

NARRATIVE REPORT OF HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

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III. SCOPE OF WORK

A. Home Demonstration Clubs

Number 14 Membership 239

Other women reached by Home Demonstration Club members 767

B. 4-H Clubs

Number 9 Membership 253

C. Number reached through other groups by agent 720

D. Number families reached through neighborhood and community leaders _____

E. Other methods used to reach families were two county news papers, radio, office calls, telephone calls, home visits, circular letters, and individual letters.

F. Estimated total number of families reached 1550 Number of farm families in the county 1443 .

IV. ADULT WORK

A. Home Demonstration Club Program

1. Project Work

a. How Program Was Determined

In May 1946 the Home Demonstration Club members began thinking in terms of making plans for 1947. The Home Demonstration Committee met, discussed the outlook from National, State and County levels and requested each member of the Committee to discuss the same topics in her Home Demonstration Club at her June and August meetings. By having club discussions at two meetings it was believed that the women would have given enough thought to the needs of the county so that they would be able to make good suggestions, to their chairman, for work that might help meet such needs.

The Home Demonstration Committee met again in October for the purpose of making a program calendar for 1947. Miss Lucy Blake, District Home Demonstration Agent-at-large, was an out of the county guest and discussed the future outlook from the National and State level. She reminded the group that shortages of building materials, clothing, food, house furnishings and house-hold equipment had not only existed for the past few years but that they were not likely to be any more plentiful for a long time to come. When articles become more plentiful, she stated, many will be different because of improvements and consumer education in regard to selection and care may be necessary.

She also stated that at that time conditions were very unsettled and that it was a bad time to spend money that families might have saved during the war years. Therefore, suggestions were made that home-makers buy as little as possible with the hope of having more and better goods from which to select, and trusting that lower prices might come in the not too distant future.

The agent discussed the county conditions at which time she mentioned the fact that the county would also be affected by the shortages and high prices throughout the nation. It was pointed out that probably no place in the state had real estate valued higher than Botetourt County at that time and there were great dangers in buying, selling and building.

The seasons had been good, crops good, incomes good and there was a sufficient amount of money in the hands of rural people to make many improvements in the rural homes. Very great stress was put on spending money wisely and spending no more than necessary while shortages of many items exist and prices remain so high.

Maps showing the locations of 4-H and Home Demonstration clubs in the county were shown and the enrollment of each group given. In addition to the county needs previously mentioned the agent pointed out a very great need for more assistance from Home Demonstration Club members for 4-H Club work, and to reach more people through the Extension program.

The need for more recreation and reading in rural homes was discussed and believed to be one that club members had partially met in 1946 through the Federation Goal of "Library" and the discussion showed a desire to continue the same goal another year.

The women made mention of the need for some kind of redecoration in their homes, and for knowing more business facts, such as, money management, wills, deeds etc. After the foregone statements, the committee was ready to make its plan for 1947, that would as nearly as possible meet those needs.

b. Subject Matter Fields in Which Work Was Carried

Foods are always interesting to women who have the preparation of it daily. They like new ideas to help break the monotony, therefore, January and February were devoted to the "Uses of Spices and Herbs in Cooking" and "Salads".

March and April were designated as months for studying "Business Facts Women Should Know", which would include "Wills and Deeds". It was felt that women knew so little of banking facts, money management, how to write a will that would be legal or how deeds should be made, that they wanted to study such facts. As one lady stated, "The day has come when women need to know how to take care of their own business instead of expecting the men to do it all as did our grand fathers and great grand fathers."

In order to get some ideas in house furnishings or redecoration which several felt was worthwhile, since so little of such improvements had been done for the past few years, "Color Schemes for Living Rooms" was selected for June. The women felt that these discussions might help them to make some necessary improvements with little cost.

Many women like to make gifts and decorative furnishings for the home, so stenciling of household fabrics - possibly feed bags - was suggested for August, and if it came that early in the year the women might use it for making Christmas gifts.

In order to do more in home improvement that would require the expenditure of little money "Picture Framing and Hanging" was selected for September.

The necessity of better storage spaces for clothing prompted the women to select "Clothes Storage" for October. The months of July and November were left open for the Clubs' decision.

c. Two County-Wide Objectives Set by Home Demonstration Committee

1. For each club in the county to select and conduct a worth while community project.
2. For each club to work for and encourage the use of the Botetourt-Rockbridge Regional Library. Each local club set the same objectives for their individuals.

CLUBS DEVOTED DECEMBER TO FEDERATION GOAL WORK

Because "Library" had been selected as their Federation Goal work for the previous year with the idea of continuing their efforts until some kind of public library had been made available to at least most of the citizens of the county, the same goal was continued.

The month of December was selected for library work. It was felt that more work might be accomplished if it was put before the people early in the year. At each December meeting the Club Federation Goal Chairman either gave a review or had some one else to give one of some interesting book, and made several statements as to the importance of reading good material. She also gave reading lists to club members and requested as many as possible to read from that list as many as three books so that they might secure a reading certificate at Achievement Day.

At the December meetings most of the clubs also made plans for raising money to contribute to the library fund for the purchase of new books. This will be discussed further under the Federation Goal Work.

FOOD PREPARATION

Women Learned to Cook With Herbs

Through demonstrations in their clubs the women wanted to learn to prepare more tasty foods, through the use of herbs in cooking. As a result of the one leaders' training meeting held, office calls, telephone calls, and contacts made by club members with non-club members, two hundred fifty families were reached directly and an estimated number of seven hundred families reached indirectly.

In December sixteen leaders from ten of the Home Demonstration clubs met in Buchanan to be trained to give a demonstration on the "Uses of Spices and Herbs in Cooking". Miss Janet Cameron, State Food and Nutrition Specialist, was demonstrator.

Each leader was given a mimeographed sheet of instructions for her personal use and sheets containing recipes for herb cookery. These were in sufficient quantity for each club member to have three sheets, one for herself and one for each of the non-club members she was expected to contact.

In January each club had that demonstration, four of which the agent gave to an attendance of sixty-seven, and nine were given by leaders to an attendance of one hundred and four women.

In January the seven days spent by the agent in making thirteen telephone calls, seventeen home visits and giving four demonstrations helped to accomplish our goal, as well as the seven days spent by eleven leaders.

