sponsored the local contest giving the following prizes: Laurel Branch, \$50; Topeco, \$30; and Falling Branch, \$20. The Laurel Branch Community placed twelfth in the Roanoke area contest. All of the groups made many improvements in their communities and a fine cooperative community spirit was shown.

V. ADULT WORK

The long-time objectives of the county program are:

1. Developing rural leadership and better citizenship.
2. Improving family living through better nutrition and health.
3. Improving the management of time and income.
4. Improving the appearance of the home and its surroundings.
5. Developing individual talents through recreation, handicrafts, etc.
6. Making homes more adequate and convenient.

A. Project Work

1. House Furnishings

o Demonstrations:

o ATTRACTIVE DINING AREA - 3 meetings

- o Planning, color schemes, storage, floor covering
 - o Reconditioning furniture and other accessories
 - o Making table linens and selecting china and glassware
- o MAKING THE BRAIDED RUG (all-day meetings)
- o ETCHING GLASS (special interest meeting)

a. Objectives

(1) Plan to have an attractive place to serve the family meals.

(2) Give information and suggestions in order that homemakers might make the improvements with the least cost and do the work themselves.

(3) Have homemakers use accessories that are pretty and add to the attractiveness of the room and to discard articles which have little value and no use.

(4) Have homemakers develop a sense of values in choosing floor covering, curtains, and accessories.

(5) Learn what table linens, china, and glassware go together.

(6) Learn the materials that are suited to making different types of rugs.

(7) Have homemakers learn how to plan and make attractive braided rugs using materials on hand as well as new materials.

(8) Have homemakers develop skills in doing handicrafts in order for them to be proud of their work.

b. Methods

(1) Trained leaders to conduct demonstrations on reconditioning furniture and other accessories and to assist with the meetings on braided rugs.

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(2) The agent conducted demonstrations on planning the dining area, making table linens and selecting china and glassware.

(3) One result demonstration on the dining area was set up in each club.

(4) The agent conducted two meetings with unorganized groups on making the braided rug.

(5) The local was used to give instructions and suggestions on the dining area and braided rugs.

(6) Printed and mimeographed material was distributed to members and non-members.

(7) The agent gave assistance through office calls and home visits to individuals on making rugs and other phases of the house furnishings program.

(8) The agent and members discussed the house furnishings program for radio broadcasts.

(9) Tours to show improvements that have been made in the dining areas.

(10) Exhibits of rugs and other articles were on display at the Achievement Program.

c. Results

During January the Home Demonstration Clubs conducted all-day meetings on MAKING THE BRAIDED RUG. The leaders were trained at a leader training meeting in December and they had their rugs started and brought them to the meeting.

The leaders conducted two meetings and assisted the agent with fifteen. The agent conducted eleven all-day meetings and five half-day meetings.

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The leaders and agent placed special emphasis on making a plan for the rug to get harmonizing colors and better designs. The members were very interested in making the rugs and using materials on hand. The rug materials included new and used woolen, burlap, heavy cotton such as corduroy, work clothes and drapery materials. The agent conducted four special interest meetings on braided rugs.

The reports show that 80 rugs were made. Approximately 50 others were started. At least 30 of these rugs are room size, that is, at least 5' x 7'. Wise members made rug plans and followed them. The rugs were featured during National Home Demonstration Week by being exhibited in local store windows. Five rugs were shown illustrating the different types of materials and one was just started showing the steps in braiding and lacing. A feature article was written for the local paper and two pictures of members working on the rugs were used. Some of the rugs were on exhibit when the committees in the community improvement contest were judged. One was seen on the tour. The agent has helped approximately fifteen homemakers with planning and starting rugs through office calls and home visits.

THE ATTRACTIVE DINING AREA was the subject for three months of demonstrations for the Home Demonstration Clubs. The broad subject was broken down into three parts. February was "The Attractive Dining Area" with special emphasis on planning the color scheme including walls, woodwork, rugs and furniture. In March the emphasis was placed on selecting and remodeling furniture and the use of accessories to add to the attractiveness of the room. Selecting and making table linens and selecting china, silver and glassware was the subject for the May meeting.

The agent trained leaders at two leader training meetings and they conducted 20 club meetings. The agent conducted 35 meetings. A total of 789 members attended the meetings on "The Attractive Dining Area".

o o Six result demonstrations were set up and there were o meetings and visits to these demonstrations including a tour in the Laurel Branch Community when it was judged in the county contest. The agent used an educational exhibit on table service from Sears, Roebuck & Company for the meetings on table linens. Samples of table cloths made from feed bags and place mats were also shown. At least ten members have made twenty sets of table mats, some of which were exhibited at the Achievement Program.

o Other results of the house furnishings meetings show that 550 rooms were improved, 172 pieces of furniture was remodeled or refinished, 169 pieces repaired or reupholstered, 70 slip covers made, 65 pieces of furniture made, 380 families were assisted with selection of furniture and furnishings. Members reported that 37 bedspreads had been completed this year. It is a carry-over of a bedroom program two years ago. Seventy-five lamps have been made. Approximately 700 publications or mimeographed material have been distributed to members and non-members.

2. Foods and Nutrition

Demonstrations:

MAKING THE WHITE CAKE
SPRING SALADS AND NEW DRESSINGS

a. Objectives

- (1) Plan well-balanced meals in order to use foods that are grown in the family garden.
- (2) Teach new ways of making salads in order to use fresh fruits and vegetables.
- (3) Help homemakers to develop better methods of making cakes.

(4) Teach leaders and members how to judge baked products.

(5) Teach homemakers the use of new and time-saving equipment in preparing foods.

(6) Bring out points in serving different kinds of foods.

b. Methods

(1) The agent trained leaders to give part of the demonstrations on the white cake.

(2) The agent gave club demonstrations on making the cake and other food subjects selected as club choice meetings.

