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III. SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

To reach more homes - especially homes of young families has again been one of the aims of the Home Demonstration program in Spotsylvania County. To reach them has not been difficult, but to enroll them in a Home Demonstration Club and maintain their membership has been impossible, it seems. In almost all sections of the county the population has been rapidly changing. Naturally scores of new homes are being established and many, many families from various places are continuously establishing residences in the county. This is no doubt largely due to constant increases in the size of the American Viscose Corporation plant near Fredericksburg and the demand for more employees there. Of course, the Shoe Factory, Garment Factories, and other businesses in Fredericksburg furnish work for many people, too. With so many of families, it seems that the husbands get work before moving and the wife as soon as possible afterward. If she is a club member she can only attend meetings when she works on the "shift" that leaves her sufficient time to do so between her work and sleeping hours.

Last year's reports showed that approximately two hundred and fifty families were reached for the first time through extension work. This year reports show that approximately three hundred seventy were contacted directly for the first time. Contributions to this part of the program were due to home visits, office and telephone calls because there was an increase from 516 in 1948 to 1042 in 1949 and to 1136 in 1950. Approximately an additional 175 women were contacted by home demonstration club members. An increase of office calls from 46 in 1948, to 59 in 1949 and 147 in 1950 apparently show increased interest as well as a slight increase in the number of telephone calls which was 216 in 1948, 470 in 1949 and 498 in 1950. Two radio talks prepared and given this year was an increase from none last year.

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The agent feels that slightly better planning has been done this year, that leaders have been better trained and in most clubs have assumed more responsibility than previously. The 56 Home Demonstration Leaders who attended the 4 leaders training meetings gave 49 demonstration to an attendance of 892 women. Twenty-eight 4-H leaders who attended eight leaders training meetings gave 30 demonstrations to an attendance of two hundred one 4-H girls.

• Some of the interesting activities of the Home Demonstration Clubs have been glass etching, stool and chair caning, tray painting, upholstering, tray etching, tailoring and chair caning. Numerous glass pieces and sets of glasses were etched. Reports show 56 chairs seated and 124 stools seated with fibre cord. One county-wide tray painting clinic was held at which four trays were hand painted and six stenciled. At one county upholstering clinic one sofa, one platform rocker, five large chairs, and two small chairs were torn down, and rebuilt. This included putting in new webbing, setting and tying the springs, padding and upholstering. Others were done at home after the clinic. Even though 519 aluminum trays were etched in 1949, the women reported having etched or assisted some one else with the etching of 164 in 1950. At the tailoring clinic 10 woolen coats and suits were made. At the chair caning clinic 8 chairs were seated. Since that time nine more have been completed. Others are being done at present.

• Interest in rug making has continued from last year. Four room-size braided woolen rugs have been made, the largest one being 10 ft. 2in, by 12 ft. 3 in. More than one dozen small ones have been made. On them Spotsylvania women won 1st, & 3rd prizes at the Fredericksburg Fair. Several braided cotton rugs have also been made. Interest in crocheting cotton rugs from loopers has been high. Six room sized ones have been made and two more are being made now. Many small ones have been crocheted. Spotsylvania women won all three places in crocheted rugs at Fredericksburg

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Fair. Much interest in textile painting has continued, but the exact number of articles is not known.

The home demonstration clubs have added \$650 to their Jamestown Camp contribution this year, mostly by serving meals to Ruritans and at the Belmont Horse Show.

On October 24, Mr. George Herring and Mrs. Mary Thompson gave demonstrations in Meat Cutting, Curing, and Packaging for the Freezer in the Spotsylvania High School cafeteria to a group of 69 men and women.

Last year Courtland Club renewed their interest in building a Community House on a lot they had owned for a number of years. This year that interest has continued and more than \$1000 has been raised and added to the sum of less than \$500 already in treasury. The building has been almost completed.

Home Demonstration Clubs assisted again with the county chest X-Ray Clinic. Because Spotsylvania County stands among the highest in the number of cases of T. B. for the county's population in the state, an annual chest X-ray clinic is held. Home Demonstration Clubs always assist in publicizing this clinic, encouraging participation, and furnishing transportation.

The Federation Goal of the Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Clubs of three years ago has been reached, - A Health Unit for Spotsylvania County. The clubs selected Health as their goal, worked hard to get a Unit in the County, but at that time opposition was too great. When the voters of the county were allowed to make the decision, they voted negatively. A Health Unit for the county has been in the minds of many people since that time, and on November 7, 1950, 495 votes to 286 decided in favor of a unit which is expected to be established in the county January 1, 1950.