LEADERS GAVE 100% DEMONSTRATIONS
IN FEBRUARY

Salads the Demonstration

In order to accomplish the goal of making more attractive and more tasty salads, for winter the twenty-eight leaders devoted thirty-three days to contacting twenty-seven persons and giving fourteen demonstrations to two hundred and twelve women.

At a leaders' training meeting in Buchanan in December, ten of the fourteen Home Demonstration Clubs were represented with sixteen leaders. Miss Janet Cameron, state Food Nutrition Specialist, gave a very interesting demonstration on Salads, their places in a meal, food values, etc. Her presentation was so good that the women

were very much interested in the coming demonstration but when the foods were tasted they were even more enthusiastic about sharing the suggestions with club members in their clubs.

Each leader was given a sheet of instructions for personal use and mimeographed sheets of salad recipes for her club members, also enough for each member to distribute two or more to non-club members.

Because four clubs were not represented at the leaders' meeting, the agent went to the homes of the leaders, trained them in the same way that Miss Cameron did and also gave them the necessary materials for their meetings.

The agent spent no time on this project in February. Her planning was done in January because on the fifth of the month she left for the hospital and was gone until the last of March.

In spite of the rough weather the leaders did an excellent job of conducting demonstrations on salads in February.

BUSINESS FACTS

Banking Discussed for the First Time by Home Demonstration Clubs

Because the Home Demonstration members felt there were many business facts that women should know in order to be a wiser homemaker, some were planned for study during the year. "Banking Facts" were scheduled for March and because of the absence of the agent, which was due to illness, twenty-four leaders devoted sixteen days of their time to making preparations for meetings and giving thirteen demonstration to groups that amounted to a total of one hundred fifty seven women. It is estimated that three hundred and twenty-five women were reached indirectly.

Before the agent left the county in February she scheduled a leaders' training meeting on "Business Facts Women Should Know", arranged for Miss Helen Alverson, State Home Management Specialist, to go to the county and train leaders, and notified leaders of the meeting date. Before leaving the agent also left a follow-up letter in the office for the secretary to mail a copy to each leader shortly before the meeting date to give them a more recent reminder of the meeting.

Miss Alverson was ill and unable to train the leaders on the scheduled date, so gave the training meeting on a later date. Due to two unavoidable conditions, namely, the delay in the training meeting, and the awfully bad weather and roads which made almost everyone much prefer staying at home to going places, it is felt that much of the interest and enthusiasm was lost.

ATTORNEYS ASSISTED HOME DEMONSTRATION
LEADERS FOR FIRST TIME

Lawyers Explain Wills
To Women of Eight Clubs

In order to learn more of the vital facts in regard to making wills the ladies of Willow Grove, Fincastle, Cloverdale, Daleville, Haymakertown, Stover's Gate, Oriskany, and Trinity clubs each secured a lawyer to meet with their group and explain how to write a will, when it was legal and illegal, who might write one, etc. Lithia, Jennings Creek, Nace, Laymantown, Troutville and Springwood did not invite lawyers to their club meetings so leaders from other clubs invited them to their clubs to hear the discussions.

The lawyers made very clear explanations and answered questions for the women, which added much interest and made the meetings more meaningful. Many of the women felt this one of their best meetings of the year and some thought it the very best.

All of them were good speakers and did their job splendidly, but none was better than Mr. Benjamin Chapman of Roanoke who talked to the Cloverdale Club on an evening that the rain poured in torrents and in spite of that fact eighteen women and one man were present to hear him. When the meeting had adjourned they were even more pleased because they had put forth the necessary effort to go to hear him.

INTERIOR DECORATING

Color Scheme Demonstration Given by Agent

New ideas for "Color Schemes in Living Rooms" were given to fourteen clubs, with an attendance of two hundred and sixteen. In connection with this demonstration eighteen home visits and forty-six telephone calls were made by the agent.

At the planning meeting this demonstration was selected for the purpose of learning new ideas along the lines of color schemes as were related to new fabrics, paints, etc. on the market at present.

There were many interesting facts brought out in regard to colors and color selection. B.H.F. or basic Housefurnishing colors were of particular interest to all members and much time was spent discussing and explaining them.

As the agent had missed the two previous meetings of some clubs and three meetings in others she attended all of the April meetings and gave all of the demonstrations to groups with very little leader assistance.

Several women have more recently reported looking for and finding B.H.F. colors on the market.

DECORATING WALLS AND WOODWORK
DEMONSTRATION IN JUNE

To learn any possible new ideas for decorating walls and woodwork was the purpose of this demonstration which was given by the agent to all clubs with an attendance of one hundred seventy-two women. The twenty-eight requests to make calls in the homes, thirteen office calls, and forty-seven telephone calls appears to prove that this goal was fairly well reached.

Because the agent had missed several meetings during the year previous to this time she held no meeting for training leaders but met all clubs and gave the demonstrations herself.

Very few club members have redecorated their homes to this date because of the prices being high and labor high and scarce. Many are still looking forward to making changes as early as they can do so.

STENCILING HOUSEHOLD FABRICS
CREATED MUCH INTEREST

Stenciling fabrics was selected with the idea of putting more color into the home with little effort on such fabrics as feed bags and also to learn a new craft.

The agent gave the demonstrations to thirteen clubs to an attendance of one hundred seventy-four women. Fabrics used were mostly feed sacks, but some broad cloth, organdy and rayon were used. Such articles were demonstrated as dishtowels, aprons, kitchen chair sets, curtains, luncheon sets, dresser scarfs and one head scarf.

The amount of interest shown was surprising. In one club nine members wanted to purchase stencil sets, and several in each club wanted one. Some women decided two would purchase a set together. Some women wanted the sets to use themselves and others wanted them for their children.

The agent investigated the possibilities of purchasing sets for all the county at wholesale price but was not successful.

PICTURE FRAMING CONVERTED OLD FRAMES INTO NEW ONES

In order to learn how to attractively use the old and discarded picture frames from the attic and other storage places the demonstration on remodeling such frames was given to all fourteen clubs in "Remodeling Old Frames". The nine days devoted by six leaders to giving four demonstrations to three women and making five home visits, the fourteen home visits made by the agent, nine office calls, twenty-one telephone calls, and ten demonstrations given by the agent to two hundred and five women resulted in having thirty-seven frames reconditioned and eighty-one prints of flowers, birds, and fashions purchased to be placed in old frames.