(3) The specialist conducted a leader training meeting on "Spring Salads and New Dressings".

(4) Distributed recipe sheets to members and non-members.

(5) Published recipes in local paper.

(6) Members and agent discussed the food program for radio broadcasts.

(7) Assisted members and non-members with individual problems.

c. Results

Two months of demonstrations have been devoted to food and nutrition. BAKING THE WHITE CAKE was the demonstration for December.

The agent conducted a leader training meeting and 14 leaders from 7 clubs conducted their meetings. Nine demonstrations were conducted by the agent. The members were urged to improve their methods of mixing cakes in order to improve the product. Points were also given on making cake frosting and fillings.

Recipe sheets were distributed to 400 Home Demonstration members and to approximately 250 non club members. The member's reports show that they have made cakes 8,463 times.

The leaders were trained to give the meetings on SPRING SALADS AND NEW DRESSINGS by Mrs. Mary L. Thompson, Foods and Nutrition Specialist. There were 32 leaders from 19 clubs present for the meeting. All 19 of the clubs were conducted by the leaders and they reported an attendance of 355. They also distributed approximately 500 recipe sheets. The members reported that they had tried 678 of the salad recipes.

Other foods meetings were conducted by the leaders on REFRIGERATOR DESSERTS AND ONE BOWL CAKE. These were club choice demonstrations for the month of August.

3. Home Management

Demonstrations:

SELECTING AND MAKING SMALL LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT
SAVING TIME AND ENERGY WITH THE FAMILY IRONING

a. Objectives

- (1) Teach homemakers how to save time and energy with the family laundry.
- (2) Help them to choose wisely large pieces of laundry equipment.
- (3) Learn to make small equipment that will make the laundry easier.
- (4) Improve techniques and cut down the time required to do the family ironing.
- (5) Improve the arrangement of the laundry area to make the job easier.

b. Methods

- (1) The specialist trained leaders to give part of the demonstrations on selecting and making laundry equipment.
- (2) The agent trained leaders on "Saving Time and Energy with the Family Ironing".

(3) Members were encouraged to try new methods and pass them on to non-members.

(4) Articles and pictures were published in the local paper giving directions for making equipment.

(5) The articles will be on exhibit at the Achievement Program.

(6) Three result demonstrations were set up showing improved laundry facilities.

c. Results

The months of October and November were devoted to SELECTING AND MAKING SMALL LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT and SAVING TIME AND ENERGY WITH THE FAMILY IRONING.

The leaders were trained by Miss Helen Alverson, Home Management Specialist, and conducted 9 of the demonstrations on small laundry equipment with an attendance of 125. The agent conducted 8 of the meetings with an attendance of 140.

Emphasis was placed on making the bias ironing board cover, lining a clothes basket, making a clothes pin apron, a pressing mitt and a pressing roll. All of these items could be made inexpensively and serve as time and labor saving equipment. According to the members it was an interesting and helpful demonstration. One member stated that she had saved at least thirty minutes each wash day by using the lined clothes basket and clothes pin apron.

It was not possible to have an exhibit of these articles at the Achievement Program since it was held in September. However, members will be encouraged to exhibit the time and energy saving equipment at the 1953 Achievement Program.

The agent trained the leaders and they conducted 8 meetings on SAVING TIME AND ENERGY WITH THE FAMILY IRONING. The agent conducted 11 meetings with a total attendance of 356. The short method of ironing a man's shirt and men's shorts was stressed in addition to sitting down to do the family ironing. Approximately 500 leaflets were distributed on ironing the shirt and 50 copies of the publication "Improved Ironing Center" were given out.

At the December meeting a check will be made to get the number of members using the short methods and sitting down to do the ironing. They will be asked to answer the roll call with the number of bias ironing board covers that they have made.

4. Clothing

Demonstrations:

SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION - making bound button holes, putting in zippers
SEWING MACHINE CLINIC - county-wide meetings

a. Objectives

- (1) Homemakers should improve methods of clothing construction.
- (2) Show them time-saving methods and equipment in clothing construction.
- (3) Teach methods of making bound button holes and set-in pockets.
- (4) Have homemakers learn how to clean and adjust their sewing machines.
- (5) Improve techniques in clothing construction

b. Methods

- (1) The agent gave method demonstrations on special

(2) The agent will train leaders to conduct part of the meetings. (Due to the club discussions for program planning and Achievement Program the agent attended all of the meetings and conducted the demonstrations.

(3) County-wide sewing machine clinics were held.

(4) The agent helped individual homemakers with special problems.

(5) Garments and articles were on exhibit at the

o Achievement Program.

(6) The local paper was used as a means of giving timely information and helpful suggestions on clothing.

(7) The members and agent discussed problems and accomplishments in the clothing field for radio programs.

c. Results:

The Home Demonstration Club meetings for September were on SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN CLOTHING CONSTRUCTION. The agent gave the demonstration to 10 clubs on improving the techniques of putting in a zipper and 9 clubs had meetings on the simplified way of making a bound button hole. The same method can be used for making set-in pockets.

An instruction sheet was prepared on putting in the zipper and distributed to approximately 300 homemakers. The instruction sheets on the bound button hole were secured from the Spool Cotton Company and distributed to approximately 250 homemakers. Timely information has been published in the local paper as part of the weekly column, "County Home Demonstration News".

Garments, both children's and adult's, were on exhibit at the Achievement Program. In two of the clubs, members modeled garments which they had made. The member's reports show that 3,520 garments were made and 785 were remodeled.

