

TABLE OF CONTENTS

I & II	COVER AND TITLE PAGE	-----	Page
III	TABLE OF CONTENTS	-----	1
IV	COUNTY SITUATION AS IT AFFECTED THE 1955 PROGRAM	-----	3
V	ADULT WORK	-----	4
	A. Project Work	-----	4
	1. Food & Nutrition	-----	4
	2. Clothing	-----	5
	3. Management	-----	6
	4. House Furnishings	-----	7
	5. Rural Arts	-----	8
	6. Poultry	-----	8
	B. Community Projects	-----	8
	1. Federation Goal Citizenship	-----	8-9
	2. Result Demonstrations	-----	10
	3. National Home Demonstration Week	-----	10
	4. Fair	-----	11
VI	FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT	-----	11
	A. Methods used in selecting families	-----	11
	B. Acquainting Local Leaders with Farm and Home Development Approach	-----	12
	C. Progress	-----	12
VII	4-H CLUB WORK	-----	12
	A. Project Work	-----	12
	1. Clothing	-----	12
	2. Food and Nutrition	-----	13

	3. Housekeeping	-----	13
	4. Health	-----	14
B.	Other Activities	-----	14
	1. 4-H Camp	-----	14
	2. Rural Life Sunday	-----	14
	3. Contest	-----	14
VIII	YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMENS WORK	-----	14
IX	SCOPE OF WORK	-----	15
	A. Chart	-----	15
	B. What Was Done To Increase Scope Of Work	-----	15
X	ORGANIZATIONS FUNCTIONING IN THE 1955 PROGRAM	-----	16
	A. County H.D. Committee	-----	16
	B. County All Stars	-----	16
	C. Rural Life Institute	-----	16
XI	LEADERSHIP	-----	17
	A. Contribution of Leaders	-----	17
	1. Organizational	-----	17
	2. Program Development	-----	17
	3. Subject Matter	-----	17
	B. Growth Of Leadership	-----	17 & 18
	C. Activities and Accomplishments of Outstanding Leader	-----	19
	D. Activities and Accomplishments of Club	-----	19
XII	EVALUATION	-----	20-21

IV. COUNTY SITUATION AS IT AFFECTED THE 1955 PROGRAM

Greene County with an area of one hundred and fifty three square miles, lies in the upper Piedmont Plateau with the Blue Ridge Mountains as its western border. The mountainous section where elevations are 3000 to 36000 feet above sea level is largely forested and included in the Shenandoah National Park. Farms are found in the central and eastern part where the land is more rolling and elevations are from 500 to 700 feet.

Although Agriculture still furnishes employment for the greatest number, more than half of all Greene farms are run on a part-time or residential basis by those whose chief livelihood is in other lines. There has been a big increase in the number who work in construction, utilities and manufacturing. Construction projects in Charlottesville and near-by areas employ many. A compressor station of the Virginia Gas Transmission Corporation near Stanardsville employs another group. Within the county itself there is little manufacturing except for a few saw mills and an apparel factory at Ruckersville. Some local people work in manufacturing plants in Charlottesville, Orange and nearby places. Almost a hundred people are professionally employed.

The population is a little under five thousand, 11.2% being colored. More than one fifth are of school age. Monroe High School is the only High School in the county. There are three elementary schools, and two Mission Schools in the county. Blue Ridge School, operated through the Episcopal Church, provides educational opportunities for some local boys

and girls, as well as boys and girls from other counties and states.

There are two colored elementary schools.

Recreation activities in Greene County are sponsored by the schools churches, 4-H clubs and various civic and social organizations. Various forms of entertainments and sports events are also available to Greene County people in the nearby city of Charlottesville.

In planning for the 1955 program the planning committee considered the needs of the people as expressed by themselves. It was evident that they wished to continue improving homes, saving time and energy, training leaders and developing better citizens. To accomplish some of these objectives during the year the program was set up to include demonstrations on money management, selecting or making clothes and attractive ways of using what we have on hand, planning balanced meals, and quick meals from home-grown foods, parliamentary procedure, food lighting and use of accessories in the home.