During the year there were 32 other meetings of extension nature with attendance of 11,595 participated in by agent, besides the regular Home Demonstration Club Meetings.

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Home Demonstration Clubs ordered United Nations Flags to make and present to each of the seven schools in the county, to the County Court House and to each of the two community houses in the county. Because of the great demand for kits the materials were very late being received and for this reason only one flag has been completed and presented. Chancellor and Salem Clubs made one jointly and have presented it to Chancellor School. Others are to be completed at an early date.

Below is given a brief summary of 4-H Club work during 1950.

PROJECTS	No. Enrolled	No. Completed	No. Leaders	Demon. given by Leader	Agent
Breadmaking	7	1	1	6	0
Clothing	160	144	26	18	73
Room Improvement	5	3	1	6	2

The total of 172 girls enrolled in 4-H projects in 1950 who completed 151 projects showed an increase from 135 members in 1949 who completed 122. In 1948 the percentage of completions was 57 per cent, in 1949 the percentage of completions was 91 and in 1950 it was 88 per cent. The agent feels that the success of the 4-H Club program has largely been due to the 28 4-H Club leaders and their splendid cooperation through attending eight training meetings and giving 30 of the demonstrations at club meetings to an attendance of 201. The agent gave 75 demonstrations to attendance of 1470.

In 1948 there were two 4-H meetings of extension nature, besides regular club meetings, with attendance of 106 that were participated in by agent or representative from state office. In 1949 these meetings increased to 14 having an attendance of 1413 and in 1950 to 19 having attendance of 4331.

In the Fredericksburg Fair eleven counties were invited to participate; however, few homemaking exhibits were made by adults or 4-H members in counties other than Stafford, Caroline and Spotsylvania. Of the 39 classes in the 4-H homemaking department, Spotsylvania won 26 of the blue ribbons and of the 335 ribbons awarded Spotsylvania won 129.

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On November 10, the officers of the 4-H Clubs in the county met for all day in the Court House and organized a county 4-H Council. This is the first one the county has had for several years.

IV. ADULT WORK

A. Project work

1. Subject Matter Field

a. Home furnishings Attracted Home Demonstration Women

At the Home Demonstration Planning Meeting that was held in the fall of 1949 for planning the 1950 program of work, the majority of clubs indicated interests in home furnishings and after a lengthy discussion it was decided that each club would study "Color Schemes in Living Rooms and Window Treatments" in January; "Floor Refinishing and Buying Rugs" in February; and "Purchasing Upholstered Furniture" in March. As purchasing furnishings did not meet the needs of all because many had old furniture that they felt was too good, or they could not afford to discard, an Upholstery Clinic to be held in January was scheduled for the county, for the women who desired to do so, to rebuild and reupholster old furniture.

As a result of this planning, it was the aim of the agent to encourage and assist the club women in making a plan before beginning to spend their money for home furnishings. The agent planned through demonstrations at the club meetings to give group assistance in planning and purchasing, and to give individual assistance to women who requested it after the club meeting. Through the assistance she expected to help the women to plan only for the furniture that was needed for a purpose, to select colors in curtains, draperies, upholstery, slip covers, wall paper, and rugs that would have harmony, to select patterns and designs that have a sufficient amount of color to make the room

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interesting and at the same time apply good art principles so that the selections made would be satisfying to live with as long as necessary and to help them make wise selections so that the expenditure would be as small as possible. In "Floor Refinishing" she planned to give the women a clear understanding of the kinds of woods of floors and the kinds of finishes best suited for them, as well as how members of the family could finish or refinish floors, also to give them an idea of the cost in doing this job and the amount of time it might take. Purchasing Upholstered Furniture was a demonstration given with the idea of pointing out to the women the good points to look for when buying as well as the weak points to look for. Because of this the agent hoped more durable furniture would be purchased. One point the agent tried particularly to make was to select furniture of a suitable size for the space in which it was to be used.

Through the upholstery clinic, the agent hoped to assist women from various parts of the county by spending little money to make a comfortable, durable, pretty piece of furniture for their home from a piece past being appreciated.

The procedure used by the agent was one demonstration to each home demonstration club on "Living Room and Window Treatments" in January; one on "Floor Finishes and Buying Rugs" in February; one on "Good Points to Look for when Buying Upholstered Furniture" in March; and one county upholstery clinic to which any home demonstration member who wished to attend was invited.