An all-day sewing machine clinic was conducted by Mr. J. A. Waller, Jr., Associate Extension Agricultural Engineer, in the Home Demonstration Kitchen. He gave instructions on cleaning and adjusting sewing machines. There were 15 leaders with 10 sewing machines and they represented 10 clubs. The machines were cleaned and the stitches adjusted. At this meeting several members were interested in electrifying their treadle type machines. In August as a follow-up of the sewing machine clinic, Mr. E. T. Swink, Associate Extension Agricultural Engineer, conducted a demonstration on electrifying sewing machines. Two machines were modernized and there was an attendance of 5 leaders. Both of the machines were on exhibit at the Achievement Program. They were made into portable electric machines from the old treadle type. Both were equipped with new cases and sewing lights.

5. Health and Safety

Demonstrations:

FIRST-AID

a. Objectives

- (1) Members will be encouraged to join the group hospitalization.
- (2) Have members and their families learn what they can do to help with the civil defense program.
- (3) Members be able to render first-aid.

b. Methods

- (1) Agent and leaders conducted meetings on first-aid.
- (2) The help of local trained nurses was secured to assist with the meetings.
- (3) Club collectors for the group hospitalization were encouraged to get the deposits in the bank on time.

c. Results

FIRST-AID was the subject for the Home Demonstration Clubs for the month of July. The Red Cross Home Nursing Book was used and the main emphasis was placed on how to meet common emergencies in the home. A list of supplies for the home medicine cabinet was outlined and mimeographed copies were distributed at the meetings.

The leaders conducted 6 meetings and the agent conducted 12 meetings. Approximately 500 of the lists were distributed to members and non-members. Six of the home nursing books were purchased by members for further study and reference.

According to the member's reports 175 of them have equipped the home medicine cabinet. The list of home medicine supplies was published in the local paper and distributed to non club members.

The Red Cross Blood Mobile has made three visits to Floyd County. Approximately 25 club members have assisted in soliciting donors, serving at the canteen, and in conducting the Blood Mobile.

Mrs. John W. Weddle has continued to serve as chairman of the Home Demonstration Blue Cross Hospitalization Group. The group was established in 1948 and members have continued to join the Home Demonstration group. In 1952 there were 210 families paying through the club group. In each club the health chairman collects the payments each three months. The chairman then deposits the money in The Bank of Floyd and notifies Mrs. Weddle of the amounts. She in turn pays for the entire group. There is a savings of 20¢ to 40¢ per month for each subscriber paying through a group instead of individually.

During the first nine months of this year 61 members have been hospitalized and a total of \$7,419.62 has been paid for them.

During the same period a total of \$7,845.68 has been paid from the Home Demonstration group to the Hospital Service Association of Roanoke.

The health chairmen in the clubs have given 72 talks and discussions on various phases of cancer control, the polio drive and the need for blood from Floyd County. The following amounts have been given for the various drives:

Cancer	\$95.80
March of Dimes. . .	85.70
Red Cross	45.00

6. Food Preservation

a. Objectives

(1) Make available timely information on the canning and storage of food.

(2) Teach homemakers the methods of freezing foods and the selection of home freezers.

b. Methods

(1) Published timely news articles and made radio programs on processing and preserving foods.

(2) Held special group meetings on canning and freezing foods.

(3) Distributed canning and freezing bulletins.

(4) Assisted families with individual problems.

(5) Homemakers kept a record of the amount of food preserved and stored.

(6) Exhibits were set up at the Achievement Program and for National Home Demonstration Week showing a well-balanced diet as grown in the home garden.

c. Results

Although food preservation has not been a subject for the monthly demonstrations, it has been stressed by the leaders and agent. The agent distributed approximately 150 bulletins on freezing and canning during May. At least 150 other requests for information has been given to the local paper, in addition to the announcement that the bulletins on freezing and canning were available from the Home Agent's office.

The agent has tested approximately 50 pressure cooker gages using the gage owned by the Southern States Cooperative. Jars of food were on exhibit at the Achievement Program and three exhibits were on display at the community improvement clubs when they were judged.

The Home Demonstration members reported the following information on their reports:

	Fruits	Veg.	Meats	Pickles	Jellies, etc.
a. Quarts Canned	26,887	25,039	10,239	6,803	6,991
b. Pints Frozen	2,470	2,551	3,204		
c. Pounds Stored	40,618	60,476	50,167		

COMMUNITY CLUBS STRESS HOME GARDENS

Improving home gardens was one of the objectives worked on by the three community groups. All three groups had a program giving suggestions on improving the home garden and increasing the number of vegetables. This year there was an average of fifteen vegetables grown which was an increase of one over 1951. There is still improvements to be made with growing larger numbers of vegetables in the summer and fall gardens.

Canning tomatoes was stressed by the Falling Branch Community Club. Information on how to grow, can and serve tomatoes was also given out to all of the members of the three community groups. The leaders

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distributed the leaflets to members not attending the community meetings.

The following summary was turned in by the three groups:

	No. families reporting
No. qts. food canned	23,108
No. lbs. frozen	4,124
No. bu. root vegetables & apples stored	1,883
No. hogs butchered for home use	174
No. lbs. other meat butchered for home use	5,000
No. chickens kept for home use	4,035
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7. Rural Arts

The Rural Arts program has been carried by special interest groups and club choice demonstrations. One leader training meeting was held by Miss Catherine Peary, Rural Arts Specialist, on etching glass with 18 members attending. She showed how to use monograms on glasses, ash trays and other articles to make them personalized and more attractive.

Two clubs had etching glass as their club choice demonstration and three leaders conducted two special interest meetings. Approximately 45 articles have been etched. One member had a display of six monogrammed glasses at the Achievement Program.

The Home Demonstration groups have conducted 8 special interest meetings on making aluminum trays. This is a follow-up of a program which was started two years ago. Approximately seventy-five members attended the meetings and have completed 35 trays.

Last year the Home Demonstration program included basket weaving under the rural arts program. There has been three special interest meetings on basket weaving conducted by the leaders who were trained last year. Fifteen baskets have been made in these groups. Some of them were on exhibit at the Achievement Program. One member made a lamp shade using the reed which was used for the baskets.