V. ADULT WORK

A. Project Work

1. Food and Nutrition

To help the homemakers plan better balanced, more nutritious and attractive meals from home grown foods and to help her save time and energy in the preparation of meals and to improve methods of preservation.

Two monthly demonstrations were devoted to meal planning, using Home Grown Foods, and Quick Meals from the Canned Food Shelf. Another monthly demonstration was devoted to either pickles and Relish or a Club Cholera.

A special interest meeting on Freezing Fruits and Vegetables and Prepared Foods was held in the spring. The radio and news papers were used to inform the public of these meetings. Other pertinent information pertaining to foods was published in the Greene County Record and The Daily Progress, and broadcast on the Orange Radio Station WJMA.

Mrs. Mary L. Thompson trained the leaders and the agent for the monthly demonstrations and conducted the meeting on Frozen Foods. Leaders gave ten demonstrations without the agent and assisted with seven others. Four clubs chose the Pickle and Relish Demonstration. About thirty-five women attended the Frozen Foods Meeting. In cooperation with the County Agent a garden meeting was conducted by Mr. H.F. Scott. Since of the Homemakers do a better part of the gardening they were interested in improving methods, planning for a bigger variety and the recommended varieties, and in controlling insects and diseases. More than thirty farmers and homemakers attended the meeting. Leaders attending the meeting gave reports to their clubs. News articles and radio were used in getting information to farmers and homemakers.

More than half the women turning in achievement sheets report they improved meal planning and used garden suggestions. The number of homes getting home freezers increased every year. Many request for bulletins on freezing were taken care of by the home agent. Comments the agent hears indicate the homemakers are making better use of the home freezers. Many have been able to get their families to eat foods often lacking in their diets.

2. CLOTHING

To teach the homemaker how to plan for or select a dress

that will serve many purposes for the individual depending on her activities. To teach her to be alert to the many ways a dress can be changed in appearance through the use of pins, scarves, flowers, etc., and to teach construction.

Two of the monthly demonstrations were devoted to Planning or Selecting a Basic Dress for the Homemaker and various ways of Putting Up a Dress. Special Interest Meetings on Making the Basic Dress and Tailoring were held in three communities. Radio and news-papers were used to publicize these meetings and the work done.

The agent trained leaders for monthly demonstrations. Nine demonstrations were given by the leaders without the agent and eight assisted by the agent. Ten special interest meetings were conducted on making the basic dress or a simple cotton dress. Twenty five women attended. The agent held four meetings on tailoring. Two club members and three non-club members attended. Much interest was shown in the monthly demonstrations and the special interest meetings. Several new members joined the various clubs during this time. Club members reported a total of two hundred fifty nine garments made.

3. MANAGEMENT

To help the homemakers plan more wisely the spending of the family income. To teach her to know and understand the law governing property rights for women.

Discussions were held on where Our Money Goes and Inheritance and Joint Ownership of Property Rights For Women, at two monthly club meetings. The agent led the discussion on Where Our Money Goes. Approximately thirty women took record books to help them in keeping accounts. Miss Helen Alverson trained leaders for the discussion on Inheritance and Joint

Ownership and Property Rights For Women. This subject created a lot of interest. Leaders conducted four meetings. Two clubs invited local lawyers to speak. This discussion has made the women interested in finding out just what their situation is, and in doing something about it where possible. For some it is the making of a will.

4. HOUSE FURNISHINGS

To help the homemaker know how to select and use adequate lights for every occasion in the home. To help her recognize and appreciate valuable china glass and metal that she might possess.

Monthly demonstrations were given on Good Light in The Right Place, Good Design in Accessories, Including Antiques. By special request, Miss Sylvia Slocum came to the county for a meeting on How to Recognize Antique Glass and China.