In housefurnishing, club members reported:



**Rug and Table Lamp by
Mrs. W. S. Dickinson**



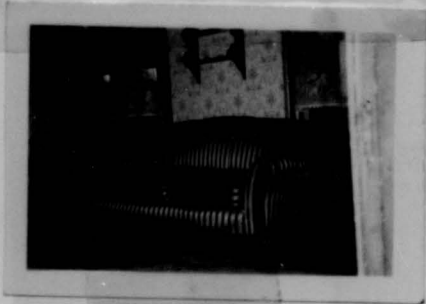
by Mrs. Dickinson
**Lamp converted, chair refinished and
oiled by her daughter, Mrs. Garnett**



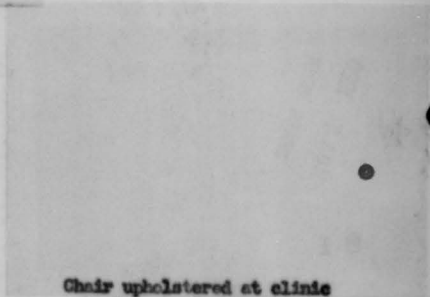
**Crafts and canned foods at fair and
after some exhibits were removed**



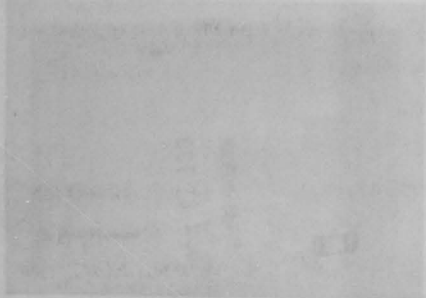
**Adult home making exhibits at fair,
crafts and baked foods. (after some
exhibits were removed)**



Sofa rebuilt and upholstered
at upholstery clinic, done
by Mrs. Marvin Melchert



Chair upholstered at clinic
by Mrs. E. C. Sneed



Chair refinished, recaned,
and converted lamp by Mrs. Melchert



Lamp converted, chair refinished and
recaned by Mrs. Melchert
Chair refinished, rebuilt, and reupholstered
by Mrs. E. C. Sneed



No. Members	Received Assistance In
136	Purchasing Rugs & Draperies
64	Purchasing Upholstered Furniture
60	Purchasing Electrical Equipment
84	Purchasing Other household supplies
120	Purchasing Housefurnishings & equipment
55	Reported having added at least one convenience to their home during the year.

The conveniences added included such items as: Electric hot water heaters, home freezers, electric stove, bath rooms, refrigerators, automatic washers, rugs, sofas, beds, television, chairs, gas stoves, oil heaters, floored attic, electric iron, outdoor terraces, outdoor fire places, electric mixers, telephones, sinks, sewing machines, paint jobs, pressure cookers.

b. In Clothing Women do Tailoring and Dress Finishes

A county tailoring clinic was scheduled to be held in January, but due to the illness of the agent, it was not held until March. Through this the agent planned to assist women in making woolen coats and suits so that they and other members of their family might be better dressed through the expenditure of less money.

Mrs. George Weiner, president of the Courtland Club furnished her home for the four-day clinic. With the assistance of the agent, each woman selected her fabric and pattern, fitted her pattern, cut and made her garment. Seven suits were made and three coats, most of which were good. All the suits were well made and finished except, one lady who pulled out her tailors tacks for button holes in the front of the jacket. Because she was working more slowly than some of the group, the agent marked them again for her, through a mistake she again pulled those out. She remarked them herself and made the button-holes before the agent had an opportunity to check them and they were

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too far from the edge of the jacket. All the coats were exceptionally well made. Several said that one of the coats was the most becoming garment they had ever seen that lady wear.

The demonstration on "Dress Finishes" was given with the hope of assisting women to make better finishes on dresses which the agent considered by far the most important part in dress making. Samples of various types of finishes were shown and how to make them was demonstrated at club meetings. Because Home Demonstration members were asked to answer to the roll call with their biggest problem in sewing, the agent had an opportunity to discuss with each club its biggest problems and to demonstrate how these finishes might be done easily.

A great deal of interest was shown in making plackets, putting in zippers, and hems, setting in sleeves, hem and seam finishes for various kinds of fabrics and stitches for children's clothing. Apparently, the samples were studied with interest and many questions were asked. This demonstration was given in October, therefore, there has been little time for results to be shown.

In the Todds Tavern Club several women who have young children requested an all-day meeting at which time they might actually learn to make finishes and stitches for children's clothes, by having the time to practice under the agent's supervision.

Through work done in clothing this year reports show:

No. of members	Assistance Received
100	Clothing construction problems
144	Selection of clothing and textiles
112	Care and renovating of clothing

c. Home Demonstration Women Study Preparation of Exhibits for Display

As a Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair was started in 1949 the Spotsylvania Home Demonstration women were interested in making plans to enter better quality of exhibits and to display them to the best advantage possible; therefore, when a 1950 plan of work was made, May demonstration was scheduled a study of "Preparation of Exhibits for Display".