There is still interest in reseating chairs. This year approximately 75 chairs were reseated by members and non-members using the kraft chair cord. Three special interest meetings on recaning chairs were conducted by the agent. Eight chairs have been reseated. One member, after learning how to re-canec the chairs, has reseated four chairs for other people. It has meant additional spending money for her.

B. Other Activities

1. Participation of an Outstanding Family

Mr. and Mrs. Willard S. Glover have been outstanding in their participation in community, church, Home Demonstration and 4-H Club activities. They live in the Falling Branch community and their family consists of three married children and two girls ages 10 and 7 years.

Mr. Glover is recognized as a leader and served as the Community Improvement Club president. He is superintendent of the Falling Branch Sunday School, also an active layman in the Methodist church. Mr. Glover is a merchant and lives on a small farm. Both Mr. and Mrs. Glover are very progressive in their thinking and are willing to work for the improvement of better family and community living.

Mrs. Glover has shown unusual leadership ability in serving as chairman of the Home Demonstration kitchen committee. She has attended the Institute of Rural Affairs for two years and has a keen appreciation of Home Demonstration work. She has served as a Home Demonstration leader in the Kemper Club. Mrs. Glover recognized that a number of homemakers worked during the day and could attend meetings at night. She began talking about this possibility and during this year a group of the Kemper Club held meetings in the evenings. Recently the Falling Branch Home Demonstration Club was formed as a separate club with 14 members. She is now serving as a leader in this club.

Mrs. Glover still had time to serve on the home committee of the community improvement club, as a 4-H Club leader, secretary for the County Home Demonstration Committee and teaches the adult class in the Felling Branch Sunday School.

This year Mr. and Mrs. Glover have moved into a new home and at the present time she is busy making draw draperies for the windows. Mr. and Mrs. Glover live their Christian beliefs and are very interested in their family.

2. Home Demonstration Kitchen

The main objective for the Home Demonstration groups has been the Home Demonstration Kitchen. It is located in the new courthouse in connection with the Home Demonstration Agent's office.

The kitchen committee was formed with Mrs. W. S. Glover, chairman, and composed of one member from each of the Home Demonstration Clubs.

Their first task was to pay the county for the additional plumbing of the water pipe and drain to the kitchen. There was no equipment to make the room useable for foods or other leader training meetings. The committee's first move was to ask the clubs for \$10 each. They responded 100% to the requests and the New Town Homemakers Club contributed \$5. Additional donations came in from two of the clubs and individuals who were interested in seeing the kitchen develop into a useful room. The committee felt that one of the best ways to raise funds was to serve lunches in the kitchen which meant that first there had to be some equipment. They started with a used range, loaned by the Appalachian Electric Power Company, a double sink, hot water heater, and one base cabinet.

The clubs sold vanilla to get a 48-cup coffee maker and 120 pieces of stainless steel tableware. The kitchen committee served the first lunch which brought in \$28.76. The members brought the food, kitchen utensils, plates and glasses from their homes. They borrowed cups, saucers and dessert dishes from the school.

The lunches continued to be served by the different clubs until all of them except two prepared and served a meal. A total of \$504.77 was realized from the sale of lunches.

Mrs. Howard Black was general chairman of the lunches and assisted with serving most of them. For many of the homemakers it was their first visit to the courthouse and kitchen. Many people became acquainted with the homemakers from various sections of the county. The general public cooperated by coming and bringing their friends to the kitchen for lunch each Thursday.

The kitchen committee received permission from the County Board of Supervisors to have a Coca Cola machine placed in the building. The profits went to the kitchen fund and for N. D. materials.

By early spring the following additional equipment was added: 2 corner "Lazy Susan" cabinets, 3 dozen dinner plates, 3 dozen dessert plates, 3 dozen cups and saucers and 1 dozen bowls. The clubs have contributed dish towels, glasses, salt and pepper shakers, pickle dishes and serving bowls. The members are saving coupons to add additional silverware and cooking equipment.

The equipment in the kitchen is valued at approximately \$550, and there is a balance of approximately \$200 in the kitchen fund. It was the largest project to be undertaken by the Floyd County Home

Demonstration Clubs. They undertook the task willingly and have done an outstanding piece of work. The cooperation of the clubs and club members has been excellent. They are very proud of the kitchen, its equipment and the part they have had in securing it. Many homemakers visit the kitchen frequently.

3. Community Improvement Work

Three community improvement clubs were organized in the following communities: Falling Branch, Laurel Branch and Topoco. The Roanoke Chamber of Commerce set up prizes to serve as an incentive for the community groups in a twelve county area. The Bank of Floyd served as the local sponsor by contributing \$100 as prize money.

The clubs were organized in the spring, and included all of the families in the community. The three communities included 147 families with 99 participating in the community improvement activities. The average attendance at the meetings was 33 people.

The most outstanding improvements centered around the churches and cemeteries. Churches were painted, lawns improved, church basement constructed and central heating installed, church basement plastered, payments made on church debts and a recreation area established by clearing out a section of the church ground and building an outdoor fireplace. The community groups worked on church and family cemeteries. They were cleaned off, reseeded and new fences and entrances constructed. All the communities erected community signs on the roads leading into the communities.

The groups had educational, recreation and working meetings. Through community efforts 2 1/2 miles of hard surface road is being built in the Laurel Branch Community. They raised \$3,150 through donations to help with the construction.

The church and Sunday School attendance increased as well as participation in youth and adult organizations.

4. Federation Goal Activities

HOME AND COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION was selected as the Federation Goal for the third successive year. The Home Demonstration Committee and other members felt that the field was so large only a beginning had been made during the two years that the members had worked on it.