Leaders were trained by Miss Ruth Jamison for the monthly meetings, of which they conducted seven and assisted with five. Between thirty-five and forty interested homemakers attended the meeting on recognizing Antique Glass and China. Everyone was very much interested in this meeting since a number of people have old pieces.

The Special interest meeting on Making or Remodeling Lamps as set up in the plan of work did not materialize. There was not enough interest at the home to warrant having a meeting. However we do find people becoming more conscious of having adequate lighting in their homes. They are also making better use of accessories in their homes, eliminating some of the cluttered look. A few homemakers having had previous experience in making lampshades and remodeling lamps reported some work done on

each of these. Even though refinishing furniture was not included in the program, request still came in for help on refinishing. Several pieces were reported by individuals as having been refinished this year.

5. RURAL ARTS

To develop skill in the making of inexpensive articles yet keeping in mind the basic principles of art and design. One monthly meeting was devoted to Gifts To Make For Slattins. Special Interest Meetings were held for those interested in Stenciling fabrics.

The agent worked up a kit of things to make for Slatt-ins. Leaders showed the kit and gave instructions to five clubs while the agent was away on a scholarship study. Two meetings were conducted on stenciling by the agent. A number of pieces were stenciled.

6. POULTRY

The home agent worked with the county agent in conducting an all day poultry school. Since many homemakers take care of the home flocks they are very much interested in this school. An interest was shown in establishing a better market for eggs. The home agent assisted the county agent in making a survey to determine if enough eggs are produced in the county to warrant this move.

B. COMMUNITY PROJECTS

1. Federation Goal - Citizenship

To become better citizens and better informed by placing emphasis on a study of State Government, family relations, parliamentary procedure and a community project.

One meeting was devoted to a discussion on Parliamentary Procedure .

Duties of the state officials were discussed by the Federation Goal Leaders. From time to time the Federation Goal Leaders reminded club members to register and vote and encourage church attendance. A committee was appointed to contact the Board of Supervisors in regard to establishing a county dump, or one in each magisterial district. The committee presented this suggestion to the board. A number of things were involved in getting a dump established. This is as far as we got. However in the last month or so it looks like the county will have to make some arrangements for dumping. Home demonstration clubs are still working toward eliminating dumps on the highways and cleaning up unsightly spots. The garden club in Greene County has a like interest. A committee has been appointed from the Home Demonstration Clubs to work with the Garden Club on this project. This project is getting organized. Another project not planned for has come before our group. This too, will be done in cooperation with the garden club and other civic organizations if they wish to have a part. The jail has been abandoned for some ten or fifteen years. The home demonstration clubs ask permission to turn the jail into a community building. The Board of Supervisors granted this permission. At the last meeting in November they granted permission to have the cells removed. We are in the process of making contacts. In connection with this project the garden club is also involved. Both groups became interested about the same time, and decided to work jointly. Both wish to establish a library since there are a number of books belonging to the county, and Colonel Beaty, a former resident of the county, has offered to give one thousand volumes of his personal library to the county if a library is established. Again this

project is just getting started and greater results will be seen another year.

All club members have improved in conducting and participating in meetings according to parliamentary procedure. More women registered and voted in the last election.

2. RESULT DEMONSTRATIONS

Result demonstrations will be conducted in the following phases : home grounds, kitchen improvement, water and bath instillation, and remodeling and storage. These improvements not only mean a lot to the persons making them, but they also influence other members and neighbors to make similar improvements.

One home is in the process of being remodeled. Mr. C.D. Wheary spent a day in the county visiting three homes. So far only the one family has started remodeling.

Eighty four foundation plantings were made. Most of this number was done on some of the long time plans for homes and a church Mr. Beecher visited last year.

Four members reported installing water and three a bath.

Fifteen members made storage improvements. Ten members made kitchen improvements.

Five homemakers who plan to do some work on their kitchens attended a meeting in Charlottesville on planning the kitchen and kitchen equipment.

3. NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK

To acquaint the public with Extension Work being done in the county, and let them know about services available through the Extension Program.

Through the press and radio the public was informed of the work being done in the county and helps available through the Extension Program. During the month of May club members issued a special invitation to non-club members to attend the meeting and join.

Eighteen club members attended the District Federation Meeting at Farnville, Va. Greens will entertain the District in 1956.

4. FAIR

The fair was sponsored to promote community cooperation, and participation, and as a means of furthering education through exhibits and contacts.

Much interest was shown in making preparation for the fair. However the day of the fair was very disagreeable and rainy. This condition cut down on the number of exhibits and the number attending. We did have an attendance between four and five hundred. The quality of the exhibits was very good.

The agent and one of the homemakers judged at the Orange County Fair.

VI. FARM AND HOME DEVELOPMENT

A. Methods Used In Selecting Families

Following the training on the Farm and Home Development Program county agent and home agent held a conference trying to decide just how to go about this job in our county. After some discussion we decided to make a list of people, whom we thought eligible, according to the way we understood the program. We then made plans to visit jointly some of these families. On the first visit the program and it's purpose was explained to the family. They were asked to think it over.

We made an appointment for a second visit at which time we asked them to let us know if they wished to go along with the program. Four families were contacted. Two were not interested. One is enrolled and the other is considering it.

B. Acquainting Local Leaders With the Farm and Home Development Approach.

No special effort has been made to acquaint leaders with the program, as yet. It was mentioned and discussed at the planning meeting.

C. Progress.

The one family enrolled has been visited by the county agent and home agent. We have tried to help them analyze their situation and set up goals. There is one child in the family. She is nine years old. Already she is looking forward to joining the 4-H club. As stated above, work with this family is in the stage of seeing the situation and setting up goals.

VII. 4-H CLUB WORK

A. Project Work

1. CLOTHING

To teach the basic principles in sewing to the beginners, and to help those taking advanced work develop skills in planning, selecting and constructing suitable clothing for work, school and social events and to teach the girls to be well groomed at all times.

Monthly demonstrations were given to the seventy six girls enrolled in school clubs in the project- So You'd Like to Sew. Fifty nine members completed making a total of two hundred thirty nine articles.

Discussions and demonstrations were conducted at the monthly meetings held during school, in the clubs taking - Looking Your Best. Seventy one girls were enrolled in this project with fifty four completing. Twenty one girls enrolled in the project - Make or Remake. Fifty five garments were made. Most of this work was done during the summer in small neighborhood groups or individually. Leaders met with groups of two to five girls.

Girls exhibited these articles and clothes at the fair. The quality was good but the quantity was lacking. Two girls received county medals this year.

2. FOOD AND NUTRITION

To assist the girls in planning balanced meals, and in preparing and serving nutritious and attractive meals. To help them to acquire desirable food habits.

Thirty two girls were enrolled in the Meal Planning and Preparation Project. Twenty five completed the project. One club, which met at night, carried this project during the regular school year. The club on Wyatt Mountain carried this project during the summer months. The leader, Mrs. Joe Ford, met with the girls; another group met on a neighborhood basis with two junior and one adult leader meeting with the girls.

3. HOUSEKEEPING

To teach the best ways to do the everyday cleaning of the home.

Fourteen girls enrolled in this project with ten completing. This project was carried with a club which met in school. Demonstrations were given on methods of cleaning.

4. HEALTH

To help the 4-H members develop desirable health habits and attitudes relative to proper foods, clothing, exercise and care of the body.

Fourteen girls and seven boys were enrolled in the (Individual) Health Project. Seventeen completed. The county agent and home agent worked together on this project. Demonstrations were given where possible. Talks and discussions were led by the agent.

B. Other Activities

1. 4-H CAMP

To enrich the lives of 4-H members physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially, from their experience in working with and cooperating with 4-H members from other counties.