Through this the agent's plan was to make the Fredericksburg Fair a more educational one by assisting Spotsylvania Home Demonstration women in preparing exhibits of good quality and displaying them advantageously.

In order to do this she met each club in May and gave the demonstration at which time she displayed canned fruits, vegetables and jellies of good quality and of quality not good enough to be exhibited. The good and bad points were discussed.

Various kinds of hand work and crafts of both good and poor quality were displayed and explanations made for it being suitable or not for display. Also good work but poorly prepared for display, such as poorly ironed hand work was emphasized as being the wrong way to display articles.

As a result the Fredericksburg Fair was much improved over past year. In the home making department the exhibits numbered almost 1200 which was more than three times the number entered in that department last year. The quality was also more than three times as good. The cakes, jellies and hand made rugs were exceptionally good.

Even though eleven counties were invited to participate few exhibits were made in the department from counties other than Stafford, Caroline and Spotsylvania. Of all entered in that department, Spotsylvania won more than fifty percent of the prizes. The agent feels that her goal for the fair was reached.

d. Gift Suggestions

As "Gift Suggestions" was planned for the June demonstration, the agent hoped she might, and tried to, make plans to give such a demonstration was would enable the women to give more attractive gifts at less cost. Her demonstration consisted of gifts suitable for all ages, some of which were hand made and some bought ones, some inexpensive, and some more expensive. How to make several of the very inexpensive "cute type" was demonstrated. In several clubs each member made gifts and showed it to the other members, which added to the interest of the meeting. Practically all club members said they received some help on ideas for gifts and many have been using their ideas in making some. The Chancellor Club has planned a bazaar for early December. Several of these ideas are being used in making articles for this money-making project.

e. Crafts

In meeting the requests of many Home Demonstration members by introducing such new crafts as hand painting trays, etching glass, caning chairs, and doing leather tooling and lacing, as well as assisting with the etching of aluminum, rug making, textile painting and seating chairs and stools with fibre cord that had maintained an interest from previous years work, the agent hoped to assist the women in learning how to relax and at the same time learn how to do the quality of work that would add interest and beauty to their homes. In many instances to teach the women how to make their own gifts so they might use their leisure time, spend less money, and present gifts that would be treasured. Another object in mind was to assist some members in doing pleasant work at home for which some cash might be received.

(1) Handpainting Trays

As few women were interested in hand painting trays a county clinic was held for them in January. Miss Catherine Peery, State Handicraft Specialist was in the county one and one-half days to assist with this project and at the same time assisted in stenciling metal trays which proved quite interesting to several women. Four trays were hand painted and nine stenciled. Since then several other trays have been stenciled. Some metal cans have also been attractively stenciled for canaster sets and some metal boxes with covers neatly done for gift boxes of candy and cookies. Requests have been made for some all day meetings to do more such stenciling.

(2) Glass Etching

Glass etching was planned for a club demonstration; therefore a leader training meeting was held for it. Miss Catherine Peery devoted one-half day in February to training these leaders. Leaders of all clubs except two were present and the agent trained those individually. All glass etching demonstrations were given by leaders because during that month the agent was attending the Southern Regional Training Program for Extension Workers in Arkansas.

Little interest was shown in glass etching and only a small amount was done; however, some very pretty sets of glasses were displayed at the fair and some very pretty etched bowls, dishes, and trays were there.

There seems to be no continued interest in doing this work.

(3) Chair Caning

Chair caning was of particular interest to a small number

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of women in various parts of the county who owned the type of chairs that needed to be caned. Therefore a county chair caning clinic was planned for them in July. This day proved to be a most interesting one--both educationally and socially. Caning chairs was a new experience for all who attended. They found it so simple, interesting, and enjoyable that the entire day was a sociable one as well as profitable. The picnic lunch was shared by all and thoroughly enjoyed. The eight chairs caned were greatly appreciated and the entire group had a happy day together. Since that day reports show twelve more chairs caned.

(4) Leather Work

Courtland & Sylvania Heights Clubs selected "Leather Work" for September, which was left for a club choice. A demonstration was given including types of leather, prices, articles to be made from leather, how to tool, lace, tools needed to work with, cost of them, etc.

No leather work has been done, but the 1950 plan has scheduled it for April and May.

(5) Tray Etching

In Spotsylvania there has been a very special interest in etching aluminum trays for the past three years. The interest carried over and the amount of work done during the past two years has been far greater than during the last year in which it was included in the plan.