Miss Ruth Jamison, State Housefurnishing Specialist, demonstrated very interestingly, to leaders, how to renovate and recondition old frames. She cleaned walnut frames, tightened frames of various kinds, and renovated the old three-in-one frames that most women had cast aside and felt were hopeless. From one old frame she showed the women how to make three. First she tore it into three frames, and gilded the narrow frame which came from the inside. That was recommended for a print of some sort. One of Miss Jamison's lovely turkey prints 20" x 24" fitted the frame perfectly, fitted into the color scheme of the lady's living room, so she ordered the print for her frame.

The frame that came from the center of the old one had a narrow strip of gold leaf on the inside and the other part gilded. The gold leaf was cleaned, the other part regilded and that suggested for a mirror. The plate glass mirror which the owner had put into this frame made a handsome hanging for over her mantel. The least attractive part was the outside, but it could serve a purpose too, if duck or some heavy fabric would be put into it, because it could be a very attractive bulletin board.

Miss Jamison gave each leader an instruction sheet for personal use in making preparations for their individual club meetings. The agent gave them other sheets containing information that Home Demonstration Club members might like for reference.

The leaders, with the assistance of the agent in some clubs, gave the demonstration on picture framing and hanging. The club members were asked to take their frames that had been discarded, and those that had old pictures which they were tired of using. The ones taken to the club meetings were of many different styles, both in good condition and bad. The leaders demonstrated tightening frames, separating three-in-one frames, gilding, antiqueing and cleaning. The old frames made new led the women to purchase eighty-one very pretty prints of flowers,

birds, and fashions. Several mirrors are also being put into old frames. At the present time the agent has reports that only seven mirrors have been put into use, however, plans are being made for several others to be done soon. It seems that this project will have a good carry-over into another year.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WOMEN PLAN TO
MAKE STORAGE OF CLOTHING A CARRY-OVER INTO 1948

The four demonstrations given by the agent to fifty-six women and the ten given by leaders to one hundred forty-seven, seven home visits, made by agent, eight office calls, forty-six telephone calls and six days work given by leaders reached a total of one hundred ninety-eight families directly and approximately five hundred forty indirectly.

Since that was the demonstration given during November, which is the last month in the year, results can not be accurately measured at this time. There have been eighteen dozen closet accessories purchased by club members. Others are being purchased and some being made. Closets are being improved and where closets were needed some are being made.

It is believed that the carry-over into another year will be good.

2. Federation Goal Carried

"Library" was carried as the Federation Goal in 1946, and plans made for A Botetourt-Rockbridge Regional Library. By the end of the first year the money had been appropriated, a quantity of books ordered, some of which had been catalogued, the chassis for the bookmobile purchased and sent to Richmond, Indiana to have the body put on and the shelves put into it.

"Library" was selected again with the hope of seeing that project completed.

At the planning meeting the following goals were set;

1. To educate the county people to the services of the bookmobile.
2. To advertise the schedule of the bookmobile.
3. To serve simple refreshments to the visitors of the bookmobile on its first trip to the community.
4. For the Home Demonstration Clubs in the county to raise \$500 and contribute it to the library fund for the purpose of purchasing new books.
5. For the clubwomen to support the library in any other way possible.

It is felt by the agent and library board members that the goals set have been successfully met, however, two clubs did not serve refreshments on the bookmobile's first visit as was planned, and \$377.00 were collected instead of \$500.00 as was originally planned. This sum was donated to the library fund before June.

After it was necessary for the delay in the delivery of the bookmobile and so many more books were in the library, catalogued and ready for use, several more deposit stations were set up in other parts of the county.

Mrs. W. H. Woody, Goal Chairman, arranged with the librarian for more books to be had in Botetourt County and also with Home Demonstration Club members to have deposit stations of books in various localities, where books were desired, and asked the women to volunteer their services and keep library hours on certain days. Mrs. Woody arranged for ten women and four cars to go to Lexington to the storage room for the books and help to select approximately seven hundred and fifty books to take to Botetourt. These were taken to Buchanan, Fincastle, Eagle Rock, and Daleville.

With no bookmobile in sight and more new books being catalogued, more deposit stations were set up, all of which were manned by volunteer workers. By March 1 there were 1354 of the books belonging to the Regional Library and 200 borrowed from the State Library, making a total of 1554 books in the fourteen deposit stations. The deposits were in the following places; Botetourt County- Blue Ridge, Buchanan, Cloverdale, Fincastle, Mill Creek, Stover's Gate, and Troutville. Rockbridge County- Glasgow, Goshen, Fitzpatrick's Store, Kerrs Creek, Palmer and Raphine.

Because of the continued delay in getting the bookmobile the Board of Trustees voted that a part of the money set aside in the budget for the operating expenses of it, be used by the librarian in visiting deposit stations occasionally and making transfers of books.

Finally the long awaited bookmobile arrived on May 21. It was loaded, a driver employed and the first run made on May 27. Miss Ernestine Grafton from the Extension Division of Virginia State Library made the first run with them. With the arrival of the bookmobile most of the deposit stations were discontinued. Botetourt has kept four, one at Buchanan, Fincastle, Stover's Gate and Daleville.

The bookmobile makes a run in Botetourt on the first, second, third, and fourth Tuesdays in each month and visits four communities on each run. Since time will not permit the change of books at the deposit stations on the regular runs, two other days each month are devoted to making such necessary changes.

Through the efforts of Dr. E. W. Bodd, and Miss Emma Martin of Buchanan the town and civic organizations are paying a worker to keep their deposit station certain hours each week. A room and shelves have been donated for the library as well as a small collection of reference books put there for permanent deposit.

On the bookmobile's first visit in Botetourt County, a total of 1052 books were checked out by individuals plus 1136 books left in deposit stations.

All deposit stations were not started at the same time but circulation figures are as follows;

Blue Ridge, Jan-June, 70 plus	Eagle Rock, Oct. 1946-Feb.1947, 85
Buchanan, Oct. 1946 - May 1947, 848	Fincastle, Oct.-June 1947, 1742
Cloverdale, Dec. 1946 - June 1947, 443	
Daleville, Oct. 1946 - June 1947, 389	

The clubs raised money for the library in many ways. Stover's Gate went to work early. At their November meeting they planned a bazaar for December 6 at Eagle Rock and sold handwork and foods. All went well, the cooperation was 100% by club members, and the sales were good, everything sold within a very few hours and \$32.00 was cleared, \$25.00 of which was donated to the library.

