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III. SCOPE OF WORK.

A. Home Demonstration Clubs.

Three Hundred and Ninety-Five Women Are
Members of Eighteen Home Demonstration Clubs.

New Club Organized

One hundred and eighty-one demonstration meetings were held during the year with an attendance of 2437 women. A new club was organized in a veteran housing project. Thirty-two young enthusiastic homemakers joined and have participated in a house furnishings program in which they were intensely interested. These demonstration meetings were held in the Catawba community where there is no organized club due to transportation difficulties.

Thirteen Clinics Sponsored by Clubs

These were for the purpose of testing pressure gauges and distributing food preservation information to women not reached in club meetings. There was an attendance of 158 at these clinics. Home demonstration members reported having taken information to approximately 500 other people in their communities. Making a total of 650 people reached by home demonstration club members.

B. 4-H Clubs.

Fifteen 4-H Clubs with Membership of 301 Girls.

Although this is a decrease in enrollment, it is the result of careful planning by a 4-H advisory committee which recommended organizing five of the clubs on an out-of-school basis with a smaller membership and increased quality of club program and project work. Enrollment and number of out-of-school clubs will increase with better trained leadership - a definite goal for the coming year.

C. Number Reached Through Other Groups by Agent - 375

This included talks at P.T.A. meetings, garden clubs, and department meetings of women's clubs.

D. Other Methods Used to Reach Families.

Publicity

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1. Home Demonstration Clubs

These included the Home Demonstration Club
of the Home Demonstration Club

Home Demonstration Clubs

and included and eight-year demonstration meetings were held during the year with an attendance of 1247 women. This year was organized in a very busy year. This year young educational home-demonstration clubs and have participated in a home demonstration program in which they were intensely interested. These demonstration meetings were held in the demonstration committee there is an organized club for demonstration activities.

Home Demonstration Clubs

There were for the purpose of holding pressure groups and distribution and presentation information to women and reached in club meetings. There was an attendance of 1247 at these clubs. Home demonstration clubs reported having been interested in approximately 200 other people in their communities. During a total of 200 people reached by home demonstration club members.

4-4 Clubs

4-4 Clubs with Leadership of 201 Clubs

Although this is a decrease in enrollment, it is the result of careful planning by a 4-4 club which committee with women reached approximately 1247 of the clubs on an out-of-town basis with a major emphasis and increased quality of club program and project work. Enrollment and number of out-of-town clubs will increase with better training leadership - a definite goal for the coming year.

Home Demonstration Clubs

This included clubs of 174. meetings, home club, and department meetings of women clubs.

Home Demonstration Clubs

Home Demonstration Clubs

Scope of Work Continued -

Weekly column in Salem Times Register, circulation - 2,000.
 Occasional articles in Roanoke Dailies, circulation-35,000.
 One article in Progressive Farmer.
 Total newspaper articles published - - - - - 89.

Radio

Monthly 6-minute talks on WDBJ.
 Studio estimate of listeners (Roanoke County) - 27,920.
 Semi-weekly 5-minute talks on WSLS.
 Studio estimate of listeners not known.
 Total radio talks given - - - - - 114.

Office Calls - - - - - 153.

Telephone Calls - - - - - 1027.

Home Visits - - - - - 392.

E. Total Families Reached

To arrive at an estimate is difficult. From the above figure my guess is 10,000. Roanoke is an urban county. The 1945 census showed 1724 farm families. Many more urban families are reached through the program.

IV. ADULT PROGRAM.

A. Home Demonstration Club Program.

1. Project Work.

During the summer of 1946, all home demonstration clubs devoted a part of two meetings to a discussion of needs of its members. A summary of these discussions revealed the following -

29% lived on farms of 3 acres or more.

In most cases farm income was supplemented by outside sources.

71% of families lived in county but were employed in industry.

There was higher cost incomes per family than found in many rural areas.

- Range of 1947 Continued -

Weekly column in Sales Times magazine, circulation - 1,000.
Occasional articles in Economic Bulletin, circulation - 25,000.
One article in Progressive Farmer.
Total newspaper articles published - - - - - 38.

Radio

Monthly 5-minute talks on WML.
Radio estimate of listeners (Sevier County) - 27,000.
Hourly 5-minute talks on WML.
Radio estimate of listeners not known.
Total radio talks given - - - - - 124.

Office Calls

124 - - - - -
1027 - - - - -
282 - - - - -

Total facilities reached

To arrive at an estimate is difficult. From the above figures
of 1946 in 10,000. Sevier is an urban county. The 1946
figures show 1734 farm facilities. Many more urban facilities
are reached through the program.

IV. ADULT PROGRAM.

A. New Demonstrations This Program.

1. Project Work.

During the summer of 1946, all new demonstrations were
developed as part of the program in a discussion of needs of
the county. A summary of these discussions revealed the
following -

1. Live on farm or home.

It was noted that income was supplemented by
outside sources.

2. Facilities lived in county but were engaged
in industry.

There was higher cost income per family than
found in many rural areas.

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Adult Program Continued -

Need was expressed for guidance in spending habits.

The housing shortage was acute due to expanding industry in the county.

During the war years the homemakers gave all of their time and effort to emergencies (food production, conservation, nutrition, remodeling clothing). Now their needs and interests have shifted to house furnishings.

In view of these findings a program was adopted which included a series of demonstrations on house furnishings, yard improvement and housing. For those who expressed a need there was special work on food preservation - particularly freezing (due to increase of rental lockers and home freezers) and gauge testing of pressure canners.

Roanoke County club members are quite good on their skills in serving. However they wanted some help on house dresses. Several demonstrators from each club were selected who did some special work along this line, after which they modeled their dresses in club meetings and at achievement day.

The attached year book gives in detail the program as outlined by the County Home Demonstration Committee.

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- Adult Program Continued -

has not expressed for guidance in spending habits.

The funding shortage was noted due to expanding industry in the county.

During the war years the homeowners gave all of their time and effort to commercial (food production, conservation, nutrition, remodeling, etc.). Now their needs and interests have shifted to home landscaping.

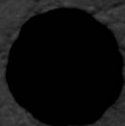
In view of these findings a program was adopted which included a series of demonstrations on home landscaping, yard improvement and housing. For those who expressed an interest there was special work on food production - particularly focusing (due to increase of rental income and home insurance) and basic building of present concerns.

Homeowners County Club members are given a lot on their skills in working. However they wanted more help on home insurance. Several demonstrations (two each) were conducted and the same special work along this line, after which they received their interest in job settings and of achievement day.

The attached year book gives in detail the program as implemented by the County Home Demonstration Committee.

*Home Demonstration
Club*

Year Book - 1947



ROANOKI COUNTY

ADDRESS _____

NAME _____

Virginia Homemakers Creed

As homemakers we will strive to:

Have our organization foster the highest ideals in home, church, school and public life.

Have our homes reach out in service to the communities and help unite the people.

Have cooperation and progress the leading forces in our communities.

Study the best ways to do every day work that we may find joy in common tasks well done.

Be kind beyond standards of charity; avoid thoughts and words that condemn; be more thoughtful than love requires; maintain the highest ideals of Christian life.

OUR AIM IS TO MAKE EVERY HOME . . .

Economically sound, Mechanically convenient, Physically healthful, Morally wholesome, Artistically satisfying, Mentally stimulating, Socially responsible, Spiritually inspiring and Founded upon mutual affection and respect.

1947 Club Year Book

CLUB _____

PRESIDENT _____

VICE-PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

TREASURER _____

PROJECT LEADERS _____

MEETING DATE _____

ACHIEVEMENT DAY _____

DISTRICT FEDERATION MEETING _____

STATE FEDERATION MEETING _____

FEDERATION GOAL CHAIRMAN _____

RECREATION CHAIRMAN _____

STANDING COMMITTEES _____

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President's Message

Greetings to all Home Demonstration Club Members

It is with a great deal of pleasure that the County committee presents you with the first copy of a year book, which has been designed to fill the needs of all clubs in the County. I hope you will enjoy using it and will find it of great help to you in your Home Demonstration Club activities, during the year.

As you go through the pages, I think you will have the feeling that your committee represented your needs and interests well when they selected the 1947 program. The major emphasis is on Home Furnishings. This selection was a very natural one. During the war years we were concerned with food, nutrition, conservation, and clothing. Now we feel that it is time to change and consider our houses with a critical eye.

The Federation Goal selection of housing paves the way for interesting programs and we shall look to our goal chairman to help us on this point, which is uppermost in our thoughts, at this time.

4-H club work has always been a vital part of the Extension program, and Roanoke County has had a very good 4-H program through the years. If 4-H club work is to expand further, Home Demonstration Club members will have to give them material aid in the form of leadership, and in enlisting the support of parents who need a better understanding of principles upon which the 4-H program is founded. Let's give them our support. They are our leaders of tomorrow.

I wish for each member and each club a most successful year.

Cordially yours,

FRANCES PAYNE, *President*,

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The Home Demonstration Club Emblem



The hearth fire in the center is to symbolize the home and besides symbolizing the home, it expresses the spirit of the finest attributes of the home; such as fellowship, hospitality, comfort, peace and protection.

The oak leaf symbolizes strength; the sheaf of wheat, productivity; and the Roman lamp, knowledge, and other attributes of a successful home.

Around these symbols are the words, "Home, Family, Community" with "Cooperative Extension Service" on the outside ring, designating the cooperation of the county, state and nation in the Extension Program. The letters, "H.D." at the bottom stand for "Home Demonstration," the official term used by the government and many states for our work.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PIN

The National Home Demonstration Club pin will be presented by the Club to those members who reach the following goals:

1. Memorize the Homemakers Creed.
2. Attend eight or more meetings during the year.
3. Take part on the program during year.
4. Take part in a community project sponsored by the club.
5. Take information received through the extension program to three or more non-club members.
6. Apply five suggestions which have been received through the program during the year.
7. Attend one or more county wide meetings sponsored by the Home Demonstration Club organization.

Federation Goal

HOUSING

MRS. CREED FRAZIER, *Chairman*

AIM: To obtain for all families, homes which will provide comfort, convenience, and health in relation to income.

GOALS: 1. To devote the February meeting in all Home Demonstration Clubs to Housing.

2. Each club to have a housing chairman.

3. Each housing chairman to present a 10 minute talk at each monthly meeting except February and August. Below are suggested topics:

DECEMBER — Farm Housing Survey Summary.

JANUARY — Points to Remember in Buying or Building a Home and Minimum Requirements.

MARCH — Legal Information for Home Owners.

APRIL — Fire Prevention in the Home.

MAY — The Water Supply and Sewage Disposal.

JUNE — Adequate Storage Space.

JULY — Home Safety.

SEPTEMBER — Maintaining Repairs.

OCTOBER — Planning the Farm Home to Fit the Needs of Farm Life.

NOVEMBER — Better Home Lighting.

4. Each club member to put into practice three suggestions given during the year on Housing.

Committee on 4-H Club Work

MRS. B. H. TURNER, *Chairman*

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There are fifteen 4-H clubs in Roanoke County with an approximate enrollment of 650 boys and girls between the age of ten and twenty. All of the girls are carrying a Room Improvement project for 1946-47. The boys have a choice of a number of agricultural projects.

In the past we have been very proud of the Roanoke County 4-H club program, but we know that if it is to grow it will have to have the active support of parents and Home Demonstration Club.