In working with women who were making trays for the first time, the agent's objectives were to give them sufficient assistance so that they could make their first tray

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one they could prize highly, one that would add more beauty to the home, make lovelier gifts, or one that could be sold for more money. In working with women who had previously made trays, it was the agent's object to help the women to enable themselves to make more nearly perfect trays.

The agent has held seven all-day county clinics for etching aluminum trays--two each for Chancellor and Sylvania Heights Clubs and one each for Spotsylvania, Partlow and Todds Tavern Clubs.

The agent purchased all the supplies and members reimbursed her. She assisted each woman in selecting her design and transferring it, also supervised the painting of the designs and turning the edges of the tray, applied the acid and demonstrated cleaning them. As a result 164 trays were etched. Below is a picture of a group of Chancellor members at the end of their clinic day with the completed trays.

To each clinic women took a "pot luck" lunch and all shared at noon time. Tray making clinics not only made profitable days for the ladies but they also gave the women a splendid opportunity to socialize which was a pleasure to all.

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(6) Rug Making Interest Has Been Continued

To assist women in selecting interesting patterns and designs, suitable colors, materials that have good wearing qualities, and putting good work into the making and developing a keen appreciation for good rugs have been the aim of the agent.

The interests that were stimulated for rug making at club demonstrations last year have mostly been followed through by individual contacts in home visits.

Five room sized braided woolen rugs have been made and several others begun. They vary from 7 ft. x 9 ft. to 10 ft. 2 in x 12 ft. 3 in. Seven room sized crocheted rugs have been made — all from loopers except one. They are 7 ft. by 9 ft., 9 ft x 10 ft. round, 10 ft. in diameter, a hall rug 3 3/4 ft. by 17 ft. Many scatter rugs of each kind have been made.

Below is pictured one of the braided ones made by Mrs. W. S. Dickinson and her husband.

(7) Textile Painting Fascinates many and Interest Continues

The aim of the agent in assisting with textile painting has been to select good designs, interesting colors and shades, to use suitable fabrics, and most of all to put painting on articles that will be made prettier by the use of it.

Dickinson and her husband.



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As this interest was a carry-over from two years ago, all this has been done individually. Results show that many sets of table mats have been stenciled, for home use, gifts, and for sale. Luncheon cloths, kitchen curtains, blouses have been the first choices in articles done.

(8) Seating Stools and Chairs using Fibre Cord has interested Scores

In doing this job the object of the agent was to assist women in doing a craft, so well that they would be appreciated by the individual, her family, and friends for its beauty as well as for its financial value.

This has been done through club clinics. The Belmont Home Demonstration Club had a seating clinic at night in April to which they took their husbands and before going home twenty-two chairs and stools were seated. The Belle Burke Club had an all-day clinic in April. They met in a vacant school room, had lunch in the school cafeteria and had a busy day weaving seats in chairs and stools. The Salem club had a clinic for seating at night. The Todd's Tavern Club had an all-day clinic in their Community House, shared a pot luck lunch and all had a good time. The Maude Wallace Club met in the basement of one of the member's home for an afternoon clinic and seated stools. Partlow Community House was used by the Partlow Club for their stool seating. The club spent the day, shared a picnic lunch and enjoyed the work. Some women seated chairs and stools at home after learning how to weave them. A total of 56 chairs and 148 stools were reported seated with fibre cord during the year.

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(9) Table Setting attracted Club Women in August

Because Table setting was selected for a demonstration at the August Club meetings the agent felt that the members had a desire to study the correct way to set tables for different occasions. Her plans were made to be out of the county a part of July and August so held a leaders' training meeting in June. She set three tables, discussed linens, china, silver, crystal, and how to serve the food. The agent went into the homes and trained leaders in three club who did not attend the leader's meeting.

The leaders at the training meeting said they did and appeared to, thoroughly enjoy the meeting. Reports were that club members enjoyed their meeting, too. Just exactly what the results were the agent has not been able to determine.

(10) Family Recreation

Clubs devoted November to family recreation at which time the agent attempted to make women understand that recreation is simply doing something so satisfying that one is able to "re-create" her feelings mentally, physically and socially. It can include many, many kinds to activities that can be had by all members of the family often times with little expense and little planning. The agent hoped to assist each club member in finding at least two or three types of recreation for her family that they had not had previously. Names of twenty pieces of recreational material including name and addresses of the companies and the prices were given each club member, with the hope that many of them would find some of this material restful to all family.

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As this is being done in November the results cannot be determined at present.