Cloverdale club had a community dinner, served one hundred and twenty-two plates, and all who attended had a very pleasant evening. Seventy-five dollars were cleared of which fifty dollars were given to the library.

Fincastle Club had an ice cream supper and cake walk combined, cleared \$76.00 and donated \$50.00 to the library.

Haymakertown Club had a buffet luncheon and also sold food at a school entertainment. They cleared more than \$80.00 at the two, and donated \$30.00 to the library.

Springwood and Jennings Creek Clubs each sponsored intertainers in the school auditoriums and each donated \$10.00.

Nace and Lithia Clubs each made private donations to the club treasury and donated \$14.00 and \$3.00 respectively.

Trinity Club had an ice cream supper, cleared \$36.00 and donated \$25.00.

Willow Grove Club went into the village of Buchanan and had a bake sale on a Saturday. They cleared more than \$30.00 and donated \$25.00 to this fund.

Oriskany Club sold lemon and vanilla extract and cleared \$30.00 which they donated.

The combined efforts of the two counties have brought about closer cooperation, closer friendships and made many new friends. Of course there have been headaches and even some heartaches, but the pleasures and benefits overbalance all the troubles.

As the results of the very great efforts of many Home Demonstration Club members in Botetourt under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Woody, County Federation Goal Chairman, Botetourt County has realized the attainment of that County Federation Goal set at the County Home Demonstration Planning meeting in October 1945, which at that time appeared to be so very far away -- A Library for Botetourt County.

3. Other Activities

STATE AND COUNTY DUES PAID 100%

In February while the agent was ill, letters were sent to each club president reminding them that it was time to pay State and County dues. Within two weeks time, twelve of the fourteen clubs paid dues in full, three dollars for State dues and \$2.00 for County dues. The other two clubs sent their dues a few weeks later.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS DURING THE YEAR

The Farm and Home Labor Show which was visited by 667 persons, Achievement Day, a trip to visit the James Lees Rug Factory at Glasgow, dinners, bazaars, cake walks, and ice cream suppers made the work of the year more interesting.

FARM AND HOME LABOR-SAVING SHOW

On October 23, the Farm and Home Labor-Saving Show was set up in Fincastle which gave all the county people an opportunity to see the many labor saving devices it displayed, with the hope of creating interest enough in them so that many of the homes might have one or more labor savers added.

The requests showed that ninety-seven were interested in convenient farm kitchens, eighty-two were interested in the labor-saving ironing board, seventy-six were interested in the table with a dozen uses, seventy-four were interested in the easiest way to iron a shirt, and sixty were interested in the convenient wood box. This proves that women want more modern kitchens and also see a need for making their ironing a speedier job.

HOME DEMONSTRATION ACHIEVEMENT DAY

Mrs. Ben Wailes, Speaker

The Home Demonstration women planned a very interesting Achievement Day program. Mrs. Ben Wailes had been heard by several women of the county at the District meeting in the spring, so she was requested to be the speaker.

Her talk on "Wholesome Family Living" was very thought provoking and tremendously enjoyed.

The Program is as follows:

BOTETOURT COUNTY
HOME DEMONSTRATION ACHIEVEMENT DAY
PROGRAM



TROUTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
OCTOBER 11, 1947
10:30 - 3:00

The following appeared in the county paper: "County Home Demonstration Clubs held their Achievement Day program at Troutville school, October 11. A rainy day outside, it proved to be a sunny day inside.

Rev. DeWitt Miller, pastor of the Troutville Brethren Church led the devotionals, and made an appropriate talk.

● P R O G R A M

Elsie Austin-----County Chairman
Stover's Gate Club
Come Thou Almighty King-----Led by
Mrs. Curtis Miller,
Daleville Club
Devotions-----Rev. DeWitt H. Miller,
Pastor, Troutville
Church of the Brethren
Homemakers' Creed-----Group
Roll Call
Reports-----Willow Grove, Troutville,
Trinity, Stover's Gate
Group Singing-Led by Mrs. Curtis Miller
Daleville Club
Reports-----Springwood, Oriskany
Nace, Lithia
Special Music-----Daleville Club

● Wholesome Family Living-Mrs. Ben Wailes
Instructor of Social Studies
Sweet Briar College

Lunch

Group Singing-Led by Mrs. Curtis Miller
Daleville Club
Reports-----Laymantown, Fincastle
Daleville, Cloverdale
Group Singing-Led by Mrs. Curtis Miller
Daleville Club
Educational Movie-----Sponsored by
Virginia Extension Service
Special Music-----Daleville Club
Awards-----Miss Daisy Howerton
Home Demonstration Agent

C O M M I T T E E S

Willow Grove -----Serve Lunch
Troutville
Nace-----Decorations
Daleville-----Special Music
Springwood-----Registration
Cloverdale-Exhibits and Arrangements

HOMEMAKERS' CREED

As Homemakers we will strive to:

HAVE OUR ORGANIZATION foster highest ideals in home, church, school, and public life.

HAVE OUR HOMES reach out in service to the community and help unite the people.

HAVE COOPERATION AND PROGRESS the leading forces in our communities.

STUDY THE BEST WAYS to do everyday 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.

Reports of the club activities during the year were most interesting because they included the work of the clubs since December, 1944.

• solo by Mrs. Curtis Miller, and the educational movie, "Building Old Dominion", were special features.

The highlight of the day was the address of Mrs. Ben Wailes of Sweet Briar College. In her topic, "Today's Homes Build Tomorrow's World" she stressed the responsibility of the homes of today in training children capable of making better communities, homes and nations and a better world. "If more attention were given the high chair, it would require less to the electric chair", she said.

The three classes of bread, rolls, loaf bread and biscuits were judged by Mrs. Lomax Breckinridge, former Home Demonstration agent here. The prizes were flour furnished by Eagle Rock and Cloverdale mills. For biscuits, Mrs. J. L. Brogan of Trinity won first and twenty-four pounds of flour, Mrs. Karl Rader, Nace won second, Mrs. J. M. Arrington, Cloverdale won third and ten pounds of flour. For rolls, Mrs. Bob Rader of Nace won first, Mrs. J. P. Bowman of Daleville won second, and Elsie Austin, Stover's Gate won third, each receiving ten pounds of flour. Loaf bread, Mrs. J. K. Snyder won first, Elsie Austin won second and Mrs. H. B. Freeman won third, and each received ten pounds of flour.