With this in mind, the committee wishes to make the following recommendation:

1. That active leadership for 4-H club work be furnished in each community where there is a club.
2. That financial assistance be given when possible.
3. That a trip to 4-H camp or the state short course be given most outstanding 4-H club member.
4. That publicity on the 4-H program be promoted so that parents of all 4-H members will have a better understanding of the principles upon which the 4-H program is built.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF ROANOKE COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION COMMITTEE

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MRS. J. C. BRADLEY

MRS. WENDEL COLES

MRS. R. H. HAYES

MRS. W. T. PLUNKETT

MRS. F. G. CRISS

MRS. FRANCES PAYNE

Monthly Schedule
HOME DEMONSTRATION AND 4-H CLUBS

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1st WEEK	Dundee H. D. C. 2:00 P. M.	Fort Lewis H. D. C. 2:00 P. M.	Lakeside H. D. C. 1:30 P. M.	Fair View H. D. C. 2:00 P. M.	Ogden H. D. C. 1:30 P. M.
2nd WEEK	South Salem 4-H C. 9:30 A. M. U. S. D. A. Council 4:00 P. M. Ft. Lewis 4-H, Sr. 7:30 P. M.	Vinton 4-H 9:30 A. M. Bend H. D. C. 1:30 P. M.	Mt. Vernon 4-H 9:30 A. M. Mt. Pleasant H. D. C. 2:00 P. M.	Clearbrook 4-H 9:30 A. M. Tinker Creek H. D. C. 2:00 P. M.	South View 4-H 9:30 A. M. Oakland H. D. C. 2:00 P. M.
3rd WEEK	Back Creek 4-H 9:30 A. M. Bent Mt. 4-H 12:40 P. M. Bent Mt. H. D. C. 2:00 P. M.	Clearbrook H. D. C. 1:30 P. M. Catawba 4-H 7:30 P. M.	Burlington 4-H 9:30 A. M. Pleasant View H. D. C. 2:00 P. M.	Mt. Pleasant 4-H 9:30 A. M. Blue Ridge H. D. C. 2:00 P. M. Tinker Creek 4-H 3:30 P. M.	Fort Lewis, Jr. 4-H 9:30 A. M.
4th WEEK		Starkey H. D. C. 1:30 P. M.	Riverdale H. D. C. 1:30 P. M.	Edgewood H. D. C. 1:30 P. M.	Vinton H. D. C. 2:00 P. M. Blue Ridge 4-H 3:30 P. M.

December 1946

Hostess —

Devotional —

Creed —

Roll Call —

Report of Secretary —

Report of Treasurer —

Report of Standing Committees —

Report of Special Committees —

Unfinished Business —

1. Revision of Membership Roll.
2. Distribute New Year Books.
- 3.

New Business —

1. Plan for Community Project.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Discussion — "FARM HOUSING SURVEY," by Federation Goal Chairman.

Demonstration — "MEAT STRETCHERS."

Recreation —

May your handbook be an inspiration to each of you for a greater and more satisfying personal interest in your Club work—a stronger link in your cooperation for a better living.

— JESSIE M. HAMMERLY

January 1947

Hostess —

Devotional —

Creed —

Roll Call (respond with household hint) —

Report of Secretary —

Report of Treasurer —

Report of Standing Committees —

Report of Special Committees —

Unfinished Business —

1. Community Project —
- 2.
- 3.

New Business —

1. Report on 4-H Club work in community.
2. Leader Training Meeting on "Housing."
3. Plan Membership Drive.

Discussion — "POINTS TO REMEMBER IN BUYING OR BUILDING A HOME AND MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS,"
by Federation Goal Chairman.

Demonstration — "SMALL KITCHEN EQUIPMENT."

Recreation —

May you through your Home Demonstration Clubs continue to find knowledge, inspiration and form a closer relationship with your neighbor and in so doing ever increase in usefulness to your family and community. I commend to you the principles embodied in the Homemakers Creed which if followed by the Club members individually and collectively as a group, will make you a better person, your home a better home, your community and Roanoke County a better place in which to live.

ELIZABETH SPROUSE SIPE

February 1947

Hostess —

Devotional —

Creed —

Roll Call —

Report of Secretary —

Report of Treasurer —

Report of Standing Committees —

Report of Special Committees —

Unfinished Business —

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

New Business —

1. Payment of Federation Dues.
2. Leader Training Meeting on "Corsage Making."
3. Plans for plant exchange among members.

Demonstration — "HOUSING."

Recreation —

MRS. ANNIE B. WHITNER, who helped to start the Home Demonstration Clubs many years ago, contributed this poem.

*"Earth at last a warless world,
A single race a single tongue,
I have seen her far away — for is
Not earth as yet so very young?
Every tiger madness muzzled, every
Serpent passion killed,
Every grim ravine a garden, every
Blazing desert tilled."*

March 1947

Hostess —

Devotional —

Creed —

Roll Call —

Report of Secretary —

Report of Treasurer —

Report of Standing Committees —

Report of Special Committees —

Unfinished Business —

1. Complete and mail Semi-annual Club report to County Chairman.
- 2.
- 3.

New Business —

- 1.
2. County H. D. C. Committee meeting.
3. District Federation Meeting.

Discussion — "LEGAL INFORMATION FOR HOME OWNERS."

Demonstration — "CORSAGE MAKING."

Recreation —

To what purpose do we save the soil, unless with it we save men, unless man's relationship to a restored, fertile soil contributes to personality and community?

When we acknowledge that we are all tenants of the Almighty, keepers of the Holy Earth, then will the land become what God intended, a garden in which man by and through his labor accepts these three essential gifts: "Bread, Beauty, and Brotherhood."

— contributed by JOHN HILL

April 1947

Hostess —

Devotional —

Creed —

Roll Call —

Report of Secretary —

Report of Treasurer —

Report of Standing Committees —

Report of Special Committees —

Unfinished Business —

1. Report of H. D. C. Committee meeting.
- 2.
- 3.

New Business —

1. Leader training meeting on, "SO WE WILL DECORATE, AND FURNITURE ARRANGEMENT."
- 2.
- 3.

Discussion — "FIRE PREVENTION IN THE HOME," led by Federation Genl Chairman.

Demonstration — "WINDOW TREATMENTS."

Recreation —

It has been said that the home is the greatest institution in the world. The influence of good women has helped achieve this greatness. Let us keep our standards high: always striving to make the best, better.

MRS. C. W. LANFORD

May 1947

Hostess —

Devotional —

Creed —

Roll Call (respond with household hint) —

Report of Secretary —

Report of Treasurer —

Report of Standing Committees —

Report of Special Committees —

Unfinished Business —

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

New Business —

1. Plans for pressure guage testing clinic.
- 2.
- 3.

Discussion — "THE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL," led by by Federation Goal Chairman.

Demonstration — "SO WE WILL DECORATE."

Recreation —

In order to keep the true spirit and love of home alive in every member of the family, the homemaker has to be a living example of that spirit.

— MAUDE E. WALLACE

June 1947

—

Hostess —

Devotional —

Creed —

Roll Call —

Report of Secretary —

Report of Treasurer —

Report of Standing Committees —

Report of Special Committees —

Unfinished Business —

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

New Business —

1. Discussion of needs as basis for 1948 program.
2. Appoint nominating committee.
3. Report of 4-H Club activities.

Discussion — "ADEQUATE STORAGE SPACE," led by Federation Goal Chairman.

Demonstration — "FURNITURE ARRANGEMENT."

Recreation —

"To make the world a friendly place, one must show a friendly face."

contributed by RUTH JAMISON

July 1947

Hostess —

Devotional —

Creed —

Roll Call —

Report of Secretary —

Report of Treasurer —

Report of Standing Committees —

Report of Special Committees —

Unfinished Business —

1. Continue discussion of 1948 program.
2. Election of officers.
- 3.

New Business —

1. Plan for family night picnic.
2. Leader training meeting on "Landscaping Home Grounds."
3. Plan Membership Drive.

Discussion — "HOME SAFETY," led by Federation Goal Chairman.

Demonstration — "FLOWER ARRANGEMENT."

Recreation —

HOME DEMONSTRATION

The kind of homes we make — not the equipment or furnishings, but the atmosphere and spirit — does much to mold the character and influence the lives of the young people reared there.

Let us as homemakers demonstrate to the world, through these lives, the Christian principle of love which says, "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself," and the American principle of tolerance which says, "All men are created equal and have the right of Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

contributed by Mrs. L. T. ST. CLAIR

“Picnic”

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CALL ME NO HOUSEWIFE

*You call me a "housewife."
I resent that name,
Yes, I work in a house
But, just the same,
It's not only a house
It's my family's home
When tired from their labors
To me they do roam.
I married no house
I married a man
To make him a home
The best that I can
Where comfort and pleasure
And contentment abide.
When husband and child
Are content by my side.
So call me no "housewife"
That name's a plain faker,
I'm no wife to a house
But I am a "HOMEMAKER."*

— MRS. LIDA DOWNS, Washington, D. C.

contributed by MARGARET R. SVOBODA

September 1947

Hostess —

Devotional —

Creed —

Roll Call —

Report of Secretary —

Report of Treasurer —

Report of Standing Committees —

Report of Special Committees —

Unfinished Business —

1. Complete and mail Semi-Annual Club report to County Chairman.

2.

3.

New Business —

1. Leaders meeting on "Rug Making."
2. Report of Fall Planning Meeting.
3. Announce Achievement Day Plans.
4. Appoint Year Book Committee.

Discussion — "MAINTAINING REPAIRS."

Demonstration — "IMPROVEMENT OF HOME GROUNDS."

Recreation —

Success comes in "Cans" — Failure in "Can'ts."
contributed by SALLY GUY DAVIS

October 1947

Hostess —

Devotional —

Creed —

Roll Call —

Report of Secretary —

Report of Treasurer —

Report of Standing Committees —

Report of Special Committees —

Unfinished Business —

1. Plan transportation for Achievement Day.
2. Report of Year Book Committee.
- 3.

New Business —

1. Collect reports and make plans to have them tabulated.
- 2.
- 3.

Discussion — "PLANNING THE FARM HOME TO FIT THE NEEDS OF FARM LIFE," led by Federation Goal Chairman.

Demonstration — "RUG MAKING."

Recreation —

"There is nothing so important as the choice of friendship, for it both reflects characters and affects it. — HUGO BLACK
contributed by SARAH THOMAS

November 1947

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Hostess —

Devotional —

Creed —

Roll Call —

Report of Secretary —

Report of Treasurer —

Report of Standing Committees —

Report of Special Committees —

Unfinished Business —

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

New Business —

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Discussion — "BETTER HOME LIGHTING," led by Federation
Chairman.

Demonstration — "RUG MAKING."

Recreation —

"The best portion of a good man's life — His little, nameless un-
remembered acts of kindness and of love." — ADAM LYLE KIDDED
contributed by MARY MOORMAN

1947 Home Demonstration Club Members Report

Name _____ Club _____

I. THE HOUSE, FURNISHINGS, EQUIPMENT, AND SURROUNDINGS.

(If you made improvements in the following, please check)

- (b) Remodeled dwelling _____ (c) Installed sewage system _____ (d) Installed water system _____ (e) Installed heating system _____ (f) Improved storage space _____ (g) Rearranged or improved kitchen _____ (h) Improved furniture arrangement _____ (i) repaired, remodeled or refinished furniture _____ (j) Improved selection of house furnishings or equipment _____ (k) Improved housekeeping methods _____ (l) Improved laundry arrangement _____ (o) Improved home grounds _____

(107-b) Improved selection of electric lights or electrical equipment _____

Did you improve window curtains or draperies? _____

How many rugs did you make? _____

How many pieces of furniture did you renovate? _____

How many corsages did you make? _____

How many slip covers did you make? _____

II. NUTRITION AND HEALTH.

(b) Did you use recipes given in club meetings? _____

(f) Have you followed recommended practices in canning?