(11) Meat Cutting, Curing and Packaging for the Freezer proved to be an interesting Demonstration

When the 1950 plan of work was made a demonstration on preparing meat for the freezer was requested. The agent requested Mr. George Herring, State Animal Husbandman to give a demonstration on Meat Cutting and Mrs. Mary L. Thompson to give a demonstration on packaging meats for the freezer. This meeting was scheduled for evening to give the husbands an opportunity to attend. October 24 was selected because it would be timely. The agent tried to make quite an occasion of this demonstration -- first to plan it in such a way as to attract the husband and wife, to advertise it so well that people would become curious enough to want to attend and last but not least have such a good demonstration that those who attended would feel well paid for the evening because of information received.

On the evening of October 24 sixty-four men and women showed their interest by seeing the demonstration in the Spotsylvania High School Cafeteria.

B. Other Activities

1. Courtland Home Demonstration Club Built a Community House

The Courtland Club's dream of a community house has materialized after ten years. They have erected on their lot two "pre-fab" houses as one and put white asbestos shingles on the sides.

About ten years ago the club became sufficiently interested in a community house to purchase a piece of land for it and put approximately \$400.00 in to the treasury. Due to shortages of labor and materials, and

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high prices interest lagg d. Last year interest was revived, a finance committee appointed and some money raised.

This year even more progress has been made and approximately \$900.00 has been added to their treasury which makes a total of approximately \$1300.00.

The building erected, but not furnished has cost \$2500. This leaves the club owing \$1000. Plans for completing the payment of this sum are progressing well. This building will be first used for their Christmas Party.

To get this money, the club has served Ruritan dinners, sold food at the Annual Fredericksburg Dog Mart, had a food booth at the Fredericksburg Fair and received some private donations.

2. Tea GIVEN to High School Seniors

A tea given in the Spotsylvania High School on May 18 to the seniors which is composed of more than 80 boys and girls was an interesting activity of the Home Demonstration Clubs of the county.

At the planning meeting last September, the Home Demonstration Committee voted in favor of all the Home Demonstration Clubs in the county cooperating in giving a "tea" to the senior class sometime during the year, and due to complications it was necessary to postpone the tea until the above mentioned day. A chairman for the tea was appointed and co-chairmen designated to work with her in making preparations for this entertainment. Because the appointed chairman was unable to serve, Mrs. George Rawlings was latter named as chairman of the "tea". She, with the assistance of Mrs. R. C. Gordon, as chairman of the refreshments, Mrs. W. N. Raney and Mrs. R. W. Hines, co-chairmen of the decorating committee and Mrs. W. S.

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Dickinson, chairman of the program committee, worked most efficiently and with the assistance of several other club members were responsible for a very well-planned tea and a pleasant afternoon for the senior class and mothers, faculty members and home demonstration members.

At 12:45 Mrs. Marion Willis of Fredericksburg spoke to the entire group in the high school auditorium and used as her principal thought the road that lies open for high school seniors. Mrs. Willis held her audience spell-bound while pointing out to the class the many splendid opportunities that were waiting for each graduate and the successes which each boy and girl had to opportunity of having provided they were willing to put forth the necessary effort. Miss Virginia Mason Herndon, the musical director of the Spotsylvania High School, gave a short and very good musical program. Immediately following the program, the entire group was invited to the gymnasium for the tea. The senior class colors, orchid and white were carried out in decoration as in the food that was served. Orchid iris, snowballs, and white candles decorated the tables beautifully. Since the gym was entirely too large to be attractively decorated, as one room, the committee used a white picket fence for making a division and decorated the fence with mountain ivy.

The food, punch, cookies, sandwiches, mints, nuts were furnished by the various home demonstration clubs throughout the county, as well as the necessary money for purchasing napkins and other necessities for the entertainment. The group of between 150 and 200 had a most enjoyable afternoon and it has been suggested that the home demonstration clubs make this an annual event.

9. Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Market

The Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Market in Fredericksburg from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon every Saturday offers every active Home Demonstration member in the county an opportunity to sell her baked foods, canned foods, jam, jellies, pickles, eggs, butter, poultry, meats, vegetables, flowers and handwork.

One major improvement was made at the market this year. White plastic cloths were purchased from the market treasury for every table and each woman has been assigned the duty to care for it and always use it. Many of the customers have commented most favorably about them, therefore, the women are pleased with this improvement.

Seven women sold on the market last year. Total sales amounted to \$4097.70 during the year. This made a monthly average of \$341.48 and a weekly average of \$78.22. Pictured below are some of the ladies at the market to their customers:



4. County Committee and Club Treasurers were Replenished

The Home Demonstration Committee served a dinner to the One Hundred Bushel Corn Club at the cost of \$1.25 per plate and as a result added \$75.00 to the treasury.