• Twenty-five members had perfect attendance for the year; Lithia, one member, Mrs. Nichols, Laymantown, one member, Mrs. Howard Murray, Nace one member, Mrs. Walter Brugh, Jennings Creek, one member, Mrs. Jasper Lawless, Springwood, one member, Mrs. T. W. O'Connaw, Daleville, two members, Mrs. Wilson Burns, and Mrs. George Mangus, Willow Grove, three members, and Trinity, five members, Mrs. Woodrow Bolton, Mrs. Bertha Roberson, Mrs. H. B. Layman, Mrs. Charlie Stevens, Mrs. Rachel Roberson, and Stover's Gate, eight members, Mrs. John Buck, Mrs. E. L. Hamilton, Miss Carrie Hamilton, Mrs. Alice Switzer, Mrs. Mary Thomas, Mrs. Bowyer Vass, Miss Elsie Austin, and Mrs. E. I. Austin.

The committees were; Nace, decorations; Daleville, special music; Springwood, registration; Cloverdale, exhibits and arrangements; Willow Grove and Troutville, lunch."

WOMEN VISITED JAMES LEES RUG FACTORY AT GLASGOW

Home Demonstration women saw manufacturing processes of Velvet, Axminster, Wilton, and other rugs from the raw and dirty wool, through every step and to the completed job of lovely designs and gorgeous colors ready for the floors of the Hollywood movie stars.

Many of the factory's employees are residents of Botetourt County. A few of the women had visited the factory, discussed it with others and created a good deal of interest for going. At Achievement Day, the agent mentioned the possibilities of going and about half who were present expressed a desire to go. On that day it was agreed that the agent would arrange for the trip if she could and notify the clubs.

When Mr. Faulkner, the manager, was contacted he very cordially invited as many from the county as wished to go and suggested either a Thursday or Friday of any week that suited the county. Thursday, October 24 was set for the date of going.

The agent notified the club presidents of the opportunity and date. She requested the approximate number of women planning to go be sent to her several days before the trip was to be made, so that Mr. Faulkner might know how many to expect on October 24.

Each club furnished its own transportation. The cars got together before leaving the county and all arrived at 10:45 instead of 11:00 as had been planned.

Mr. Faulkner had several officials to meet the cars, show the women to the cloak room and into a class room where he welcomed the group, explained the factory briefly and assigned a guide to each group of five women who showed his group through the entire factory.

The group was warmly welcomed and entertained well in every way throughout the day. A lovely and delicious lunch was served the group free, and souvenirs of Anne Mason's book on "What Goes With What", a leaflet called "Fortune" and a sample of one of their rugs was given each of the fifty-nine women in the party.

Mr. Faulkner very graciously invited the group back again or any other group from the county who cared to visit the factory. He said it was a pleasure to the officials to have women see the factory and also stated that the group of fifty-nine was the largest he had ever had on one day. The women felt their day had been quite well spent and appreciated very much the four and one half hours spent by ten of the factory's officials in showing them through the factory.

The agent took a day of her annual leave to go with the group to Glasgow and felt that it was a day well spent because it was very educational.

GARMENT HANGERS IMPROVE STORAGE SPACES

Women of Home Demonstration Clubs purchased eighteen dozen garment hangers on which they received a 40% discount, because the agent purchased them in quantities. These were particularly useful to women whose closet spaces were limited, since one of them furnished a place to hang ten or twelve garments. Requests have been made for others which will be ordered later.

MONEY MAKING ACTIVITIES WERE MANY

All clubs needed some money in their treasury to pay club expenses of demonstrations and to pay county and State dues. Some wanted to contribute to the library funds, some wanted to assist with the March of Dimes drive, Cancer drive, Red Cross, Health Department, over-seas relief, Christmas gifts to needy families, gifts to the Veteran's Hospital and some needed funds to carry on a community project which they had selected.

Money was raised by having dinners, ice cream suppers, sale of extracts, having entertainers who broadcast regularly over the radio, grab bags at club meetings, bake sales, bazaars, sponsoring movies, making a quilt for sale, cake walks, sale of pop corn and drinks at ball games, sale of personal and Christmas cards and the sale of dyed eggs at Easter time. A total of \$1167.77 was raised by clubs in the above mentioned ways. To the library fund the clubs paid \$333.76, Federation Goal dues of \$42.00, County dues of \$28.00, to the March of Dimes, \$15.00, to the Health Department to furnish medical supplies to help to carry on the planned parenthood program in the county, \$33.00, to the Red Cross, \$26.00, and to the Cancer Drive, \$5.00. The clubs have left in their treasuries \$427.72.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS SELECTED BY CLUBS

Oriskany is a small community and has no kind of recreation for young nor old, so that club selected community recreation as their project. They had community picnics, a Christmas social, met for games at night several times during the year and had one ice cream supper.

Cloverdale had a community dinner furnished by club members, served in a large church basement and the public was invited. This made a very nice get-together for the entire community.

Sotver's Gate club selected "Sunshine Gifts" for their project and included gifts to all in their community who were ill. The club of twenty-one members gave flowers, fruit etc. to forty-seven families and sent cards to forty-two others who were ill.

Haymakertown selected a most worth while project, that of improving their school. They have graveled the school ground and drive way which was very muddy and now have almost enough money to put water into the building. They plan to continue until they have a furnace in their building.

Fincastle Club continues the upkeep on the War Memorial which is in the edge of Fincastle. That requires about \$100 annually. In addition to that the club maintains a deposit station of library books. Club members give of their time enough to keep it open to the public two hours each of three days per week. The librarian puts a striking sketch concerning the library in the county paper each week. The following is an example;

GOOD FOR READING DURING OCTOBER'S
BRIGHT BLUE WEATHER

"The Heart is a Lonely Hunter" by Carson McCullers. "Voice of the People", Ellen Glasgow, "Gallows Orchard", a tragedy in a Scottish Village. "The Happy Highway", a conservative Englishman goes on a walking tour! "Terhune Onibus", all about the Sunny Brooke collies. And for the mystery fans any time of the year! "Case of the Grieving Monkey", by Virginia Perdue. "The Applegreen Cat", by Frances Crane.