Aim: To make Virginia homes more attractive and to promote pride in the appearance of the community.

a. Objectives

- (1) Each club carry a community project such as beautifying church grounds and improving neglected cemeteries.
- (2) Each member continue to make improvements in the outside appearance of the home.
- (3) Encourage families to improve mail boxes and secure name plates and farm signs.
- (4) Encourage members to establish sitting and recreation areas.

b. Methods

- (1) The county goal chairman worked in cooperation with the agent and club chairmen.
- (2) The Federation Goal chairmen were trained by the agent and conducted a meeting in each of the clubs.
- (3) Illustrative material was used and blue prints for outdoor fireplaces, lawn furniture, etc. were secured for the members.
- (4) One result demonstration was conducted in each club part of which was continued from last year.

(5) The agent assisted members with individual problems.

(6) Publicity was given to the program through the local paper and radio recordings.

c. Results

The leaders were trained by Mrs. Dayton Burgess, County Federation Goal Chairman, and the agent. They conducted sixteen demonstrations during the month of April and sixty discussions giving timely information at club meetings. They urged members to participate in the clean-up campaign in May. They also stressed better sanitation around the barns and outdoor toilets.

The mail box improvement was continued and approximately 250 additional name plates were ordered through the clubs. During the past two years over 1,100 mail boxes have been improved through the efforts of the Home Demonstration and Community Clubs.

The members reported 100% participation in the clean-up campaign, 1,125 new plantings made and 375 families improved the surroundings by painting, building fences, building walks, improving driveways and planting flowers and shrubs. Approximately 50 outdoor living areas were made and several more have been started. Through the Federation Goal chairmen approximately 150 plans for fireplaces have been distributed.

Eight result demonstrations were established and eight meetings held with an attendance of 195. Four of these were included in the tour during the community improvement judging.

5. County Objectives

a. Each club be represented at the Federation District Meeting and Institute of Rural Affairs.

The Home Demonstration Committee was hostess for the District V Meeting of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs which was held in the Topeco Church during National Home Demonstration Week. All of the clubs were represented with an attendance of 160 members. The members assisted with planning, serving lunch, giving out programs, and other details for making the meeting a success. The W-H Club girls served as pages and the boys assisted with parking cars.

Approximately 15 members attended the Institute of Rural Affairs in Blacksburg. In order to receive a Home Demonstration Club pin the members were required to attend one of these meetings.

b. Pay Federation dues of \$3 and county dues of \$2. (includes Pennies for Friendship).

All of the clubs paid their federation dues of \$3 to the county treasurer by March 1. Floyd County was one of the honor clubs to have 100% dues paid. The clubs contributed \$10 to the Pennies for Friendship Fund. All of the clubs have paid their county dues of \$2, which was used for the expenses of the Achievement Program and H. D. Materials.

c. Each club have an exhibit at the Achievement Program.

All of the clubs with the exception of two had exhibits at the annual Achievement Program held in the Check High School. They included braided rugs, handicraft articles, clothing, canned food, garden products, articles related to the dining area, flower arrangements, bedspreads and quilts. Pictures and articles appeared in the local paper giving details of the program.

d. Each club assist the public welfare of the county.

During the year the clubs have continued to contribute articles of clothing, food and toys to the public welfare department for distribution to needy families. Approximately 300 articles have been

contributed by the Home Demonstration Club members.

FOURTY MEMBERS RECEIVE HOME DEMONSTRATION PINS

The Home Demonstration Committee voted to give Home Demonstration pins to outstanding members this year. The executive committee set up the following requirements:

1. Attend eight regular club meetings during the year.
2. Attend either the District Federation Meeting or Institute of Rural Affairs.
3. Attend the county Achievement Program.
4. Turn in a list to the club secretary of 10 improvements made during the year.
5. Serve a year as an officer or leader of a club.

Mrs. Ollie Conner, vice-chairman of the Home Demonstration Committee, awarded the pins to forty members at the Achievement Program in September. A picture of them appeared in The Floyd Press.

c. Result Demonstrations

This year there were 20 result demonstrators. A total of 24 meetings were held at these demonstrations with an attendance of 346. The Farm and Home Unit Demonstration with Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Ecothe is still in progress. This year they have started a new home and plan to be moved in early in 1953. The main activities under consideration were the convenient house plan, kitchen planning and storage spaces.

VI. 4-H CLUB WORK

A. Project Work

1. Rural Electrification

a. Objectives

- (1) Teach 4-H Club members how to care for electrical equipment.

- (2) Improve the home lighting.
- (3) Teach girls how to give a demonstration or present a subject to the club.
- (4) Teach methods of keeping records.

b. Methods

- (1) Agent conducted method demonstrations on subjects related to the project.
- (2) Members conducted discussions and demonstrations.
- (3) Secured the help of the Appalachian Electric Power Company representatives in assisting with the meetings on making and electrifying lamps.
- (4) Distributed illustrative material.
- (5) Urged members to compete in county and district contests.
- (6) The reporters of each club sent in accounts of the meetings to the school and local paper.

c. Results

There were 9 clubs with 213 members enrolled in Unit I of the Rural Electrification project. There were five leaders assisting with these groups and 147 members completing. The members studied the reasons why electricity is important to the farmer and homemaker. They also made a list of the electrical equipment now in use in their homes and listed additional equipment that was bought during the year. There were 120 members who improved the lighting in at least one room of their home.

Representatives of the Appalachian Electric Power Company assisted in giving nine demonstrations on converting oil lamps and making lamps. Members reported that they have made 74 lamps.

All of the members cared for two or more electrical appliances for a period of one month each. Cared for lights and lamps in the home, 101 members; 102 iron; 10 toaster; 30 vacuum cleaner; 100 refrigerator; 35 washing machine and 61 range.

The members were active in giving talks and discussions at their club meetings. Demonstrations were given by 44 members.