Nine boys and six girls attended 4-H Camp at Holiday Lake- Aug. 8-13. Two girls and one boy served as junior leaders.

2. RURAL LIFE SUNDAY

Although no special observance was planned for Rural Life Sunday, the club members were reminded of this special Sunday and urged to attend their church. Some publicity was given in the local weekly paper.

3. CONTESTS

One girl entered the Style Dress Revue Area Contest. She received a red award.

VIII. YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG WOMEN'S WORK

There being no organized group in the county, work with

this group has been done on an individual basis. It has consisted of answering special requests on individual problems, home visits and invitations to attend the adult meetings. Some of this group are members of the home demonstration clubs.

IX. SCOPE OF WORK

A.	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
<u>No. HD Clubs or Groups</u>	10	11	11	11	9
<u>Membership</u>	240	245	245	245	235
<u>No A-H Clubs</u>	11	11	10	11	11
<u>Membership</u>	177	181	206	178	195
<u>No. other families reached</u>	120	200	250	200	150
<u>No. of different families reached</u>	550	500	500	510	480

B. What Was Done To Increase Scope Of Work

By means of the press and radio, the program carried in the county was publicized. All monthly and special meetings were announced in the local weekly paper and the Daily Progress of Albemarle County. People were invited through this publicity to attend the meetings. During the month of May special invitations were issued to attend club meetings. Home visits were made in one community where there might be a possibility for a group. More visits will be made to get a group organized. The two groups on the mountain have not met this year. The agent has offered to meet with them, but was unable to get a response.

I. GRANTWORKS FUNCTIONING IN THE COUNTY.

A. County Home Demonstration Committee.

The County Home Demonstration Committee is composed of the County Committee Officers, Club Presidents (present and incoming), Extension Goal Chairman and Program Development Leader. Club officers were responsible for finding the needs of their club members and presenting them at the planning meeting. It was their responsibility to serve on the different committees in setting up the program and the objectives for the year. After the program was planned the president and program development leader presented it to the their club. They also assisted the agent in carrying out the program as planned and in getting members lined up for the special interest meetings.

B. County All Stars.

There are only two All Stars living in the county. One is from Albemarle and attends the All Star Meetings there when possible. Both girls attended the All Star Recognition Banquet this year. Each has volunteered to help when possible.

A boy and a girl were recommended for All Stars this year, but were unable to attend at the last minutes.

C. Rural Life Institute.

A rural life institute was held to better acquaint the workers in various professions with the work being done in others. This year the discussion was devoted to schools and soil conservation. Ten workers and ministers attended the morning session, which showed us how we could cooperate in making progress in the county. The afternoon was devoted to a joint meeting with the Virginia Conference of Social Work.

II. LEADERSHIP

A. Contributions Of Leaders

1. ORGANIZATIONAL

These leaders in both adult and 4-H clubs were responsible for carrying on successful meetings. Both made a special effort to practice correct Parliamentary Procedure. Development of the individual member was especially noticed in the 4-H clubs. It was these leaders in the 4-H Clubs who got the room arranged for the meeting, etc.

2. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

It was the program development leader in the home demonstration club who looked for the needs of the club members and who took their suggestions to the planning meeting and helped set up the program.

3. SUBJECT MATTER

With the aid of these leaders the agent was able to make more contacts and reach more people. Serving as a leader in this capacity gave the leader an opportunity to develop her own skill. These leaders gave freely of their time when the agent called. It was necessary to call on them twice while the agent was away studying. The number of meetings in both home demonstration and 4-H, conducted by the leaders, increased this year.

B. Growth of Leadership

The number of adult and junior leaders has increased and the number of meetings held by leaders has increased, as shown by chart.