Willow Grove Club served hot lunches to the children in their school two days each week during the cold weather at a cost of 10¢ per child to help to cover the cost of the food. The teachers were very much pleased and felt it a great help to several of the pupils whose meals were of very poor quality. They also reported that children learned to eat foods that they needed but would not taste when lunches were first served.

Trinity Club selected school equipment as their project. They purchased five cots for first graders to lie on to rest during the day, two large balls for the play ground and a roll of wire to be put at the lower side of the yard to prevent balls from rolling down a steep bank and into a main highway. The men in the community put it up for them.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS TOOK PART IN THE COUNTY FAIR

Six Home Demonstration clubs had booths at the fair. The plans were to have educational booths and display work done in Home Demonstration clubs or as a result of Home demonstration work. Some of the booths were good. Fincastle Club won first place and \$10.00 for their club treasury. Trinity won second and \$7.50, Cloverdale won third and \$5.00.

WOMEN PACKED CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The Home Demonstration women packed Christmas gifts for twenty-eight European children. Each package consisted of clothing, toys, toilet articles, school supplies, games and miscellaneous articles. Each gift was packed into a bag made of a turkish towel and labeled as to sex and age.

DISTRICT MEETING OF THE STATE FEDERATION WAS WELL ATTENDED

Botetourt women were asked to make some of the pansy lapel badges for the group and the eighteen corsages for the guest speakers which they did. It ranked third in attendance too, there were forty-eight women present from Botetourt.

4. Leadership

LEADERS ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT PROGRAM

The three types of leaders used in doing adult work were club officers, project leaders and federation goal chairmen.

The club officers, or organizational leaders were trained for doing better organizational work at the fall planning meeting by Mrs. E. C. Woodie, a Troutville Club member who knew parliamentary laws quite well and had had a good deal of experience in such work.

They were then ready to assume the duties of their offices. The president presided over the meetings, arranged for meeting places for the club, appointed necessary committees and made plans for extra meetings. The vice-president presided in the absence of the president and assisted the president. The secretary kept the minutes of the meetings which consisted of a record of her club's activities in meetings and community work as well as a record of attendance of members. The treasurer kept a record of money on hand, paid bills and gave a report of her work at each meeting.

The duties of the project leaders were to attend leaders' training meetings that were held for them either by the agent or State Specialists and give those demonstrations to their club members. The county goal was set for the leaders in each club to give at least four demonstrations.

The following chart shows the year, the number of clubs, number of demonstrations given by leaders and the number given by the agent during the past six years.

	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
No. Clubs	11	11	13	14	14	14
No. Demonstrations by Leaders	45	46	34	42	43	60
Attendance	540	523	384	555	581	764
No. Demonstrations by Agent	118	116	120	134	122	108
Attendance	1665	1208	1589	1967	1937	1763

The 1947 record shows that upon an average the goal was reached, however, some clubs failed to reach it and others went beyond it. Fincastle Club gave seven, and Laymantown gave six demonstrations.

The leaders also assisted the agent whenever she gave the demonstrations if it was necessary, by assembling necessary supplies.

There was one county federation goal chairman, and one in each club. The county chairman made plans to carry out the federation goal work, sent notices of work to be done to each club chairman and visited each goal chairman once or more. The officers had charge of one meeting for the purpose of promoting more and better reading in the rural homes.

Reports showed that Fincastle devoted the largest number of hours to library work, that Stover's Gate read the largest number of books - 385, and that Fincastle and Cloverdale each paid \$50.00 to the library fund which was more than any other club paid. Forty-five reading certificates were given. The above was a result of the goal chairmen's efforts.

B. Other Means of Reaching People

1. County Board of Agriculture

The Board of Agriculture met with a dinner meeting in February and reorganized. At present the Board is as follows:

Botetourt-Roanoke Fruit Growers Committee	Botetourt County PBLA Association	Botetourt County D.H.I.A. Association	Botetourt Co. Dev., Roanoke Coop. Milk Producers Association
Home Demonstration Committee			Poultry
Home Demonstration Federation Committee			Botetourt Wool Pool
Home Demonstration Amsterdam District		COUNTY BOARD OF AGRICULTURE	Botetourt Key Banker
Home Demonstration Buchanan District			Agriculture Committee of Chamber of Commerce
Home Demonstration Fincastle District			Farm Home Administration
4-H Adult Advisory Board			Natural Bridge S.C.S. District
F.F.A. Federation	County Committee P.M.A.		4-H County Council

In addition to the regular Home Demonstration program which was supported by the women on the Board of Agriculture they assisted in the library work which appears to have been a success county-wide as has been indicated above.

SPECIAL MEETINGS AID IN FURTHERING EXTENSION PROGRAM

Fourteen meetings held with an attendance of one thousand seven hundred and one persons included meetings at 4-H camps, Achievement Days, teachers' meetings, garden club meetings, and others where the agent made contributions to groups organized under heads other than extension, and also where she, in some instances, gained helpful information that was used in connection with the extension program.

The agent had the opportunity to make two radio talks during the year for the purpose of promoting Extension work in Botetourt. The methods used in those talks were that of success stories of the past and coming events in the county. News stories were used for the same two purposes plus offering timely information.

V. WORK WITH YOUTH

A. 4-H Clubs

1. Organization

All nine of the 4-H Clubs for 1947 consisted of 253 girls and were organized in November. Seven officers were elected for carrying on the activities of each club. Objectives set up were:

1. Nace Club to have instructions to be given in neighborhood groups.
2. For all officers of clubs to attend at least ten meetings during the year.
3. For all club members to attend at least eight meetings during the year.
4. For ninety-five per cent of all members to have records turned in by October meetings.

The first objective was reached. The second and third were not, and many children give as their excuse for not attending summer meetings that they have no transportation. To find local leaders for each small locality is a difficult job.

A total of only 74% records were turned in and a few of those were a week or two later than the set date.

The following chart shows the year, the enrollment and the number of completions:

	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
Enrollment	59	154	143	161	171	253
Completions	58	112	67	117	136	187

The officers of the County Council are composed of the officers of each 4-H Club. Two meetings were held during the year, one for setting up goals and making plans for the year, one for making plans for Achievement day and fair exhibits.

The County Council set up the following objectives:

1. For 95% of all projects to be completed and records turned in by the October meeting.
2. For the secretary in each club to collect the records.
3. For each member to attend at least eight meetings during the year.
4. For 75% of all club members to enter an exhibit at the county fair.