Marie Vest, a member of the Check Senior A-H Club, was the county winner of the Farm and Home Electric Contest. She attended the A-H Club Electric Congress in Richmond on September 4 and 5.

2. Clothing

Clothing Unit I - Looking Your Best

a. Objectives

- (1) Improve personal appearance.
- (2) Teach A-H Club girls to look their best by wearing clean, well-pressed clothing.
- (3) Teach girls how to care for their skin, hair, hands, and to improve their posture.
- (4) Teach girls how to give demonstrations.

c. Methods

- (1) Trained leaders to assist with the method demonstrations.
- (2) Agent conducted method demonstrations.
- (3) Members presented discussions and demonstrations to the groups.
- (4) Distributed illustrative material.
- (5) The reporters of each club sent in accounts of each meeting and special interest stories to the school and local paper.

The Willis 8th Grade Club had 26 members enrolled in the Clothing Unit I - Looking Your Best project. Twenty-five girls completed and one leader assisted the group. She was an excellent leader and the club carried on good project work. Fourteen of the members gave demonstrations and all of them made at least one exhibit.

The reports show that all members improved the care of the feet; 23 hands; 23 posture; 24 hair; 19 skin, 22 teeth; and 7 voices. Seventy-one sweaters were laundered by 14 members; 25 members reported improved care and repair of their clothing.

Clothing Unit III - So You'd Like to Sew

a. Objectives

- (1) Teach the fundamentals of clothing construction by beginning with simple articles and advancing to more complicated steps.
- (2) Teach girls how to make a sewing box for their equipment.
- (3) Teach time-saving methods and equipment.
- (4) Teach the girls how to make some of their own clothing in order to save time and money.

b. Methods

- (1) The agent conducted method demonstrations on subjects related to the project.
- (2) Trained leaders so they could conduct the project work.
- (3) Exhibited articles at the end of the project.
- (4) Distributed illustrative material.
- (5) Reporters send in accounts of project work to the local paper.

- (6) Urged members to compete in county contests.

c. Results

There were four clubs who carried the Clothing Unit III - So You'd Like to Sew project with 101 girls enrolled and 93 completed. Adult leaders assisted with three of the clubs. The members gave 47 demonstrations and made 90 exhibits. They equipped 93 sewing boxes, made 72 garments and 314 articles. One member had an exhibit at the Roanoke County Fair.

There were 115 girls enrolled in the summer groups with 112 completing. Sixteen adult leaders and 10 junior leaders assisted the 18 groups. The girls made 275 garments and remodeled 110. The county style dress revue was held in August with 38 girls participating. Betty Jo Sumner will represent the county in the district contest. Three other girls were in the blue ribbon groups.

3. House Furnishings

Care and Arrangement (Housekeeping)

a. Objectives

- (1) Interest members in caring for their rooms.
- (2) Teach simple repairs and how to make storage space for personal belongings.
- (3) Teach easier methods of housekeeping.
- (4) Teach the use of time-saving equipment.

b. Methods

- (1) The agent conducted leader training meetings to train leaders to carry on project work.
- (2) Agent conducted method demonstrations.

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(3) Leaders conduct meetings on and assisted agent with project work.

(4) Exhibited articles that they made.

(5) Conducted at least one result demonstration in each club.

(6) Distributed illustrative material.

(7) Reporters submitted news articles to local paper.

There were 4 clubs with 68 girls enrolled in the Care and Arrangement project with 57 girls completing. One leader assisted two of the clubs. Thirty-five members gave demonstrations to their club or showed other people something that they had learned by taking the project. They improved 75 rooms and made or bought 110 articles and furnishings.

4. Food Preparation

a. Objectives

(1) Teach members the best methods of preparing foods and serving meals.

(2) Train members to present part of the demonstrations to the clubs.

(3) Teach the importance of having a well-balanced diet and planning meals according to the Basic Seven Food Groups.

b. Methods

(1) Trained leaders and junior leaders to assist with the food preparation project.

(2) The clubs met in community groups during the summer.

(3) Encouraged members to compete in the county and district contests.

c. Results

There were 125 girls enrolled in the Meal Planning, Preparation and Service project with 120 completing. Three leaders assisted the groups. They planned 1,205 meals, served 1,005 meals and 18 members made exhibits and judged foods. Two girls gave a demonstration at the Achievement Program and won the Foley award.

B. Other Activities

COUNTY 4-H CLUB COUNCIL

The 4-H Club Council is composed of the officers of the 18 4-H Clubs. The council met one time during the year. A committee decided to award 4-H Club rings and pencils to members who completed their projects in 1951. The following goals were set up for this year:

1. Each club enter the WSLC Contest.
2. Each club voluntarily pay 20¢ per club member for county dues.
3. Boys have their projects started by April 1, or they will be dropped from the club roll.
4. Have each club represented at camp with one or more members.
5. Club members who have not completed their projects for 1952 will not be eligible for membership in 1953.
6. Each club observe National 4-H Club Week with an exhibit at school or some other public place.

All of the clubs have completed most of the objectives. The small prize has not been selected for the members who completed their projects this year. The next meeting of the council is scheduled for December.

Barbara Aldredge of the Floyd 9th Grade Club was elected to serve as president. In August a committee from the 4-H Club Council and

three leaders worked on an exhibit for the Roanoke County Fair. The exhibit was made up of garments made in the clothing projects, note books, lanyards, and cork mats that were made at the 4-H Club camp. The booth won fourth place of \$35.

WILLIS 6th AND 7th GRADE 4-H CLUB WINS WSLC CONTEST IN FLOYD COUNTY

The WSLC Contest is sponsored by the radio station in Roanoke for the purpose of promoting better 4-H Club work on a club basis. The Willis 6th and 7th Grade 4-H Club won the first prize of \$25. It has 60 members, 38 girls and 22 boys. Mrs. Harry Weeks has served as club leader during the winter and summer months.