_____ Freezing? _____ Drying? _____

Storing? _____

(j) Do you make and use a canning budget? _____

(p) How much food did you can, store, and freeze?

	Fruit	Vegetables	Meat
Quarts canned	_____	_____	_____
Gallons brined	_____	_____	_____
Pounds dried	_____	_____	_____
cured	_____	_____	_____
stored	_____	_____	_____
frozen	_____	_____	_____

(m) Did you follow prevention measures to improve the health of your family? _____

(n) Did you make improvements in fire and accident hazards? _____

III. CLOTHING AND TEXTILES.

(a) How many garments did you make? _____

(c) How many garments did you renovate? _____

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Adult Program Continued -

a. HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

Arrangement of Rooms Improved by 128 Women.

Demonstrations given in this field were successful ones. In many cases they were held as all day working meetings. It has been the observation of the agent that many homemakers who do a good job of feeding the family, and who present a well clothed appearance have not kept equal stride in improving the appearance of the home. Before furniture arrangement demonstrations were given the hostess member was asked to remove all accessories, pictures, etc from the demonstration room and move furniture to the middle of the floor - then the leader or agent was not influenced or inhibited by what had been used. After a lecture on arrangement principles, the club members rearranged the room. Usually the hostess was the most pleased of them all, her remarks varying from "Why didn't I think of that before" or "I didn't know the change would make so much more room" etc.

Window Treatments Improved

Confused terminology, how to handle problem windows, selection of shades and venetian blinds, selection of fabrics and construction of curtains and draperies were problems facing many women who were giving their houses a face lifting for the first time since before the war. The interior decorator of a Roanoke department store assisted the agent in holding a leaders meeting on the above subjects after which demonstrations were given in all clubs. As a result 129 pairs were made; 106 pairs were bought; 28 pairs renovated; 24 pairs of draperies were made and 23 sets of venetian blinds were bought.

Use of Color in the Home Stressed

The topic "And So You Are Going To Redecorate" was studied in all clubs in May. Colored slides of interiors were shown, fabrics, wall paper and paint samples were used in teaching the use of color in the home. The agent has been very pleased with some of the rooms which have been done over.

Seventy-two women reported having planned and carried out a color scheme. Forty-three added accessories, twenty-nine discarded useless ones, and ninety-one rearranged accessories.

Adult Program Continued -

2. COLOR PERCEPTION.

Arrangement of Room Improved by 100 Hours.

Observations given in this field were successful ones. In many cases they were held as all day working meetings. It has been the observation of the agent that many handicaps who do a good job of leading the family, and who present a well rounded appearance have not very good status in improving the appearance of the home. Before further arrangement observations were given the hostess member was asked to remove all accessories, pictures, etc from the observation room and move furniture to the middle of the floor - then the leader or agent was not influenced or inhibited by what had been said. After a lecture on arrangement principles, the club members rearranged the room. Usually the hostess was most pleased of them all, but remarks varying from "My child, I think of that before" or "I didn't know the change would come so much more soon" etc.

Window Treatments Improved

Completed terminology, how to handle problem windows, selection of shades and venetian blinds, selection of fabrics and color direction of curtains and draperies were problem areas. Many women who were giving their houses a face lifting for the first time since before the war. The interior decorator of a local department store assisted the agent in holding a lecture session on the above subjects after which demonstrations were given in all colors. As a result 100 pairs were made; 100 pairs were bought; 25 pairs of draperies were made and 25 sets of venetian blinds were bought.

Use of Color in the Home Increased

The topic "Use of Color in the Home" was studied in all clubs in May. Colored slides of interiors were shown. Fabrics, wall paper and paint samples were used in leading the use of color in the home. The agent has been very pleased with some of the rooms which have been done over.

Seventy-two women reported having painted and carried out a color scheme. Forty-three had accessories, hand-painted decorated, melior cases, and thirty-one rearranged accessories.

Two Months Devoted To Rug Making

At this time of high prices, the cost of commercial rugs is prohibitive for most homemakers. Many homes are in need of rugs. Club members recognized the value of attractive well designed home made rugs in the interior decoration scheme. At various times in the past rug making had been included in the program. Yet the homemakers weren't satisfied with their results and asked for more instruction. Through a conference with home demonstration leaders and the state house furnishings specialist it was decided that the trouble lay in poor designing, poor color combinations and mediocre workmanship. All of this couldn't be covered in one meeting. Therefore the months of October and November were devoted to rug making. The first one dealt with designing the rug and preparation of materials. Stress was put on size. Too many rugs made in the past were so small they gave the effect of postage stamps scattered on the floor. Nothing less than a 4"X 6" was suggested. Color schemes were worked out on paper. Instructions for dyeing used materials were given. Available sources of new materials were suggested, and demonstrations on preparations of material were given. The women were asked to come back to an all day working meeting in November, and start their rugs under the guidance of the leaders. These meetings are in progress this month therefore a report of results cannot be included in this report. However the agent has been very pleased with those which she has seen. Garment factories in the Roanoke area are being investigated as inexpensive sources of material for rug making, and it is expected that this interest will continue on into the New Year.

Many club members anticipate purchasing a commercially made living room rug in the near future. To guide them in their purchases the agent has made arrangements with the James Lees Rug Manufacturers in Glasgow for groups of women to tour their factories. One such tour of 37 women made the trip in November, and came back with glowing accounts of the knowledge they had gained. Four more tours for 150 women are in the process of being arranged.

Slip Cover Clinics

Slip cover clinics which would cover the county were planned in the year's program as a result of many requests. A leader training meeting was held. When club members went shopping for fabrics they found the selection was not good. In view of that, they decided to postpone these meetings for a year. Only those who badly needed slip covers made them this year. This was done with the help of trained leaders and information from agent's office. Forty-eight such slip covers were made.

The Meeting Invited to the Meeting

At this time of high interest, the cost of commercial work is pro-
 Division for best members. Many houses are in need of more. This
 members recognized the value of effective well designed home work
 work in the laboratory discussion rooms. At various times in the
 past the subject had been included in the program. But the home-
 work members were not satisfied with their results and asked for more
 instruction. Through a conference with some demonstration leaders
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 fore a report of results cannot be included in this report. How-
 ever the agent has been very pleased with those which she has seen.
 Current leaders in the home are being investigated as
 prospective sources of material for the coming year and it is expected
 that this interest will continue on into the new year.

Many of the members attending possessing a considerable work load
 from up in the near future. In this time in their present
 the agent has made arrangements with the home care the handicapped
 in Chicago for groups of work in their factories. The work
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Adult Project Work Continued -

Flower Arrangement Studied

As a part of the House Furnishings program stress was put on the subject of growing out flowers to use as accessories in interior decoration and to accent color schemes.

Most women love flowers but many lack the ability to arrange them tastefully. With the help of three outstanding garden club members in Roanoke a leader training meeting on this subject was held. Demonstrations were given in all local clubs during July. These were very helpful - 105 women reported having been benefited by them.

b. FOOD PRESERVATION.

Although this topic did not receive major emphasis in the Home Demonstration program during the year it has continued to be a topic on which club members work to keep up to date. Revised canning time tables as recommended by U.S.D.A. were distributed to all club members. Information on freezing was also given out at club meetings. Interest in frozen foods is growing with the increase in freezer locker space and the installation of more home freezers in the county. More intensive work on freezing is planned for 1948. A school will be held in March for all homemakers desiring information on freezing.

Emphasis Put on Gauge Testing

The county home demonstration committee has secured a gauge tester for the use of women in the county. This was built by a local machinist according to specifications as outlined by the Household Engineer at V. P. I. Gauges were tested for club members at specified meetings in the spring. Additional clinics were held during the summer months. Information on "Care of Pressure Canners" and "Food Preservation" was also distributed at this time.

A conservative report of food canned showed 16,256 quarts of fruit, 19,953 quarts of vegetables and 3601 quarts of meat. The report showed 5815 pounds of food frozen.

c. LANDSCAPE GARDENING.

A definite need for instruction on landscape gardening was expressed in the program discussion. This subject was studied at September club meetings. Since the subject is much too broad for one meeting it was narrowed down to "Planning for the Use and Development of Home Grounds." Club members desire much more information on selection and care of shrubbery, planning the flower garden, and care of lawns etc. Some of this will be worked into the 1948 program.

Adult Project Work Continued -

Flower Arrangement Studies

As a part of the Home Industries project there was not in the subject of creating and flowers to use as accessories in interior decoration and to accent color schemes. Most women love flowers but many lack the ability to arrange them satisfactorily. With the help of three outstanding garden club members in the county a leader training meeting on this subject was held. Demonstrations were given in all local clubs during July. These were very helpful - 100 women reported having been fitted by them.

THE ORGANIZATION

Although this county did not receive water reports in the Home Industries project during the year it has continued to be a leader on which club members work to keep up to date. Several training tables as recommended by U.S.D.A. were distributed to all club members. Information on training was also given at all meetings. Interest in flower work is growing with the increase in flower looking groups and the installation of new flower gardens in the county. New leaders were on training in January for 1946. A report will be sent in March for all home industries training information on training.

Specialists Put on Garden Training

The county home demonstration committee has secured a group leader for the use of women in the county. This was done by a local organizer according to specifications as outlined by the home demonstration at U. S. D. A. Ganges were tested for club members at special meetings in the spring. Additional clinics were held during the summer months. Information on "Garden Training" and "Food Preservation" was also distributed at this time. A conservative report of food canned showed 16,100 quarts of fruit, 19,000 quarts of vegetables and 1000 quarts of meat. The report showed 2010 pounds of food frozen.

LEADER TRAINING

A definite need for instruction on language speaking was expressed in the project discussion. This subject was studied at special club meetings. Since the subject is such the need for the training it was narrowed down to "Planning for the Use and Development of Home Gardens". Club members desire such new information on garden and care of shrubbery, planning the flower garden and care of lawn area. One of this will be worked into the 1946 program.

D. CORSAGE MAKING.

Many club members have teen-aged daughters who like to wear flowers when they go to their school dances and other functions. Club members themselves like to dress up their costumes with corsages. When bought from florists they are a luxury item. When planning the program many requests came in for information on making corsages of home grown flowers. It was included in the program but the request baffled the agent until she made two discoveries. There was an agency in Boston who assembled kits of corsage making materials with an instruction book; and there were some garden club women in Roanoke who had been practicing up on the art. With the help of both a leader training meeting was held, after which the leaders held working meetings in their local clubs. As a result over 226 corsages at a saving of \$466.00 were made of home grown flowers during the summer. They were quite professional looking and gave the members a real feeling of achievement because it was a new skill, and one which they can use through the years.

2. Federation Goal.

Housing Selected

Housing has been a real problem in Roanoke County for some time. Only 149% of the dwellings have been built since 1929. With industry steadily on the increase it looks as though it will continue to be a problem. Many families have plans for remodeling or building as soon as scarcity and prohibitive cost of materials loosens up. During this waiting period they felt that they should plan and study all aspects of housing so that they could more nearly meet their needs and desires when the time comes to put plans into action. A year's program on housing was outlined as follows -

AIM: To obtain for all families, homes which will provide comfort, convenience, and health in relation to income.

GOALS: 1. To devote the February meeting in all Home Demonstration Clubs to Housing.

2. Each club to have a housing chairman.

3. Each housing chairman to present a 10 minute talk at each monthly meeting except February and August.
Below are suggested topics:

DECEMBER - Farm Housing Survey Summary.

JANUARY - Points to Remember in Buying or Building a Home and Minimum Requirements.