Seventy-four percent of the records were collected all of which was done by the secretary. About 95% of the members attended eight meetings but only a few exhibits were entered at the fair.

2. Project Work

a. How Program Was Determined

The County Adult Advisory Committee and the Executive Committee of the County Council selected the projects for the county. Each girl in the 4-H County Council Committee had discussed with her members the projects and had in mind the ones of chief interest to her club.

The Adult Advisory Committee assisted in determining the program they felt would be most worthwhile to the club members and in helping to select projects that could best be demonstrated in the available meeting places.

b. Subject Matter Fields in Which Work Was Carried

The two projects selected by the committee were housekeeping and clothing because these were of first interest to the girls and the committee also felt were two of the most worthwhile. Eighty girls carried clothing projects and one hundred sixty-two carried housekeeping. Then the agent made exceptions for seven girls who were doing mostly clothing work in Home Economics and wished to do foods in the 4-H.

c. Projects, Objectives, Methods Used and Results Obtained

HOUSEKEEPING PROJECT ATTRACTED MANY GIRLS

The objectives set for the one hundred sixty-two girls carrying housekeeping projects were for each girl to:

1. Care for at least one room in her home for three months or longer.
2. Select one housekeeping job and do it for at least two months.

3. Do three things to make housekeeping easier, such as:
 - (a) Arrange a room for easier care.
 - (b) Provide a place for personal belongings.
 - (c) Lengthen a pair of sheets.
 - (d) Make a set of table mats.
 - (e) Keep cleaning supplies in a convenient place.
 - (f) Provide a tool box and keep in a convenient place.
4. Keep a record.
5. Hand in record at October meeting.

Methods used for completing this project were fifty-nine demonstrations given by the agent and sixteen given by the girls, home visits by the agent and girls, discussions at meetings and reports of accomplishments.

Reports indicated that the following work was accomplished:

1. 132 members cared for their room three months or longer.
2. 14 members made color plan for their rooms.
3. 141 girls improved arrangements of rooms.
4. 35 girls improved floors of rooms.
5. 148 improved walls and wood work of rooms.
6. 138 members improved window treatments.
7. 17 members made or bought rugs.
8. 106 improved closets.
9. 102 members made exhibits.
10. 14 members made or refinished 17 pieces of furniture.
11. 56 members made or refinished 93 accessories.
12. 11 members made 12 pieces of bed linens.
13. 18 made or bought 26 pieces of furniture.
14. 27 members made or bought 59 pieces of furniture and accessories.
15. 226 different rooms improved.
16. 21 members served as demonstrators.

4-H CLOTHING PROJECT WORK

Objectives set for 80 girls carrying clothing projects were for each member to choose and do three or more of the following activities. The older girls were to do six.

1. Make or get and outfit a mending box.
2. Wash and mend your own anklets-thirty times.
3. Launder and block a sweater three times or three sweaters, once each.

4. Press a woolen skirt or dress three times.
5. Store your summer clothing correctly.
6. Store winter clothing correctly.
7. Dry clean a wool and rayon garment.
8. Dye a garment or bags for a garment.
9. Patch or darn three dresses or undergarments.
10. Make an article which will help to save time and energy or materials in caring for your clothing such as; a shoe bag, a garment protector, shoe cleaning kit, laundry bag, a place to hang your wraps when you come from outside.
11. Complete and turn in a record at October meeting.

The methods used for reaching these objectives were demonstrations at club meetings and the following:

1. Outfitting a mending kit.
2. Darning a sock.
3. Laundering a sweater.
4. Pressing a woolen skirt.
5. Patching a garment.
6. Making a shoe bag.
7. Making a garment protector.
8. Making a laundry bag.

Discussions were held on the following topics:

1. Proper clothes storage.
2. The importance of the care of clothing.

Reports showed that fifty-five of the eighty girls completed their projects, one hundred ninety garments were made and one hundred twenty-nine garments remodeled.

SEVEN 4-H'ERS SELECT BREAD MAKING

Objectives for the girls who carried bread making were to at least make the following:

1. Biscuits fifteen times.
2. Corn bread fifteen times.
3. Muffins, waffles, or griddle cakes five times.
4. Yeast bread five times.
5. Complete and hand in record of project work at the October club meeting.

In order to complete this project the agent did the following:

1. Discussed with the girls the general rules for making bread and judging it.
2. Demonstrated making the varieties of bread. Agent gave eight demonstrations, members two.
3. Had bread judging contest at club meetings, and awarded ribbons.
4. Encouraged bread exhibits at fairs.
5. Encouraged bread exhibits at Achievement Day.

The following accomplishments were reported:

1. Bread was judged at seven meetings.
2. Each girl made one exhibit or more.
3. A total of twenty-six exhibits were made.
4. Biscuits were made five hundred seven times.
5. Corn bread was made forty-nine times.
6. Muffins were made fifty-two times.
7. Waffles, were made eighteen times.
8. Loaf bread was made sixty-seven times.
9. Yeast rolls were made one hundred eighty-two times, making a total of five hundred twenty-five times that different breads were made.

3. Other Activities of the County 4-H Program

In order to make 4-H club work more interesting, more meaningful and more worthwhile to members, county camp, State Short Course, county electrical course, Achievement Day, contests and fairs were put into the 1947 program.

By direct contact at club meetings, home visits, and through letters every member who wished to have an opportunity to participate in Achievement week and Achievement Day, the club money making activities, contests, fairs, county electrical course, and county camp were reached. Outstanding club members were invited to attend the State Short Course at Blacksburg.

The objects of all the above activities were to develop stronger 4-H programs in the county by interesting more members in the work, having stronger members, and better leadership among 4-H members.

ACHIEVEMENT DAY

At the beginning of 4-H Achievement Week each club made a display of its club project work in its community which was judged by the Adult Advisory Council. The week was climaxed with an all day program in the Buchanan High School. The following program was used and the news article below appeared in the county paper the following week.

"The Annual 4-H Achievement Day was held at Buchanan school, October 17, with one hundred twenty members present.

R. H. Burtner opened the meeting with a devotional period. Group singing was led by Nell Wright and Doris Reid of the Haymakertown club, reports of the year's work were given by each of the nine clubs.

An interesting talk on character building and personality was given by John Hill, Roanoke County Agent. A movie, "Where the Road Turns Right" was shown.

The program was concluded with recognition of outstanding work the clubs and members.