They reported 75% projects completed, 95% club attendance and 25% increase in enrollment. Eighty-five per cent of the club members re-enrolled for 1953. Three of the 4-H girls worked in the lunchroom and helped serve lunches. Several of the members were active in the March of Dimes campaign by helping to collect funds from different rooms.

During the summer the girls carried on their project work with the help of local leaders in their respective communities. Four of the officers attended the 4-H Club Council meeting. Seven members attended 4-H Club camp at Holiday Lake.

The Check Senior Club won second prize of \$15 and the Floyd Senior Club won third prize which was \$10.

4-H CLUBS OBSERVE NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK

During the year all of the clubs have observed National 4-H Club Week. They used posters on school bulletin boards and in their rooms. The three Floyd Clubs sponsored a party at the high school with an attendance of 125. The Willis Clubs had a one-act play and a party. The Floyd 9th Grade Club had a display in connection with the Farm and Home

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Electric project in a store window. During the month of February the reporters made special efforts to write up their meetings giving highlights of their 4-H Club program

4-H CLUB CAMPS

39 Girls Attend 4-H Camp at Holiday Lake

This year Floyd was one of the three counties who camped at Holiday Lake. For several years five or six counties had conducted the camp together. Last year the camp was so crowded that it was decided to divide the six counties. This year Pulaski, Wythe and Floyd Counties spent the week of August 4-9 at Holiday Lake. From Floyd County 39 girls, 28 boys, 2 women leaders and 2 men leaders attended which was the largest number ever to attend in a year. The camp was divided into three tribes as usual. Five Floyd County girls served as leaders of the tribes and they showed a lot of leadership at the camp. All of the club members made wooden note books, bird houses, lanyards or cork dish mats in their handicraft classes.

4 Girls and 1 Leader Attend Conservation Camp at Virginia Beach

Four older club girls, one leader and agent attended the State Conservation Camp at Virginia Beach. While at camp the members took classes in various phases of conservation and enjoyed a well supervised recreation program including swimming in the ocean. All of the members received scholarships of \$2.50.

6 4-H Members Attend State Short Course

Four 4-H Club girls from the senior clubs and two boys attended the State 4-H Club Short Course held at VPI in Blacksburg. Two of the girls took part in a radio broadcast telling of their experiences at the Short Course. A girl was not taken in as an All-Star this year since

the first and second recommendations were unable to attend the Short Course. For the past three years a girl has been initiated into the All-Star Chapter.

The members seemed to enjoy the week of leadership training which will enable them to be better 4-H Club members.

Achievement Program

The second 4-H Club Achievement Program was held in August. It was in the form of a contest day with recognition given to the volunteer leaders. The style dress revue was held with 38 girls participating. There were 20 girls in the junior contest with Frances Webb and Joyce Salyer winning blue ribbons. In the senior contest Betty Jo Sumner was selected to represent the county at the district contest. Marie Vest also won a blue ribbon. A total of 18 girls participated in the senior contest.

Two girls in the meal preparation project gave a demonstration on making peanut butter cookies then the cookies were used as refreshments. There was an attendance of approximately 55 4-H Club girls, leaders and parents.

The awards for the contest will be presented at a 4-H Club Council meeting.

VII. SCOPE OF WORK

	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. H. D. Clubs or Groups	16	17	17	19
Membership	369	405	411	432
No. 4-H Clubs	16	17	19	18
Membership	261	312	363	405
No. YMW Groups	0	0	0	0
Membership	0	0	0	0
No. of other families reached	820	840	750	800
No. of different families reached	1270	1380	1400	1450
No. community clubs	0	0	0	3
Membership	0	0	0	398

VIII. BRIEF STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATIONS FUNCTIONING IN 1952 PROGRAM

A. County Home Demonstration Committee

The presidents of the Home Demonstration Clubs, executive officers and members-at-large make up the county Home Demonstration Committee. This year the committee held two meetings—one in the fall and the other in the spring. The executive committee served as the steering committee for the fall planning meeting. At the fall planning meeting the program was outlined for the year, county-wide meetings decided on, county goals set up and the federation goal selected.

At the spring planning meeting which was a business session a few changes were recommended for the program. The chairman appointed committees for making plans for the District V Federation Meeting, Achievement Program, Year Book and nominating committees. Miss Edith Vaughan, District Agent, was present and gave the presidents a discussion on outlook information for 1953 and gave suggestions for conducting program planning discussions in the clubs.

The agent prepared outlook information for the program development chairman to be used as a guide in the club discussions. The fall planning meeting showed that the clubs had conducted successful discussions on program planning and offered lists of suggestions for the year's program.

The Home Demonstration Kitchen Committee is composed of a chairman, a lunch chairman, and a member from each of the clubs. This committee has met six times during the year for the purpose of drawing up plans for serving lunches and equipping the kitchen.

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B. County A-H Club Council (see section VI)

C. Civic Organization - Woman's Club

The agent has been a member of the Floyd Court House Woman's Club for several years. She has served as second vice-president this year.

The Home Demonstration Clubs have worked in cooperation with the Woman's Club in setting up the Sick Room Loan Closet and the agent has served on the committee for securing the articles.

The agent served as a speaker for the September meeting of the Bent Mountain Woman's Club, "Using Color in the Home" as the subject.

IX. LEADERSHIP

A. Volunteer Leaders of the Program

1. Organizational

The organizational leaders who are the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, chaplain and reporter in each club have had definite responsibilities toward carrying out the Home Demonstration program. There are 108 women serving as club officers. They have given 864 talks or discussions at the club meetings.

The presidents use the order of business which is outlined in the Year Book. They assume the responsibility of carrying on the club meetings and are directly responsible for the progress of their club. During the year most of the presidents have served on the Home Demonstration Kitchen Committee.