This project has continued -

CONCLUSIONS

Many club members have been glad to have their daughters who live in New York City attend the school dance and other functions. The members themselves like to have their daughters with them. When possible from Florida they are a family item. The planning of the program was very simple and the information on making copies of how to give flowers. It was included in the program for the program called the "How to Give" was distributed. There was an evening in London who attended the dinner. There was an evening with an instruction book and list of coverage making materials with an instruction book and there were some other club women in London who had been questioned on the art. With the help of both a leader training meeting was held after which the leaders held working meetings in their local clubs. As a result over 1000 members of a review of \$400.00 were made of how to give flowers during the summer. They were given professional looking and have the members a real feeling of achievement because it was a new skill and one which they can use through the years.

3. Technical Goals

Goals Reached

Nothing has been a real problem in London County for some time. Only one of the facilities have been built since 1955. The industry steadily on the increase it looks as though it will continue to be a problem. Many facilities have been for remodeling as soon as possible and profitable cost of construction is coming up. Before this writing period they felt that they should plan and study all aspects of housing so that they could meet their needs and desires when the time comes to put plans into action. A year's program on housing was outlined as follows -

To obtain for all facilities, loans which will provide needed, convenient, and health in relation to housing.

GOVERNMENT to develop the tertiary, secondary in all new developments. Close to housing.

Each club to have a housing chairman.

Each housing chairman to present a 10 minute talk at each monthly meeting except February and August. Below are suggested topics:

HOUSING - How housing is being financed.

HOUSING - Points to remember in buying or building a home and minimum requirements.

Adult Project Work Continued -

MARCH - Legal Information for Home Owners.

APRIL - Fire Prevention in the Home.

MAY - The Water Supply and Sewage Disposal.

JUNE - Adequate Storage Space.

JULY - Home Safety.

SEPTEMBER - Maintaining Repairs.

OCTOBER - Planning the Farm Home to Fit the Needs
of Farm Life.

NOVEMBER - Better Home Lighting.

4. Each club member to put into practice three suggestions given during the year on Housing.

The following results were obtained - eighty-four fire hazards eliminated, fifty-five accident hazards eliminated, fifty-one studied and applied termite control measures, forty-four improved home lighting.

Twenty-five packages of illustrative and informative material secured from many different sources were assembled and circulated among interested club members and others in the communities who were building or remodeling a home.

An exhibit on rural housing was on display at achievement day.

Numerous radio talks on housing were made by the agent.

Carry Over From 1946 Federation Goal

The excellent health work done in 1946 carried over to the extent that a representative of the Roanoke county-city health department offered to discuss Cancer Control at all home demonstration club meetings. In her informative talks she explained cancer, discussed symptoms and stressed early medical attention. This was information all women needed.

3. Other Activities.

a. Recreation

Aim: To promote wholesome community and family recreation which is greatly needed.

Means Used: Home demonstration committee appointed a county chairman who prepared recreational material for use in

Adult Project Work Continued -

MARCH - Local Information for Book Orders.

APRIL - Fire Prevention in the Home.

MAY - The Water Supply and Sewage Disposal.

JUNE - Adequate Storage Space.

JULY - Home Safety.

AUGUST - Maintaining Repairs.

SEPTEMBER - Planning the Fall Home for the Needs of Your Life.

OCTOBER - Better Home Lighting.

4. Each club member to put into practice three suggestions given during the year in housing.

The following results were obtained - eight-year fire hazards eliminated, fifty-five accident hazards eliminated, fifty-one studied and applied various control measures, forty-four improved home lighting.

Twenty-five packages of illustrative and informative material secured from many different sources were assembled and distributed among interested club members and others in the community who were helping to remediate a home.

In addition to club housing was an display of achievement day.

Illustrative talks on housing were made by the agent.

Summary Report from 1948 Presentation Goal

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3. Other Activities.

a. Presentation

Plan to promote wholesome community and family recreation which is greatly needed.

Home Study: Home demonstration club-1948 appointed a county chairman who prepared recreational material for use in

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Other Activities Continued -

club meetings each month. A family night recreational program planned by each club.

Results: Recreational period at club meetings was greatly enjoyed by club members and served to increase interest in club meetings and build up attendance. Games and stunts demonstrated were used by club members for family recreation and in other meetings.

A family night picnic was held in each club in August.

b. Money Raising Schemes.

Aim: To furnish money needed for community projects and club business.

Means Used: Rummage sales; white elephant sales; luncheons; sale of extracts, stationery, greeting cards, hangers, ironing cord attachments; and community entertainments.

Results: \$308.00 raised by home demonstration clubs in county by the above means.

c. Community Projects.

Aim: To stimulate feeling of civic responsibility and assist in development of projects which will improve the community.

Means Used: County chairman appointed to consult with and urge clubs to undertake a community project. Analysis of community needs urges.

Results: All clubs worked on one or more community projects - a tabulation showed the following - 14 clubs held ward parties at the Veterans hospital. 2 clubs made tobacco bags for veterans there. 4 clubs made contributions to Religious Education program. 3 clubs donated garments to Needle Work Guild. 1 club improved sanitary conditions in the community. 1 club worked on better bus service for community. 1 club worked out cooperative system for trash collection. 1 club had road signs built - "Children - Drive Carefully." 1 club worked on play ground for children. 1 club took a ward at the Mercy House and furnished gifts, entertainment etc for the aged there. 5 clubs sponsored a leader or outstanding 4-H club member to 4-H camp. 3 clubs organized and furnished leadership for new 4-H clubs.

Other Activities Continued -

also meetings each month. A fairly tight membership
program planned by each club.
In addition, two additional parties at club meetings were given
enjoyed by club members and served to increase interest
in club meetings and bring up attendance. Games and
stunts demonstrated were used by club members for family
recreation and in other meetings.
A fairly tight phone was held in each club in January.

2. Homey Relaxing Moments.

Also to furnish homey needed for community projects and
club business.
Homey hostesses called with pleasant smiles; furnished
cup of coffee, tea, etc., during meetings.
Homey hostesses, including some attendance and con-
tributed to club maintenance.
Meeting 1950-51 raised by new democratic club in
month of the new year.

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Other Activities Continued -

d. National Home Demonstration Week Celebrated.

Aim: To expand interest in the Home Demonstration Program.

Results: 2 radio talks given.
2 newspaper articles written.
1 talk at a P.T.A. meeting.
49 women attended District Federation meeting.
4 special programs held in local home demonstration clubs that week.

e. Home Demonstration Club Achievement Day Held With Attendance of 140 Women.

A program is attached. Commercial educational exhibits on house furnishings and housing were interesting. Individual exhibits on Food, Clothing and Crafts made those in attendance standard conscious. Had not the weather and a conflict with church meetings been against us the attendance would have been larger. Many said it was the best achievement day they had ever attended.

4. LEADERSHIP.

Each of the home demonstration clubs has five officers, plus committee chairmen and project leaders, making a total of 153 women. At this point the home agent wishes to pay tribute to these 153 women. Without them this kind of a report would not have been written. Roanoke County is heavily populated. There are many demands on the agent's time. A continuous home demonstration program since 1924 has taught homemakers and other community organizations to look to the Extension office for help. Were it not for home demonstration club organization and project leaders who feel responsible for the home demonstration club program, the home agent would flounder hopelessly. Realizing this situation the leaders in Roanoke County respond readily to training meetings and their subsequent responsibilities.

a. Organization Leaders.

Two meetings are held annually for the county home demonstration committee. While this organization directs the home demonstration program and policies, it also serves as an officer training body - a part of each meeting is devoted to parliamentary law, and discussion of duties of officers. Folders containing information on the above were prepared by the home agent and distributed to each president. In addition to this the agent asked the officers of each local club to have a meeting at which

Other Activities Continued -

4. National Home Demonstration Week Celebrated.

Aims: To expand interest in the Home Demonstration Program.

- Headline: 3 radio talks given.
- 3 newspaper articles written.
- 1 talk at a P.L.A. meeting.
- 48 women attended District Demonstration meeting.
- 4 special programs held in local home demon- stration clubs last week.

5. Home Demonstration Club Advancement Day Held With Attendance of 100 Women.

A program in attendance. General educational exhibits on home furnishings and housing were interesting. In- dividual exhibits on food, clothing and other home items in attendance attracted attention. Not only the weather and a meeting with church members were given on the attendance women were very happy. They held a meeting last advancement day they had ever attended.

IMPROVING

Each of the home demonstration clubs has five officers, plus committee chairman and project leaders, making a total of 100 women. At this point the home demon- stration program is being carried on in 100 women. Without this kind of a report would not have been written. Home demonstration is heavily organized. There are many branches on the county's side. A continuous home demon- stration program since 1934 has been in progress and other county organizations to look to the demonstration club for help. There is not one home demonstration club organization and project leaders who feel respon- sible for the home demonstration club program. The home demonstration club program is being carried on in 100 women. In addition to the club program, the club program is being carried on in 100 women. In addition to the club program, the club program is being carried on in 100 women.

Organization Leaders

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Other Activities Continued -

time she could meet them for a discussion of club organization, program, work of chairmen etc. An effort is being made to so perfect club organization that a maximum amount of monthly meeting time will be allowed for the demonstration, Federation goal work, and recreation.

b. Project Leaders.

Each club has project leaders. In some cases a set of two were selected to serve the whole year. In other clubs a set of leaders was appointed for each of the fields studied. A goal of 80% of demonstrations given by leaders was set. In clubs where leadership was particularly strong 75% of demonstrations were given by leaders, weaker clubs fell short of the goal, however 76 of the 181 demonstrations were given by leaders.

Leader training meetings were held on all subjects studied - a total of nine being held with an attendance of 232.

In addition to giving demonstrations, leaders gave information to individuals who came to them for help, and collected and tabulated annual project reports.

c. Federation Goal Chairman.

A training meeting on housing was held in February for the federation goal chairmen. The agricultural engineer from V.P.I. gave them training on various aspects of housing. These chairmen gave 10-minute talks at each club meeting. In addition they gave information to many non-club members in their communities.

B. OTHER MEANS OF REACHING PEOPLE.

1. County Board of Agriculture.

Condition at beginning of year: The old County Board of Agriculture composed of community and neighborhood leaders served a definite need during the war. With peace it became a cumbersome, awkward affair, due to the fact that Roanoke County is not primarily a rural county.

Objective: To reorganize the old board of agriculture into a functioning body which would serve as an advisory committee to the over-all Extension Program, and which would serve as in a liaison capacity to correlate the various agricultural and homemaking interests, and which would promote 4-H club work.

- Other Activities Continued -

time she could meet them for a discussion of the organization, program, work of the board etc. In effect it was made to be as perfect as the organization had a chance to be. It was felt that this will be allowed for the organization, technical, and work, and investment.

Project Leaders

There are two project leaders. In each case a set of two were selected to serve the whole year. In other words a set of leaders was appointed for each of the fields studied. A total of 100 of demonstration given by leaders was set. In other words leadership was given by leaders. The 100 of demonstration were given by leaders, except those that fall short of the goal, however 75 of the 100 demonstrations were given by leaders.

Leaders training meetings were held on all subjects studied - a total of nine being held with an attendance of 100.

In addition to giving demonstrations, leaders gave lectures to individuals who come to them for help, and collected and submitted annual project reports.

Technical Goal Setting

A training meeting on how to set goals was held in February for the Federation Goal Setting. The speaker's subject was from V.I.I. and was based on various aspects of goal setting. These speakers gave 10-minute talks at each of the meetings. In addition they gave information to many non-club members in their communities.

2. OTHER WORK ON TECHNICAL PROJECTS

1. County Board of Agriculture

Conditions at beginning of year: The old County Board of Agriculture composed of community and neighborhood leaders turned a definite head during the year. With some 20 years of experience, technical efforts, due to the fact that Sonoma County is not primarily a rural county.