Home Demonstration Clubs have found various means profitable. Several

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have served the Ruritan Clubs dinners. Some times all foods are donated, other times, only a part of it is. The amount cleared from each dinner usually varies from \$40 to \$80.00.

Some clubs have sold extract at a profit of \$30.00 per one hundred bottles. In the county \$120.00 was cleared in this way during the past year.

All the Home Demonstration Clubs in the county assisted with furnishing food at the Belmont Horse Show. Three hundred and one dollars were cleared and onated to the Jamestown 4-H Camp Building Fund.

Courard Club had a stand for selling food at the Annual Fredericksburg Dog Mart and at the Fredericksburg Fair which was added to their community house b ilding fund. From the two they cleared approximately \$250.00.

Chancellor Club had an auction sale of hand made articles, among club members only after a meeting. They cleared \$281.50 and found it a most interesting activity. They have planned a bazaar for the first Friday and Saturday in December to be in Fredericksburg. Articles to be sold will be aprons, needle work, potted plants and flower seeds, cakes, plum pudding, dressed fowls, eggs, place cards, craft work, used books and Christmas evergreens.

5. Clubs Made Donations to Worthy Causes

To the Jamestown 4-H Camp Building Fund, Massaponax Club donated \$87.00. Todds Tavern Club, \$200.00 and the clubs together donated \$301.00.

To the Cancer Drive all clubs made donations. They varied from \$2.00 to \$12.00. Ten clubs made donations to the March of Dimes. Partlow Club donated \$25.00 to Red Cross. Several other clubs made smaller donations. Eleven clubs made donations to the Spotsylvania High School Athletic Fund.

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6. United Nations Flags Created Interest Among Club Members

The clubs ordered kits to make a United Nations Flag for Court House, each of the two community houses in the county and one for each school. Because the orders were delayed so long only one flag has been completed and presented today. That one was made by Salem and Chancellor Clubs and presented to the Chancellor School on Flag Day. Other flags are in the process of being made and should be completed very soon.

7. Christmas Socials

In December all Home Demonstration Clubs had Christmas Socials. Some had only club members, some invited their husbands, and other clubs invited their families.

The Chancellor Club had a dinner in the High School Cafeteria served buffet style, exchanged gifts and sang carols. It was quite an elaborate meal and beautiful served.

Salem Club met in the Chancellor School and had a party for the families. They played games and served attractive and tasty refreshments.

Hillcrest Club members only, met in the church basement, had games, exchanged gifts, and served refreshments.

Todds Tavern Club met in the Community House and the delicious pot luck lunch for the families, a variety of recreation, exchanging of gifts, and singing of carols made a pleasant evening for all.

Other clubs met in the homes, had games, gifts and refreshments.

8. Picnics

Several clubs had picnics in August. Spotsylvania Club had one for the families on the lawn of a club member. Todds Tavern had one at their community house for their families, Belmont also had a family picnic in cooperation with the Sunday School.

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9. Health Unit to be Spotsylvania's

A dream of the home demonstration members three years ago is to be realized January 1, 1951. Three years ago the County Home Demonstration Federation Goal was Health. Members and the agent labored untiringly with efforts to have a health unit established in the county. The Board of Supervisors would not make appropriations for one without a request from the majority of the people. When put to a vote, the majority opposed one in the county, apparently because of false propaganda. Regardless of the reason, votes opposed it.

Many people have desired one ever since that time, and constant efforts have been made to arouse sufficient interest to have one established in the county. As a result the voters were given the opportunity on November 7 to make the decision for or against a Health Unit for the County. The votes showed 495 for and 236 against it. Representatives from the State Department of Health are making plans to have the Unit put into the County, January 1.

10. Fredericksburg Fair Created Interest

To make the Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair an educational display of a large variety and a great quantity of exhibits was the goal of the agent. To have assistance from the club members in doing this each club was asked to have a Fair Chairman selected at the same time other officers were. The duties of these women were to remind her members of the exhibits that might be entered, to encourage participation from as nearly every member as possible in her club and to stress quality as being the most important part in exhibiting.

Even though eleven counties surrounding Fredericksburg were invited to participate few home making exhibits were entered except from the counties of Stafford, Caroline, King George and Spotsylvania. Spotsylvania had more

than one-third of the entries in this department and won her proportionate share of prizes.

From Spotsylvania, Mrs. M. W. Miller won a \$15 prize on a crocheted room-sized rug, Mrs. L. E. Carver won the second prize of \$8.50. Mrs. C. E. Runsey and Mrs. L. E. Carver won first and second prizes on crocheted scatter rugs. Mrs. W. S. Dickinson won first prize of \$15.00 on room-sized braided rug, and first on scatter braided rug. Spotsylvania won all prizes on upholstery, first on refinishing and caning chairs as well as proportionate prizes in classes of small articles. The fair was believe to be far more educational than the preceding year and about three times as many exhibits were made in this department. There is a great ^{deal} more interest in the fair for the coming year.