<u>HD CLUB PROJECT LEADERSHIP</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
<u>No. Project Leaders (Subject Matter)</u>	50	58	50	50	55
<u>No. goal chairman</u>	10	10	10	9	9
<u>No. program development leaders</u>	10	10	10	9	9
<u>No. result demonstrations</u>		21	25	28	20
<u>No. training meetings by specialist</u>	4	6	2	5	4
<u>By District Agent</u>	3	2	2	1	1
<u>By Agent</u>		3	3	1	2
<u>Attendance at all training meetings</u>	93	113	35	74	55
<u>No. meetings without an agent</u>	28	32	32	32	41
<u>No. meetings leaders assisted</u>					25
<u>Demonstrations by leaders</u>	28	32	32	28	41
<u>Talks and Discussions by leaders</u>	28	18	80	74	57
<u>GROWTH OF A-H CLUB PROJECT LEADERSHIP</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
<u>No. Club Officers</u>				55	
<u>No. adult project leaders</u>	25	25	17	19	20
<u>No. result demonstrations</u>					
<u>No. training meetings held by specialist</u>	1	1	1	1	
<u>By agent</u>	2	1	1	1	1
<u>By Dist. Agent</u>					
<u>By Member Club Dept.</u>				1	
<u>By others</u>					
<u>Total attendance at leader training meetings</u>	14	7	15	21	4
<u>No. A-H leaders trained individually</u>	4	11	10	6	10
<u>No. Club Members held by leaders without agent</u>	45	28	26	13	33
<u>No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted</u>	16	12	6	8	18
<u>No demonstrations given by adult leaders</u>	45	28	26	13	33
<u>By Junior leaders</u>	5	15	18	20	

C. Activities And Accomplishments Of An Outstanding Leader

Mrs. Gerrie Lawson has been an active club member since the Gear Home Demonstration Club was organized in her Community. This club is perhaps the second or third organized in the county. Mrs. Lawson has served in every capacity as a club officer and leader of her club. She has also served as a 4-H leader the past ten or twelve years. She takes an active part in church and community activities. Though she has been limited in making some home improvements, she has followed and kept up with the latest recommended practices of many phases of homemaking. She never fails to share what she has learned with others. It means a great deal to an agent to have a leader, who is dependable, willing to help when and where needed, and does the very best she can without seeking recognition. Such leaders should perhaps be recognized more often.

D. Activities And Accomplishments Of Club

It is a bit hard to pick out a club that has excelled in every way. Generally speaking every club could be cited for one or more outstanding accomplishments. The agent hesitates to say that Aulcus is the most outstanding. However an attempt will be made to give some of the activities and accomplishments of this club.

There are thirteen members in the Aulcus club. Attendance has been high at every meeting, with a hundred percent at two or three. This club has had leaders at all training meetings and the spring and fall planning meeting. Members have attended special interest meetings and participated in the county fair. When the club sponsored a project

to raise money all members worked on it. The club paid its Federation dues, contributed to GROP, police, Red Cross, Cancer, and gave a small donation to two families who lost their homes by fire. In addition many of the members also gave food and clothing to these families. An educational trip to Washington was sponsored by the club.

XII. EVALUATION

The Extension Program has been a continuous method of teaching both adult and youth in the county. On both programs, emphasis was placed on the development of the individual to become a better citizen. Many of the accomplishments are things that have been started in previous years. There has been a continuous improvement in homes, home furnishings, production of foods, preparation of palatable and nutritious meals, clothing selection and construction and in saving time and energy in all homemaking tasks. Leadership has developed more in both the adult and youth program. Better attendance at regular and special interest meetings indicate a greater interest in what we offer.

Club members often comment on helps they receive. Request for special assistance either through supplying a bulletin or making a home visit, has been another means of reaching more people. Many such requests come from non-club members.

The agent had the opportunity to attend the three weeks regional summer school in Arkansas this summer. She also had a two weeks study of Extension work in Ohio during the fall. Because of these experiences

and the progress made in the county, the agent expects to be able to see greater accomplishments in both adult and youth work. More work will be required to strengthen the youth program.