Objective: To reorganize the old board of agriculture into a functional body which would serve as an advisory committee to the over-all technical project, and which would serve as a liaison agency to coordinate the various agricultural and homecoming interests, and which would promote 4-10 club work.

Other Activities Continued -

Methods Used: A representative of each of the types of agriculture in this section, the banks, the press, the rural ministers, the 4-H organization, one of the county home demonstration committees were asked to form a 17 member board. Said board to meet semi-annually to consider agricultural problems and to advise the county agents in adopting the Extension program to meet local needs. The county board of supervisors so recognized the value of this group, they authorized semi-annual luncheon meetings at the county's expense.

Results: Two meetings were held which resulted in a better understanding of problems. Recommendations of the board have been valuable. Their interest in the 4-H program resulted in the appointment of a committee to ask the board of supervisors to consider an appropriation for full time assistant farm and home agents.

2. Farm and Home Labor Saving Show.

The one day showing of labor saving devices prepared by the V.P.I. Extension Division was well received in Roanoke. Attendance totaled 460 adults who studied the exhibits on an average of one hour each. Their comments were very favorable. Many of these people were not members of organized extension groups and it was a means of reaching new people.

3. Radio.

Once a month the home agent has given a 6-minute talk on the farm and home program over WBBJ. This station covers 38 counties in Virginia. Roanoke County families consider this one of their favorite programs, and the agent has received many favorable comments on the helpful information dispensed at this hour.

In December 1946, WSLB asked the farm and home agents' to do a daily program at 6:50 A.M. on their station. In consideration of the heavy schedule the agents' carry they volunteered to install a microphone in the Extension office and use daily recordings made between the hours of 4 and 5 P.M. on the previous day. The plan has been in operation eleven months. This is a valuable means of reaching new people, of dispensing timely information, announcing meetings

Representative of each of the types of agricultural activities in this section, the banks, the growers, the rural industrial, the 4-H organization, and the county fair demonstration committee were asked to form a 12 member board. This board was most successful in securing agricultural products and 25 dollars for the county agents in advertising the exhibition program to past local needs. The county board of supervisors so recognized the value of this group, they authorized and assumed the expenses of the county's exhibition.

The meetings were held which resulted in a better understanding of problems. Recommendations of the board have been valuable. Their interest in the 4-H program resulted in the appointment of a committee to see the board of supervisors in consideration for full time assistance for the next year.

Form and how labor saving devices are

The one day showing of labor saving devices presented by the V.I.L. Extension Division was well received in business. Attendance totaled 400 adults who studied the exhibits as an average of one hour each. Their comments were very favorable. Many of these people were not members of organized extension groups and it was a means of reaching new people.

Radio

Once a month the home agent has given a 5-minute talk on the farm and home program over WFLA. This station covers 36 counties in Virginia. Comments from families consider this one of their favorite programs, and the agent has received many favorable comments on the helpful information presented at this hour.

In December 1945, WFLA aired the farm and home agents' radio program at 4:00 P.M. on their station. In consideration of the heavy schedule the agents carry they volunteered to install a microphone in the extension office and use their recordings made between the hours of 4 and 5 P.M. on the previous day. The plan has been in operation three months. This is a valuable means of reaching new people, of disseminating timely information, encouraging meetings

Other Activities Continued -

and programs, and publishing the achievements of individuals who have carried out recommended practices.

4. Press.

Aim: To acquaint Roanoke County citizens with the Home Demonstration and 4-H programs. To advertise meetings insuring better attendance. To give out timely home making information.

Means Used:

1. Weekly column in the Times-Register (Sample of article attached.)

THE TIMES-REGISTER, SALEM, VIRGINIA

And Home Economics News

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ent Agency

Agricultural Extension Service
Farm Home Administration

Table With Dozen Uses



"From Mother's early-morning meal preparation to Junior's study time at night that's the story of this little table," says Margaret Svoboda, Home Agent. It's on wheels so you can push it easily anywhere you want it. She urges all Roanoke County women to see this table and hundreds of other easier-housekeeping ideas at the LABOR-SAVING SHOW.

HOMEMAKERS ITEMS

By Margaret Svoboda

The "boarders" in the chicken flock—the hens that are not laying, the pullets that are not developing, and the surplus cockerels and roosters—are much more useful in the freezer locker or in glass jars than they are eating expensive chicken feed.

Either freezing or canning is satisfactory. With large hens, it is more practical to cook and bone before canning. If chickens are home-killed for the freezer locker, they should be bled well, and if the bird is large, it should be cut up before freezing. If liquid is added to the freezer container to further protect the meat with an extra layer of ice, use one teaspoon of salt to a cup of water. Do not freeze the neck and boned pieces, but use them for a stew.

Giblets should be wrapped separately in meat-wrapping paper or cellophane and placed on top of the rest of the wrapped chicken. Livers can be packed separately from the hearts and gizzards. However, the agent warned, giblets should not be kept more than three months in the locker.

Daylight bulbs are recommended for the electric fixtures that supply light for the home laundry center.

The bulbs, are made with a blue glass which gives off white light like natural daylight instead of the yellowish light given off by ordinary bulbs. This light makes it easier to detect spots and stains when laundering or ironing clothes.

Coming in either fluorescent or regular incandescent fixtures, the daylight bulbs cost a little more than ordinary bulbs, and a higher wattage must be used. For example, if a 100-watt ordinary bulb has been used over the washing machine or ironing board, a 150-watt bulb will be needed to furnish the same quantity of light.

**FARM HOME AND LABOR SAVING
SHOW SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 24TH**

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NORTH VALE, VIRGINIA

YOUR MONEY

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VETERAN STUDENT COSTS

The Veterans Administration is conducting a national survey of the rising cost of education as it affects veterans of World War II. Many colleges have increased fees, forcing veteran students special financing to finance the cost of additional buildings and teachers to be provided for the veterans, although the GI Bill enables them to charge veterans non-resident rates, which, in most cases, are almost double the resident rate.

TRAFFIC TOLL

President Truman urges that the nation's annual traffic toll be cut at least 75,000 by 1950, or 25% below the present level and believes that this can be done "if everyone does his part." More than 5,000 persons are killed and 10,000 injured in this country every year in motor traffic accidents.

DOLLARS

it possible for a mother to get essential hospital care or tide over an unemployed, troubled young man.

HELP

CAMPAIGN GOAL
\$194,150.00

Everybody benefits... Everybody gives

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2. News items of special events such as these -

Achievement Day Thursday

Program At Conehurst To Celebrate 25th Anniversary Of Group's Activity

Roanoke county's 18 home demonstration clubs will observe achievement day all day Thursday at the county woman's club building, Conehurst, with part of the program commemorating this year as the 25th anniversary of continuous HD activities in the county.

Has Fair Theme

The program has been built around a county fair theme. Home agent Mrs. Margaret Svoboda said yesterday, with exhibits on handwork, canning, baked goods, and a group of miscellaneous items open for inspection. Prizes will be awarded to women winning the biggest number blue ribbons in each category.

Feature of the fair will be a modeling show of home dresses and work aprons, which have been approved for rural wear by the agriculture department's extension division, and which home

demonstration members have made themselves.

Mrs. M. W. Huston, Route 1, Roanoke, will serve as commentator for the modeling. Women who will model the apparel are: Mrs. W. C. Johnston, Mrs. Harold Crute, Mrs. D. S. Palmer, Mrs. O. W. Poff, Mrs. L. C. Hardy, Mrs. Thelma Coffman, Mrs. R. L. Hawkins, Mrs. Odessa H. Dogan, Mrs. J. W. Adams, Mrs. T. R. Dillard, Mrs. J. H. Dunoway, Mrs. Frank Hartman, Mrs. L. T. St. Clair, Mrs. John Brooks, Jr., Mrs. Claude Flora, and Mrs. Robert Morgan.

Achievement day will get underway at 10:30 a. m., as Mrs. Frances Payne, of Vinton, county president, calls the session to order. Mrs. Frank Dowdy, Route 1, Salem, will then begin aspiel, as a "barker" on "come to the fair."

Miss Mary Kesler, Route 1, Roanoke, will next lead the group in a salute to the flag and the home-makers' creed, after which will come devotions and group singing, led by Mrs. J. L. Lloyd, Route 3, Roanoke, and Mrs. Frank Dowdy.

4-H Club Report

"A report on 4-H Club work" will be given by Miss Joan Johnston, of the Fort Lewis senior 4-H club, followed by a talk on "The Agricultural Situation" by John Hill and one on "Home Demonstration Achievements," by Mrs. Svoboda.

Mrs. R. L. Hawkins, Route 1, Roanoke, will then explain the exhibits and Mrs. Alma Gordon

will announce blue ribbon winners before lunch and a tour of the exhibits at 12:30.

After lunch, the HD members will be shown a movie, "The Dawn of Better Living" and will be led in recreational activities by Mrs. Ruth Noider, of Lakeside.

Chairmen of the several committees arranging the achievement day program and fair are: program, Mrs. Manley Tobey, Route 3, Salem; lunch, Mrs. E. L. Rowell, Route 3, Salem; exhibits, Mrs. R. L. Hawkins; hostess, Mrs. George Wright, Edgewood; music, Mrs. John Hill, Salem; and judge of exhibits, Mrs. Alma Gordon, of the Roanoke dairy council committee.

Close to 400 Roanoke county women belong to the 18 home demonstration clubs and Mrs. Svoboda said she expects an attendance of at least half the total membership at the achievement day event.

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V. WORK WITH YOUTH.

A. 4-H Clubs

1. Organization

a. County Council

The 4-H Council is an organization composed of all officers of the 18 clubs. The leaders are ex-officio members. Four regular meetings were held during the year. In addition there were four meetings of the executive board of the council. The council serves as an officer training body and also directs the over-all 4-H program. There are 90 members. An account of the quarterly meetings is as follows -

1st. meeting - November 3rd. 76 members present. During the business meeting objectives for year were selected.

1. 85% project completions.
2. Each club carry community project.
3. A Roanoke County 4-H camp be held.
4. Roanoke Fair association be asked to form a department for 4-H exhibits and give prizes.
5. Each club pay \$2.00 council dues.
6. A committee be selected to choose which contests Roanoke County will accept and work out details for county contests, local prizes etc.
7. Council to sponsor a county-wide picnic in June.
8. Council to interest First National Exchange Bank in furnishing all club members with a 4-H handbook containing year program, project instructions, and organizational material.

Following the business meeting the council members broke up into small groups for officer training, each group being instructed by county people who were well versed in parliamentary law, and club mechanics.

At 12:30 the council members were the guests of the Salem Kiwanis club at a luncheon after which there were presentations of county contest winner, and an address on "Rural Youth and Democracy" by Ben Chapman, a former All-Star 4-H club member.

2nd. meeting - January 25th. - 89 members present. Definite plans were made for 4-H camp program, for 4-H department at the fair and for contests. Training was given in program planning.

3rd. meeting - April 10th. Due to numerous conflicts this was an executive board meeting which made plans for the summer's work and selection of delegates to state Short Course.

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I. Organization

a. County Council

The 4-8 Council is an organization composed of all officers of the 4-8 clubs. The leaders are ex-officio members. Two regular meetings were held during the year. In addition there were two meetings of the executive board of the council. The council serves as an advisory planning body and also directs the overall 4-8 program. There are 30 members. A summary of the quarterly meetings is as follows:

- 1st meeting - November 2nd. 25 members present. During the business meeting of business for year were selected.
- 1. 4-8 project completed.
- 2. Club club carry over meeting presented.
- 3. 1 member County 4-8 club was held.
- 4. Business left association to attend to form a separate for 4-8 exhibits and five prizes.
- 5. Club club pay \$2.00 council dues.
- 6. 1 member to be released to attend with contacts County's County will arrange and work out details for county committee, local prizes etc.
- 7. Council to discuss a work-by-the club in June.
- 8. Council to interview first 4-8 club in five minutes of club members with a 4-8 handbook containing year program, project instructions, and organizational details.