The following awards were given; Haymakertown club for turning in the most records; Buchanan Junior club for the largest attendance at the meeting. For the best Achievement Week exhibits, Haymakertown first, Troutville second, Nace, third; for the best entertainment at the program, Nace first, Haymakertown second, and Buchanan Senior, third.

County awards for project work were as follows; meat animals, including beef, sheep and hogs, Charles Foster, Richard Gunter, and Hollie Dulaney; poultry and rabbits, Dick Frantz, Boyd Bare, Everett Jones, John Grubb and Lilburn Barton; crops, William Rader, Billy Orange, Earl Davis and Donnie Lee; gardens, Robert Swartzel, Donald Kinzie; clothing, Ann Webb, and housekeeping, Nancy Wickline.

MONEY MAKING FEATURES

Greeting cards were purchased at the cost of 50¢ a box and sold for \$1.00 each. The Buchanan Junior, Fincastle Junior, Troutville, Eagle Rock, and Nace Clubs purchased and sold one hundred boxes which cleared \$50.00 for the clubs.

Eagle Rock club sold sandwiches and pop corn in the school and cleared \$16.00.

Buchanan Senior Club sponsored a square dance in the high school auditorium which cleared \$75.00 for their club.

Haymakertown club, a small group of young children, gave a play in the school, charged small admission and cleared about \$4.00.

Buchanan Junior Club had a bake sale and cleared approximately \$10.00. for the club.

At Achievement Day the clubs furnished food for lunch, and sold it at a cost of 25¢ per plate. They cleared more than \$30.00 for the County Council treasury.

COUNTY CAMP

Botetourt County attended 4-H Camp at Camp Bethel in Botetourt County with Alleghany, Bath and Rockbridge counties. Botetourt filled its quota which was twenty-seven out of the total of one hundred thirty-five in camp.

BOTETOURT REPRESENTED AT STATE SHORT COURSE

From the outstanding 4-H club members beyond fourteen years of age five boys and four girls were selected to attend the State Short Course at Blacksburg. Ann Webb of the Nace Club was made an All Star.

COUNTY FAIR IS MUCH IMPROVED OVER PREVIOUS YEARS

Four 4-H club members were encouraged by the Extension agents and the Fair Association to make more entries at the fair than in previous years. At the requests of the agents the association made prizes three and four times as much as those offered at any time previously, as a result of which many more entries were made. The clubs made a very good educational display which attracted the public very much. Girls made approximately one hundred entries. Barbara Fisher won \$26.00 in prizes on canned food, clothing and a refinished chair.

4. Leadership

The leadership of 4-H work in the county is composed of an Adult Advisory Council, having four members, sponsors in the schools, who are teachers and junior leaders.

The following objectives were set up at the beginning of 1947 for the Advisory Council:

1. To assist in planning 4-H program.
2. To assist in carrying out the program.
3. To assist in giving publicity to the program and encourage a greater enrollment.

Objectives set for sponsors were:

1. To arrange comfortable meeting places for clubs.
2. To announce meeting dates and hours.
3. To arrange transportation for club members to attend county meetings.

Objectives set for Junior leaders:

1. To assemble necessary supplies for demonstrations.
2. To assist younger club members in keeping records.
3. To assist in collecting records.

All these objectives were met. The last two were not as thoroughly done as they should have been. Therefore, the plan for another year is to keep better records, collect more records and to be sure they are collected by the date designated.

VI. WORK DONE BY AGENT IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

The agent cooperated with the Botetourt-Rockbridge Regional Library first in getting it and then in getting deposit stations set up in eight communities, in having volunteer assistance in keeping the stations open a certain number of hours each week and encouraged through Home Demonstration and 4-H groups not only to support the library by their individual reading but to help to educate the county citizens to the reading material that was available to them at no cost.

The Cloverdale Home Demonstration Club, which is near Roanoke, always makes gifts to the veterans hospital near Salem at Christmas time. Ten dollars worth of writing material was given them and favors for one hundred and fifty trays for in bed patients.

Home Demonstration Clubs always assist with Red Cross work. In cash the clubs donated \$26.00 to the Red Cross Roll Call which did not include individual contributions.

The Home Demonstration members have assisted the County Health Department by using their cars to take patients into the clinics. The county nurse told the agent of the planned parenthood program the Health Department wished to put on in the county but also stated it would be necessary for some county group to furnish the necessary funds for doing it, which would amount to approximately \$35.00 each year. When the agent mentioned this to the clubs several made a small contribution. To date \$33.00 have been paid and several dollars more promised.

The Fincastle Club contributed \$5.00 to the Cancer Drive. Members made individual contributions in Fincastle and other clubs.

The clubs contributed \$15.00 to the March of Dimes, as clubs, and packed twenty-eight bags for gifts to over-seas children at Christmas time.

The agent attempted to assist with such government programs as Conservation of Wheat, Meat etc., through short discussions at club meetings.

VII. EVALUATION OF 1947 HOME DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

The agent considers the Botetourt-Rockbridge Regional Library the most outstanding contribution to the county during the year. Now that the bookmobile has started with a quantity of good books, stations established, a librarian who is well trained and is most cooperative, wholesome reading material is available to every citizen in the county at no cost. This seems to be the beginning of a "good library on wheels" for all of the county and gradually this should build into a library that will furnish reading materials suitable for any county dweller.

The librarian is already requesting communities and individuals to send to her lists of books that they wish to have purchased and added to the library.

It appears to the agent that this should definitely have a good influence on the Extension program in the county because it can furnish recreational, and educational material in the form of reading which is badly needed, and has been for a long time. It is growing in popularity and no doubt will continue to for years to come.

The Farm and Home Labor-Saving Show is another definite contribution to the county. The agent can think of no other way that 667 people could have been as interestingly reached in one day. The requests for material showed that many families wanted to add labor savers to their homes. Within the past month several telephone calls have been received in regard to the material requested, because people were anxious to begin work.

Since statistics show that 80% of people forget what they learn within eight weeks if nothing is done about a thing, no doubt some of the enthusiasm will be lost before materials can be had from the state office. However, the agent plans to follow up the blue prints as soon as possible after they can be mailed to the homemakers, encourage the making of labor savers and assist in any way possible. This should make the 1948 program a fuller one, more interesting one and create more interest in Extension work in the county. It is also believed that this will be a means of getting new Home Demonstration members.