The secretaries have been responsible for the roll call and minutes of each meeting. They have also sent in reports on meetings held without the presence of the agent. They helped make up the list of members who were eligible to receive the Home Demonstration pin.

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The treasurers have kept a record of the money, paid bills and in some cases collected for the group hospitalization. The reporters have submitted reports of the club meetings and other activities to the local paper for publication.

The chaplains have been very active in giving a very short devotional at each meeting. In most cases they have followed the suggested devotional in the Year Book. Often times they used songs or poems to add to the devotional program.

2. Program Development

The presidents or vice-presidents in each club have served as the program development leaders. After attending the spring planning meeting they led discussions at the July, August and September meetings on program planning. They used the outlook information which was prepared by the agent to direct the discussions. They brought a list of good suggestions to the fall planning meeting and took an active part in setting up the club calendar.

3. Subject Matter

The subject matter leaders have had a definite part in the success of the Home Demonstration program this year. In each club there were five leaders—two foods, two house furnishings and one home and community beautification leader. They were trained at leader training meetings by subject matter specialists or the agent.

This year a system of training half of the leaders for one month and the other half of the leaders for the next month has meant that the agent has only attended half of the meetings for those particular months. This has proved very satisfactory since it is hard for the agent to attend all of the meetings in one month.

A total of 115 women have served as leaders and have given 125 demonstrations without the agent and assisted with 30 demonstrations. In addition they have given 123 talks and discussions.

B. Growth of Leadership

<u>Growth of H. B. Club Project Leadership</u>	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. project leaders (Subject Matter)	58	64	70	115
No. goal chairmen	18	19	20	21
No. training meetings held by Specialist	2	3	5	6
by Agent	11	14	18	23
Attendance at all training meetings	152	198	190	243
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	68	89	114	125
No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	0	2	16	30
<u>Growth of A-H Club Project Leadership</u>				
No. adult project leaders	20	25	23	25
No. junior project leaders	16	18	21	23
No. training meetings held by Specialist	0	0	0	1
by Agent	12	21	11	12
Attendance at leader training meetings	46	70	42	57
No. A-H leaders trained individually	15	12	20	25
No. club meetings held by leader without agent present	41	56	99	95
No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted	10	16	20	35
No. demonstrations given by leaders	37	53	99	95
by adults	25	39	89	83
by juniors	12	14	10	12

C. Activities of an Outstanding Leader and Her Accomplishments

Mrs. Harry Weeks has been a member of the Willis Home Demonstration Club for five years. She and her husband, who works for the State Highway Department, built their home about three years ago. They did most of the work themselves and have a very attractive small home.

They do not have any children, however, Mrs. Weeks enjoys working with young people in that she has served as a 4-H Club leader for three Willis clubs with an enrollment of 101 girls. She assisted them with their project work and recreation such as picnics and parties. During the summer she served as leader for the foods group of the Willis Club. There were 15 girls and 3 boys with all of them completing their projects.

For the past two years Mrs. Weeks has attended 4-H Club camp at Holiday Lake. With her unusual ability with handicrafts and keen sense of humor she proved to be an excellent leader. She has also served as an advisor for the 4-H Club Council.

Mrs. Weeks is always ready to serve her Home Demonstration Club and is active in other organizations. She stands ready to serve on committees and to assist with special projects.

She has served as a project leader of her club for several years. She received one of the Home Demonstration pins which means that she has had good attendance at club meetings, served as an officer, made ten improvements, attended the District Federation Meeting and the Institute of Rural Affairs.

She enjoys working with people and one of her hobbies is renovating old articles and refinishing furniture. She has refinished and caned a rocking chair for herself. She has also put in five additional

cane bottoms in chairs. She has made lamps, curtains, rugs, dust ruffle and many other articles to make her home attractive.

Her living room was one of the first result demonstrations in connection with the house furnishings program. It has been included in the club tour and a radio feature recording was made at her home.

Mrs. Weeks is always willing to help with all extension programs and has passed on information to at least fifty homemakers during the year.

● X. COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

The agent has cooperated with the Home Economics teachers by helping to secure information for adult classes and with food preservation problems. Pressure cooker gages have been tested and canning and freezing bulletins have been distributed. The teachers have been invited to attend special interest meetings and the Achievement Program. A special effort has been made to acquaint them with the 4-H and Home Demonstration programs. The agent has given three method demonstrations to Home Economics classes.

The Home Demonstration Clubs have assisted the Welfare Department in the county with contributions of clothing, food and toys. Two of the clubs have continued to help their "adopted families" three or four times during the year. The health chairman of each club has distributed educational materials for the cancer foundation and March of Dimes campaign. Three of the Home Demonstration Club members have died with cancer. This year the club's contribution was a memorial to them. The Home Demonstration Club members have worked with the Red Cross in assisting with county-wide programs. The Blood Mobile has made three visits to the county and the members have helped in securing blood donors and with the program on the day of the visit to the county.

XI. BUREAU APPRAISAL OF THE YEAR'S WORK

The past year marks real progress toward the goals of Home Demonstration work, which include developing rural leadership, improving family living in the homes and communities and assisting families to obtain and maintain comfortable and attractive homes. The interests of the Home Demonstration women have advanced far beyond the four walls of their homes. They are beginning to take the logical steps from better homes to better communities.

Equipping the Home Demonstration Kitchen has been a common interest for them and has been their greatest task. It has made the work easier for the agent and more leader training meetings have been held. Therefore, a greater number of leaders have assisted with carrying on the extension program.

The women have been responsible for the organization of the three community clubs. The agent feels that they have done a great deal to improve rural living with adults and youth.

The plan of work which was set up at the beginning of the year has been satisfactorily carried out. The agent feels that the most improvements have been made in the people themselves instead of the number of rooms rearranged or new recipes tried. They have developed new attitudes and have cooperated as groups in working on a community basis.