Following the business meeting the council members broke up into small groups for officers training, each group being instructed by county people who were well versed in parliamentary law and club organization.

At 11:30 the council members were the guests of the ladies. Luncheon club at a luncheon after which there were presentation of "County Council Award" and an address on "Club Work and Leadership" by Tom Cooper, a County 4-8 club member.

2nd meeting - January 1968 - 25 members present. Details plans were made for 1-2 club program, for 4-8 department at the Fall and for contacts. Training was given in various planning.

3rd meeting - April 1968. One in numerous meetings this was an executive board meeting which was held for the members' work and selection of delegates to state club council.

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4th. meeting - July 18th. - 35 members present. Plans worked out for achievement day, final contest details, and for selection of program for the new year.

Accomplishments of 4-H Council.

1. Program Planning.

The monthly 4-H programs were an improvement over previous years. Suggestions for talks, discussions and demonstrations on the 10 National 4-H Guide Posts made the programs more interesting. When the committee met to work out suggestions for the 1948 programs they did an even better job. Their suggestions are attached to this report.

2. 4-H Camp.

A successful county camp was held the 3rd week in July at Camp Bethel. There was an attendance of 81 4-H, and H.D. leaders assisted the agents in carrying out the camp program as planned by the council. Club members liked the idea of a county camp better than a district one. It gave them an opportunity to better adopt the camp program to their own needs and interests. These pictures show the entire camp, the group of leaders, and one of the tribes.



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Work with Youth Continued -

4th meeting - July 1958. - 22 members present. This meeting was for advancement only. Final contact details, and the selection of program for the next year.

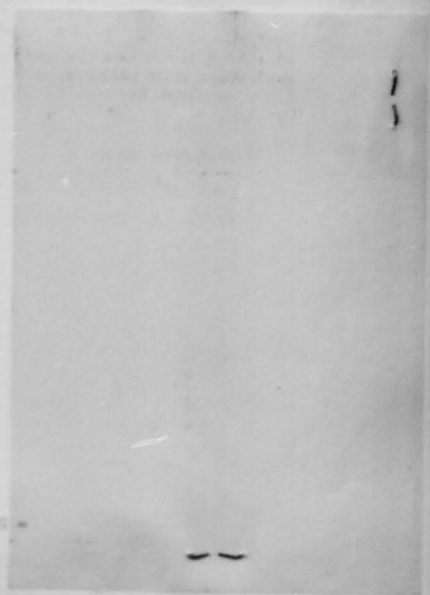
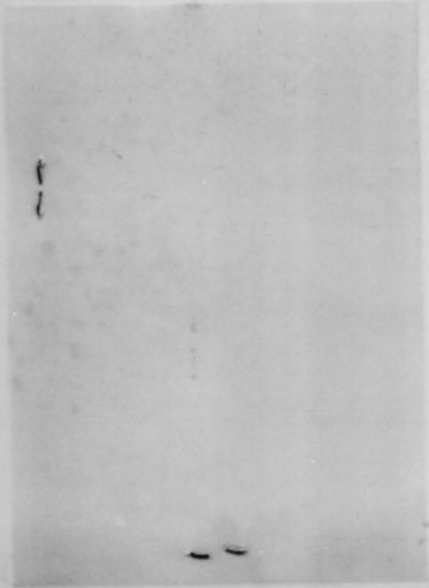
Accomplishments of 4-8 Council.

1. Program Planning

The monthly 4-8 program was an improvement over previous years. Suggestions for better discussions and demonstrations on the 10 National 4-8 Guide have made the program more interesting. The committee met to visit and suggestions for the 1959 program they did as every factor job. Their suggestions are attached to this report.

2. 4-8 Camp

A successful camp was held the 2nd week in July at Camp Federal. There was attendance of 21 4-8 and 211 leaders. The camp is enjoyed and the camp program as planned by the council. The members had the idea of a camp before the 4-8 year. It gave them an opportunity to better understand the camp program. To their own needs and interests. These pictures show the entire camp, the group of leaders, and one of the slides.



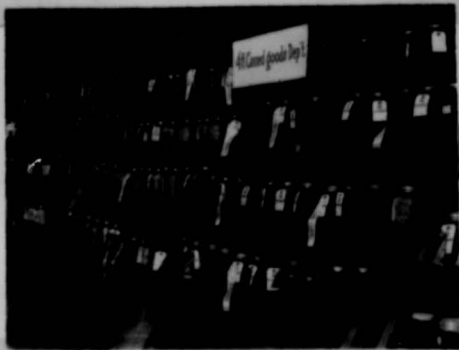
Work with Youth Continued -



3. 4-H Department at Roanoke County Fair.

The fair agreed to give prizes for a list of exhibits as worked out by the agents and the committee. The premiums were liberal and the exhibits good. A total of 466 entries were made by 114 club members - a total of \$1218.00 was won in prize money. These exhibits created a great deal of interest. The agent has already noticed the enthusiasm with which members are planning for next year's fair. These exhibits do more than anything else to make them standard conscious.

The picture shows a part of the canned goods department at the fair.



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The following is a list of exhibits as worked
out by the agent and the committee. The proceeds were listed and
the exhibits were a total of 400 exhibits were made by the club
members - a total of \$100.00 was made in prize money. These exhibits
covered a great deal of interest. The agent has already received the
exhibits with which members are planning for next year's fair.
These exhibits to date have included also in some cases standard con-
sultants.

The picture shows a part of the annual report of the fair.



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4. 4-H Achievement Day.

This event was held on Wednesday of Fair week in the grandstand. The program was given over the loud speaker system. Friends and parents of the 4-Hers were invited. Prizes were awarded, contest winners introduced and greetings were extended by fair association official, Kiwanis Club and other organizations interested in 4-H club work.

5. A 4-H picnic was held in June at Lakeside with an attendance of 250 members and their parents. There was no formal program at this event. The members much preferred the swimming, the rides etc. on this one occasion during the year.

2. PROJECT WORK.

All 4-H girls took a project on Room Improvement during the winter months. This choice was made of the girls after a discussion of projects at the September meetings. It was one which Roanoke girls had not taken for years and they enjoyed the change. During the summer months many of the girls continued their room improvement work. 98 girls selected food preservation and twenty-two club members took 4-H electric.

Room Improvement.

Two hundred and sixty-eight girls enrolled.

The year's program of demonstrations given was as follows -

- October - The Attractive Bedroom.
- November - The Care of the Girl's Room.
- December - Construction of Laundry Bag and Shoe Bag.
- January - The Clothes Closet and Exhibit of Accessories.
- February - Furniture Arrangement.
- March - Curtains for a Girl's Room.
- April - Picture Selection and Hanging.
- May - Reports, Enrollment in Contests, exhibit of work done.
- June - Remodeling Furniture.
- July - The Dressing Table and Skirt.
- August - Club tour of work done in room improvement contest.

48 Girls Enrolled in Room Improvement Contest.

In June 48 girls enrolled in a room improvement contest the rules of which were worked out by council. The rooms were scored by the home agent and a plan for the improvement of each was made. Rooms were judged in August. Thirty of the girls had completed their plans. Excellent work was done and the agent considers this one of the most successful projects she ever conducted. Local merchants contributed

4. 4-2 Subsequent Day.

This event was held on Wednesday of this week in the gymnasium. The program was very well planned and executed. Friends and guests of the 4-2ers were invited. Plans were made to contact other interested and friendly groups by this week-end. Officers, Executive Staff and other organizations interested in this work.

5. A 4-2 picnic was held in June at Lakeland with an attendance of 120 members and their parents. There was an indoor program at this picnic. The members were provided the weekend, the picnic was on this was successful during the year.

6. PROJECT WORK.

All 4-2 girls took a project in their improvement during the winter months. This project was made of the girls after a discussion of projects at the September meeting. It was one which became this and later the year and they enjoyed the project. During the winter months many of the girls completed their own improvement work. 25 girls received their improvement and twenty-two girls members took 4-2 classes.

Year Improvement

The meeting and sixty-eight girls enrolled.

The year's program of improvement given was as follows -

- October - The September Session.
- November - The Day of the Girl's Year.
- December - Construction of January Day and Day Day.
- January - The Christmas Dinner and Exhibit of Industries.
- February - February Improvement.
- March - Project for a Girl's Year.
- April - Picture Collection and Project.
- May - Sports, Exhibits in Contact, Exhibit of work done.
- June - Goodwill Luncheon.
- July - The Christmas Table and Gift.
- August - Girl Day of work done in year improvement contact.

42 Girls Enrolled in Year Improvement Contact.

In June 42 girls enrolled in a year improvement contact. The girls were divided into groups of 12-15 girls were worked out by committee. The year was made by the girls and a plan for the improvement of each was made. Some girls had in August. Thirty of the girls had completed their year. Excellent work was done and the year concluded with one of the most successful projects the year concluded. Local events were conducted.

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5 lovely prizes. Five more were donated by the county home demonstration committee. These went to the 10 girls whom the judges decided did work in the blue ribbon class. Reports showed that the five highest winners alone saved \$529.17 by the work they did.

Jean Johnston State Room Improvement Winner

The county contest winner also won the state contest. She is 17 years old and has been an outstanding club member for three and one-half years. Her room improvement work was done with the careful planning and thorough workmanship of an experienced adult, and when she finished it truly looked as though it had come out of House Beautiful.

Jean tells of this project in her own words.

The first thing I did was to rearrange my furniture so that I would have a study center with my desk and book case near one another, and a dressing center with the chest of drawers near the closet. By placing my dressing table between two windows I had better natural lighting. This arrangement made room between the twin beds for a small table and a chair by the fire place.

Next I decided on a color scheme. Since my room was large and had plain blue walls I decided I would like a figured fabric with shades of rose on a blue background. This would fit in with the solid rose scatter rugs I planned to use. Then I went on a shopping tour, examining various kinds of fabrics and comparing prices. After much deliberation I bought a figured glosheen which was gay and colorful for the bedspreads, drapes and swags. This material was color fast, pre-shrunk and of a quality which would justify the time and effort I planned to spend on it. I selected a plain rose material for accent which I would use for lamp shades, a cushion for the chair, and for covering a waste basket. For the curtains and dressing table I used a permanent finish organdy.

Now I really began to work. I made very full, floor length ruffled organdy curtains, using a full width of material for each side and a finished four inch ruffle. These were made with a French heading. The swags were easy to make because they consisted of straight pieces of material held with drapery hoops which I painted white to match the wood trim.

Next I tackled the dressing table. The frame around the mirror had been painted, but I decided that covering it with the same figured material would make it more effective. This I did by glueing it to the wood. I made the petticoat of white sateen, the skirt of ruffled organdy which matched the curtains and on overdrapes of the printed glosheen. A McCall pattern was very helpful for this job. A glass

Project Work Continued -

5 newly placed. The work was done by the county home de-
partment committee. There were 10 girls from the foster
home in the line ribbon class. Reports showed that
the five highest averages saved \$20.17 by the work they did.

John Johnson's Gift Home Improvement Project

The county committee which also was the state contact. The
in 17 years old and has been an outstanding club member for three
and one-half years. Her home improvement work was done with the
careful planning and general workmanship of an experienced artist.
and when she finished it truly looked as though it had come out of
the factory.

John calls of this project in her own words.

The first thing I did was to rearrange my furniture so that I
would have a study center with my desk and book case near an east-
ward window and a dressing table with the chest of drawers near the west-
ward window. I had better mention
planning my dressing table between the windows and the bed for a
lighting. This arrangement made room between the beds for a
small table and a chair by the fire place.

Next I decided on a color scheme. Since my room was large and
had plain pine walls I decided I would like a lighted fabric with
shades of rose on a blue background. This would fit in with the
solid rose material which I planned to use. Then I went on a shopping
tour, examining various kinds of fabrics and comparing prices. After
much deliberation I bought a lighted fabric which was gay and color-
ful for the bedspreads, drapes and window. This material was color
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and for covering a waste basket. For the curtains and dressing table
I used a permanent finish organza.

Now I really began to work. I made very full, floor length
ruffled organza curtains, using a full width of material for each side
and finished four inch ruffles. These were made with a French heading.
The organza was easy to make because they consisted of straight pieces
of material held with temporary baste which I pinned while to match the
wood trim.

Next I tackled the dressing table. The linen around the mirror
had been painted, but I decided that covering it with the same French
material would make it more effective. This I did by gluing it to
the wood. I made the bottom of white organza, the kind of ruffled
organza which matched the curtains and an overdrap of the painted
fabric. A Noelle pattern was very helpful for this job. A glass

Project Work Continued -

covers the top of the table. I covered the old soiled boudoir lamp shades by simply gathering some of the solid rose material and pinking the edges.

I made two bedspreads out of the figured material, which was 36" wide. I added to the center panel of the top of the spread a piece on each side and put in a cord, since I liked the paneled effect it gave. I allowed five widths of material for the ruffles, gathered them on a cord and then basted to the top pieces. I then sewed them twice on the machine.

I found an old pine table and decided to refinish it. I removed all the old paint and varnish with many coats of Taxite, scraping off the old "stuff" with a putty knife. I went over the surface with 60 sand paper and then rubbed the surface smooth with steel wool. I applied a coat of shellac mixture which was seven parts alcohol and one part shellac. I allowed each coat to dry for a day and "sanded" the table, between coats. I gave five more coats using three parts alcohol and one part shellac. After the last coat of shellac was dry I rubbed the table with pumice stone and linseed oil. Then to give it a nice "shine" I waxed it several times. I wired the old lamp on the table. I learned to do this at the State Short Course. I covered the old lamp shade with the solid rose material trimming the top and bottom with blue braid.

I found an old mirror in my grandmother's basement and "re-did" it to use over my chest of drawers. I painted it with Sherwin-Williams gold enameloid and then I painted over it with flat white paint. By rubbing off some of the white paint the mirror, now had an "antique" look. I mended a broken corner by molding warm candle wax. The mirror hangs by a perky bow of blue velvet ribbon.

Next I bought an old black wooden tray. It was in bad condition but I cleaned the brass galleries along the sides. I then painted the tray with black paint and decorated it (oil paints) with a design of roses (pink and white) and "Forget-me-nots". This tray stands on a luggage stand and makes a lovely coffee table.

Some of the solid rose material covers a little cushion for my rocking chair. For the summer I made a fan out of old wall paper to brighten up the fire place and I put some philodendron in an old oil lamp for a mantle decoration.

By this time I was so pleased and interested I didn't want to stop. I finished making an afghan out of blue variegated wool. I also appliqued a pair of pillow cases to blend with my color scheme.

Project was cancelled

covers the top of the table. I covered the old rolled material and
shades by simply fastening some of the rolls over material and
holding the edges.

I made two bedsprings out of the Elgrene material, which was
30" wide. I added to the center panel at the top of the panels
a piece on each side and put in a cord, since I liked the panels
effect. I allowed five widths of material for the material
fastened down on a cord and then passed to the top pieces. I then
sawed them twice on the machine.

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I removed all the old paint and varnish with many coats of Turpentine,
scraping off the old "white" with a power sander. I went over the
surface with 60 sand paper and then rubbed the surface smooth with
fine wool. I applied a coat of shellac which was water
based and dried. I allowed each coat to dry
for a day and "sanded" the table, the table, I gave five coats
each coat being three parts alcohol and one part shellac. After the
last coat of shellac was dry I rubbed the table with fine sand and
financed off. Then to give it a nice "glaze" I waxed it several times.
I wiped the old top on the table. I wanted to do this at the table
first course. I covered the old top shade with the roll over material
fastening the top and bottom with the beads.

I found an old mirror in my Grandmother's basement and "re-
did" it so over my head of drawers. I painted it with black
Williams gold enamel and then I painted over it with five white
paint. By rubbing off some of the white paint the mirror, and had
an "antique" look. I needed a brown cover by holding with enamel
was. The mirror hangs by a heavy bow of blue velvet ribbon.

I found I bought an old black wooden step. It was in bad con-
dition but I cleaned the brass calluses along the sides. I then
painted the top with black paint and decorated it with panels with
a design of roses (pink and white) and "Tangerine-orange". This top
stands on a large stand and makes a beautiful table.

Some of the rolls over material covers a little cushion for
my reading chair. For the summer I made a lot out of old wall paper
to brighten up the fire place and I put some Philadelphia in an old
oil lamp for a candle decoration.

By this time I was so pleased and interested I didn't want to
stop. I finished making an eighth set of fine varnished wood.
I applied a pair of yellow coats to black with my color scheme.

Project Work Continued -

As you will note below my expenses in this project amounted to \$77.00 which more than paid for the material I used in the whole project, and I saved \$178.53 by doing the work myself.

<u>ARTICLE</u>	<u>ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF THE COST OF IMPROVEMENT</u>	<u>VALUE IF BOUGHT READY MADE</u>
2 bedspreads	\$20.00	\$38.00
Dressing Table refinished		
Skirt and Swags	9.88	27.88
2 pairs organdy curtains made	9.44	19.44
2 Swags for curtains	8.88	9.88
2 lampshades	1.25	7.25
1 lamp	1.02	8.00
1 lamp shade	.95	5.75
Tray	6.00	35.00
Pair pillow cases	1.70	2.25
Cushion	1.00	3.50
Remodeled mirror (painted)	.60	55.00
Refinished table	.80	15.50
Thread and Ribbon	.50	
Doll (crocheted)	.60	1.50
Afaghan	7.00	15.00
	<u>Total Cost \$66.42</u>	<u>\$244.95 - If bought ready made</u>

Written by
Joan Johnston
Salem, Virginia

- Project cost continued -

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ARTICLE	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST
Flashes	7.00		14.00
Trived and 25000 (Soll) (overhead)	.00		1.00
Trived and 25000	.00		.00
Included parts	.00		12.00
Included driver (included)	.00		22.00
Chassis	1.00		2.00
Pair plier screw	1.70		2.92
Toy	0.00		22.00
1 Jeep shade	.02		2.12
1 Jeep	1.02		2.00
2 Insulators	1.22		2.44
2 bags for contains	0.22		0.44
2 pairs strongly contains rods	2.44		4.88
2 bags and bags	0.22		0.44
Excessing 1/2" is included			27.00
2 Insulators	0.00		0.00
2 Insulators	0.00		0.00
Value of project			178.00
Total Cost			\$244.44

Written by
John Johnson
Lynch, Virginia

Project Work Continued -

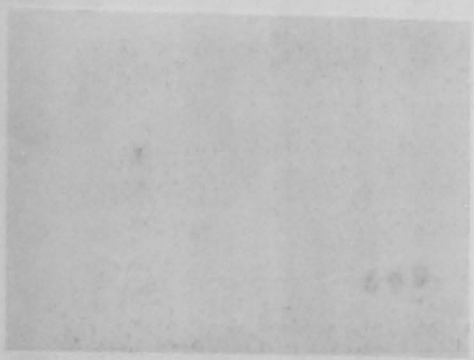


*Jean Johnston did an excellent
piece of work on her
dining table skirt.*



*These pictures are of June Frazer's room. The curtains, dressing
table skirt and dust ruffle are particularly effective.*

Project Park Controversy -



from photograph of a building
view of park area
during the visit.



three photos are of four towers seen in center, during
this visit of that night 1952 - photograph opposite.

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Project Work Continued -

June Frazier Placed Second in Contest

June Frazier had to build a room out of the gable end of the attic before she started other improvements. She used insulation, put up pine paneling, built a closet etc. The only work she hired done was the installation of a large window and a door.

She found an old square dining room table which she sawed in half using one end for a dressing table and the other for a study table. The dressing table unit was made attractive with a skirt, 2 boudoir lamps which she made over and a stool made from a cheese box which was padded and covered with leatherette.

For draperies, dust ruffle for bed, and dressing table skirt she used unbleached muslin dyed yellow. Large water lily designs cut from some drapery fabric and appliqued on the background made them very effective. A tailored cover which fitted over her bed was made of green fabric. Numerous accessories which she refinished added to the attractiveness of the room.

June spent \$116.00. This included lumber paneling, Kinsul, floor seal, fabrics etc. She saved \$166.00 by doing the work herself. She had an attractive room of her own where there was only an unfinished end of an attic before.

Food Preservation

Ninety-six girls took Food Preservation. Eighty-five completed. Each group received three or four demonstrations. Emphasis was put on judging. All ninety-six entered the canning contest which was held at the fair. Our county winner entered the district contest in which she scored in the red ribbon class. 8102 quarts of food were canned by the 85 girls who completed their project. On page 21 there is a picture of the canning exhibit.

4-H Electric

The Appalachian Power Company conducted a 4-H electric project with 22 Roanoke County club members during June. This was valuable training for them and they are being used as demonstrators in their various clubs to help others with work along this line. During 1948 the power company will conduct 4-H electric projects in three communities in Roanoke County, giving them 16 hours of instruction and valuable experience.

4. LEADERSHIP.

One year ago all clubs except Fort Lewis senior were organized in school without active leadership other than a teacher-sponsor whose main duty was to maintain discipline.

Project Work Continued -

Tom Praxler Placed Second in Contest

Tom Praxler had to build a room out of the fabric and of the
table before the started other improvements. The next installation
put up glass panels, built a glass case. The only work with the glass
was the installation of a large window and a door.

The room as it appears during room table which was used
in hall as an end for a dressing table and the other for a
study table. The dressing table unit was made attractive with
a skirt. A bookcase lamp which was used over and a stool made
from a cheese box which was padded and covered with leatherette.

For dinner table, desk with a large table and dressing table side
the used upholstered metal head yellow. Large water tip design
out from some heavy fabric and quilted on the back round made them
very attractive. A tablecloth cover which fitted over but had was made
of three fabric. Numerous accessories which the reflected about to
the attractiveness of the room.

Tom spent \$110.00. This included lumber painting, glass,
floor seal, fabrics etc. He saved \$100.00 by doing the work himself.
He had an attractive room of his own where there was only an un-
finished end of an attic before.

Food Presentation

Twenty-six girls took food presentation. Eighty-five com-
pleted. Each group received three or four demonstrators. The
plastic was put on display. All twenty-six entered the contest
contest which was held at the fair. Our contest winner entered the
district contest in which she placed in the red ribbon class.
Sixty guests of food were served by the 26 girls who completed their
project. On page 21 there is a picture of the contest exhibit.

4-H Electric

The 4-H Electric Power Company conducted a 4-H electric pro-
ject with 22 members. Each group received three or four demonstrators.
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During 1948 the power company will conduct 4-H electric projects
in three communities in Lincoln County. Girls from 16 hours of
instruction and valuable experience.

MEMORANDUM

Our year end all state projects for 1948 were completed
in school without active leadership other than a teacher-sponsor
whose main duty was to maintain discipline.

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Leadership Continued -

At present there are five clubs with active project and organization leaders. In 1948 a great effort will be made to increase active leadership in all clubs. More will also be done on developing better junior leadership.

VI. Work Done By Agent in Cooperation With Other Agencies.

A. County and State Home Economics Association

The agent has served as president of the State Home Economics association during the year. This has been a time consuming job requiring many hours of over time. It has required the agent to "keep on her toes" professionally and from that standpoint has had an effect upon the Roanoke County Extension Program.

B. Schools

The agent has made talks at three P.T.A. groups this year on some phase of homemaking.

The agent has cooperated with the schools in every way possible. She attended a teachers meeting and discussed the Extension program. Conferences are held with the principal of each school and each sponsor before the year's plan of work for 4-H clubs is worked out.

Assistance has been given the school lunch room program.

Several conferences have been held with home economics teachers in the county for exchange of ideas, illustrative materials, etc.

C. Roanoke City - County Welfare Conference.

The home demonstration agent is a member of the Roanoke City - County Welfare Conference which is composed of representatives of all agencies who work with people on a social, economic and educational level. This has given the home agent an opportunity to inform the groups as to the type program carried on by the home demonstration and 4-H clubs in the county.

D. County U.S.D.A. Workers Association.

The agent has attended monthly meetings of this association and assisted with the program from time to time.

VII. Evaluation of the 1947 Program.

A. Project Work.

The program was carried out as planned with the exception of slip covers and upholstery clinics. Too ambitious a program was

Leadership Development

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C. Home Economics Club - County Affairs Conference

The home economics club agent is a member of the Home Economics Club - County Affairs Conference which is composed of representatives of all schools who work with people on a local, county and educational level. This has given the home agent an opportunity to follow the progress of the type program carried on by the home economics and 4-H clubs in the county.

D. County U.S.S.A. Extension Association

The agent has attended monthly meetings of this association and assisted with the program from time to time.

VII. Evaluation of the 1967 Program

A. Project Work

The program was carried out as planned with the exception of all projects and voluntary clinics. The exhibits program was

Evaluation of 1947 Program Continued -

There was not time to get it all in and do a thorough job. It would have been better had fewer topics been selected and had several months of study been devoted to each. This criticism was made at last planning meeting. The women would rather take less and do their project work more thoroughly. A move to correct this was made in the 1948 planning.

B. Federation Goal Work.

There needs to be more responsibility assumed on part of county and club chairmen for this work. In the past they have waited for an outline to come from agent's office each month. They should take the general suggestions made at the beginning of the year and adopt them to the need of their own group.

More non-club members should be reached possibly through community meetings, special programs etc.

C. Leadership Work.

This is very good in Roanoke County however it never can be developed too highly. Our leaders are willing to serve but more training can be given on the effectiveness with which they serve.

D. Membership and attendance.

Room for great improvement. Each club needs an active committee to work on this.

E. Community Projects.

Although good work was done last year, a more thorough analysis of community needs should be made before the community project is selected.

Evaluation of 1967 Program Continued -

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3. Evaluation Goal Work

There needs to be more responsibility assumed on part of faculty and club members for this work. In the past they have waited for an outline to come from the office each month. They should take the general suggestions made at the beginning of the year and adapt them to the needs of their own group.

How one-on-one meetings should be reached possibly through community meetings, special programs etc.

4. Leadership Work

This is very good in general though however it never can be developed too highly. Our leaders are willing to serve but more training can be given on the effectiveness with which they serve.

5. Membership and Attendance

Look for great improvement. Each club needs an active committee to work on this.

6. Community Projects

Although good work was done last year, a more thorough analysis of community needs should be made before the community project is selected.

Reference to this is made on page 20.

November



Business Meeting:

Roll Call: Is your record book in?
Report of 4-H Council meeting.
Appointment of Community Project
Committee
Appointment of Finance Committee

Program

Quiz on farm safety.
Talk - "Duties of the President."
Demonstration - "Grading Potatoes and
Treating them with Sprout Inhibitor."
Demonstration - "Meeting People" (intro-
ductions and when and how to shake hands).



Project Demonstrations

Girls - Assembling a Sewing Box.
Boys - Feeding Dairy Cows and Calves.

December



MERRY
CHRISTMAS



Business Meeting

Roll Call: Bible Quotation
Report of Community Project Committee
Package of food for some hungry European child
to be sent to The Children's World Community
Chest.
Report of Finance Committee

Program

Talk - "Duties of the Vice-President."
Demonstration - "Making a Shoe-Shining Kit."
Talk - "When Mealtime Comes."
Demonstration - "Selecting Eggs for a Fair Exhibit."

Project Demonstrations

Girls - How to Sew on Buttons, Snaps, Hooks and Eyes.
Boys - "Use of Rope on the Farm."

January



Business Meeting

Roll Call - Report on project.
Report on contribution made to The Children's World Community Chest.
Report on 4-H Council meeting.
Send club dues to County 4-H Council.

Program

Talk - "Duties of Secretary."
Talk - "Duties of Song Leader."
Demonstration - "How to Make a Knife Rack."
Talk - "On Being a Good Host or Hostess."
Demonstration - "Fitting and Showing Poultry for the Fair."

Project Demonstration

Girls - How to Darn Socks.
Boys - Using Nails, Screws and Selecting Lumber.

February

Business Meeting

Roll Call - Are you getting your 4-H Club paper?
Report on Community Project.
Report of Finance Committee.
Plans for 4-H Camp.

Program

Talk - "Duties of the Treasurer and Reporter."
Talk - "Making Yourself Welcome - How to be a good Guest."
Demonstration - "Devices for Raising Table Heights."
Demonstration - "Selecting Canned Food for Fair Exhibits."

Project Demonstration

Girls - How to Launder and Block a Sweater.
Boys - Planning the Home Garden.

On the Track
of
Clothing
Dollars



March

Business Meeting

Roll Call - Give a health or safety rule you observe.
Discussion of 4-H Contest.
Discussion of 4-H Department at the Fair.
Plans for observing Rural Life Sunday.



Program

Demonstration - How to Make a Motion.
Talk - "Going Places."
Demonstration - "Making a rock for Drinking Bucket for Poultry."
Demonstration - "Selecting and Exhibiting Field Corn."



Project Demonstration

Girls - How to Patch a Garment.
Boys - Diseases, Care and Feeding of Hogs.

Business Meeting

Roll Call - Answer with two things planted in the garden.
Appoint summer meeting committee.
Discussion - How the project work is going.
Discussion - 4-H Camp.
Report of County Council Meeting.

April



Program

Demonstration - "Pack for Kettle Lids."
Demonstration - "How to Make a Report."
Demonstration - "How to Exhibit Clothing at the Fair."
Talk - "In the Public Eye."

Project Demonstration

Boys - Feeding Poultry.
Girls - Storing Winter Clothes and Reports.

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March



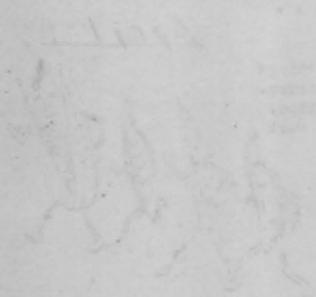
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May

Business Meeting

- Roll Call - Is your project book up to date?
- Discussion - County picnic - Lakeside.
- Discussion - County 4-H Camp.
- Discussion - 4-H Department at the Fair.
- Report - Community project committee.
- Report - Finance Committee.
- Report - Summer meeting committee.

Program

- Demonstration - Use of 2-4-D for killing weeds in the lawn.
- Demonstration - How to appoint a committee.
- Party Line - Telephone numbers.
- How to select and exhibit three vegetables for the fair.

Project Demonstration

- Girls - Preparation for Summer Projects.
- Boys - Prints and Printing.

June

Business Meeting

- Roll Call - What contest are you entering?
- Discussion - Project work.
 - Record book.
 - 4-H Camp.
 - 4-H Department at the Fair.
 - County Picnic.

Program

- Talk - "Foods and How to Eat Them."
- Talk - "Camp Etiquette."
- Demonstration - Making a Spice Rack.



Project Demonstration

- Girls- An inventor of clothes on hand. A plan for your wardrobe.
- Boys - Care of Growing Pullets.

Y.M.M.

Business Meeting

Soft-Calls - In your project look up to date
Discussion - County Board - Inland
Discussion - County 4-H Camp
Discussion - 4-H Department at the Fair
Report - County project committee
Report - Finance Committee
Report - County meeting committee



Program

Domestication - Use of 4-H for killing weeds in the lawn.
Domestication - How to appeal a membership.
Party Line - Telephone numbers.
How to select and exhibit three vegetables for the Fair.

Project Domestification

Girls - Preparation for Sewing Projects.
Boys - Points and Pointing.



June

Business Meeting

Soft Call - First contact and job starting
Discussion - Project work.
Budget book.
4-H Camp.
4-H Department at the Fair.
County picnic.



Program

Girls - "Foods and How to Get Them."
Boys - "Camp Preparation."
Domestication - Making a Splice Book.

Project Domestification

Girls - In preparation of
clothes on board.
A plan for your
workshop.



Boys - Care of Sewing Machine



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Canning Demonstration



Program

- Demonstration - Making a Clothspin Egg.
- Demonstration - Cattle Guard.
- Demonstration - Care and Repair of Screens.
- Talk - "How to Conduct an Election."
- Talk - "How to Call for the Reading of the Minutes and Have Them Approved."

Project Demonstration

- Girls - Making or remodeling a dress.
Canning.
- Boys - Selection and Judging of Hogs.

July

Business Meeting

- Roll Call - Name one improvement you made in your home.
- Report on County Council Meeting.
- Discuss 4-H Club and get list of members who are going.
- Discuss 4-H Department at Fair and get list of exhibits that will be made.
- Report on State Short Course.



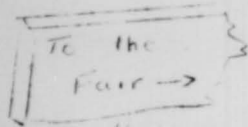
August

"Come to
the Fair!"

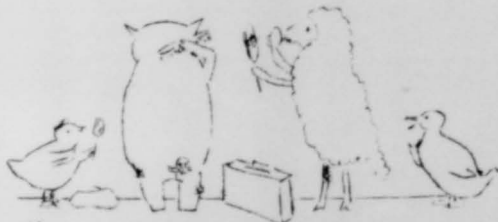


...and bring your exhibits!

Enter dress review at 4-H
Achievement Day which will
be held with the Roanoke
County Fair.

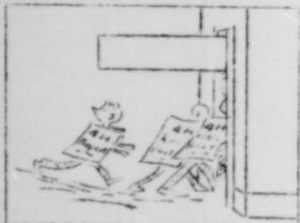


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Hurry - the judges are coming!

- September -



Business Meeting

Roll Call - Is your Record In?
 Get names of new members.
 Elect officers.
 Report of 4-H Camp.
 Report of 4-H Department at Fair.

Program

Demonstration - How to Adjourn a Meeting.
 Discussion - "As Others See You - Personal Grooming."
 Demonstration - How to Sharpen Scissors.
 Demonstration - How to Sharpen Knives.

Project Demonstration

Boys: What 4-H Club Work is and What Projects Can be Carried.
 How to select a good rabbit.
 Girls: Reports and selection of Project for 1949.



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 - October -

Business Meeting

Roll Call - What project have you selected for 1949?
 Introduction of New Members.
 Discussion - Officer Training Meeting.
 Discussion - Program for Coming Year.

Program

Demonstration - How to Discuss New Business.
 Demonstration - To Be selected by Club Members.



Project Demonstration

Boys - Closing out Records.
 Selection of New Project.
 How to Make a Drop Card.

Girls - To be Announced.