11. Home Demonstration Achievement Day

The Home Demonstration Member had an all-day Achievement Day Wednesday, November 8 in the Court House. Mrs. Myers, State president of the Home Demonstration Federation spoke to the group in which she gave the highlights of her European trip. Miss Slocum, former district agent, told of her trip to the National Home Demonstration Federation Meeting in Boloxi, Mississippi in October. The home agent spoke on the scope of the Home Demonstration Work. Four classes of flowers were displayed and judged. Each club reported on her year's activities. Some were very interestingly done—in poetry form, in song and by telephone conversation.

Each club presented a skit of about five or six minutes for entertainment. Sylvania Heights won first place. They used the homemakers' creed as the basis for this entertainment. Spotsylvania Club won second place for a Fall Fashion Show. The Chancellor Club won third on a telephone conversation between Mrs. 1930 and Mrs. 1950. They conversed about the development of the home demonstration program.

12. Electric stove Field Study Survey Made in Spotsylvania

The Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Agent assisted in making the electric stove field study by helping to locate families for the VEPCO Home Economist who is a new comer to Fredericksburg. The agent discussed with the home ec. teachers the survey to be made, sketched maps to be used and gave them material as one had been sent them. The agent ordered other materials, made five studies, filled in the questionnaire and mailed them to Mr. Chambliss.

V, 4-H CLUB WORK

A. Project Work

1. Subject Matter field

The 4-H Advisory Council and the agent discussed together the 4-H project work for the year. It was decided to have the "So You'd Like to Sew" project during the winter and to allow the girls who wished to have "Make or Remake" clothing during the summer because foods had been the projects the previous year.

When the idea was presented to the girls all were pleased with the plan. Local leaders who had served the previous year with foods had done an excellent job and some wished to continue, some were persuaded to continue and others did not feel qualified to assist with this project because they had no interest in sewing. To find some new leaders was easy, to find a sufficient number was not difficult. The thirty leaders worked untiringly and helped to make the year's work most interesting to the girls. The leaders attended the club meetings once each month in the school and assisted the girls. At the first meeting the club was organized, projects selected and plans made for the first meeting. Each girl was asked to equip a work box and take it to the next meeting. After a training meeting, the leaders collected old felt hats from their homes and neighbors in quantities sufficient for each girl to have felt enough to make needle cases.

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Mary did not complete theirs, so were asked to take it home, complete it, and take it to the next meeting to be judged. Ribbons were awarded to the first, second and third best. This method continued through April.

May was time for County Contest. Arrangements were made to use the Spotsylvania High Auditorium for the program, to have all 4-H members from the county attend and the girls to display their work. A class was made for each type of work the girls had done. It was judged, first, second and third place ribbons were awarded and the county winner selected. The county medal went to the girl who had won the largest number of ribbons during the year. These included those won at each meeting in the school and at the county contest.

The program consisted of talks by a boy who had done outstanding work last year and won honors, a girl who was a county winner, an All-Star and outstanding citizen in the county, an All-Star and excellent homemaker in the county, and John Hill, former farm agent in Roanoke County and at present working with Farm Bureau in Culpeper, spoke on the Meaning of the 4-H's. He approached this subject from the spiritual angle.

Almost all the 4-H members attended and approximately 700 exhibits were made. The county winner of the "So You'd Like to Sew" Project was announced.

Plans were made for summer meetings and leaders trained. Because the agent was out of the county five weeks the leaders held all meeting and the county contest.

Of the 160 girls enrolled in clothing, 147 completed their work. One leader had five girls in room improvement, and three completed, another leader had 7 in breadmaking and one completed.

One girl represented the county in the district contest in Richmond.

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B. Other Activities

1. Jamestown 4-H Camp

Nine home demonstration clubs gave the girl who had done the most outstanding 4-H work in her club a scholarship of \$10.00 to camp. Other girls whose project work was up-to-date paid their full fee and went. The quota of 25 girls from the county was filled. Louise Sanders, a teacher in the R. E. Lee elementary school went to camp as a leader, because the ladies who had worked with the girls doing this project work were unable to get away from home for the week. Miss Sanders was a good leader for camp and the boys and girls enjoyed her. Because the farm agent was out of the county on annual leave the home agent had the responsibility of the 15 boys from the county also. This was a total of 40 boys and girls and one-third of the camp.

2. 4-H'ers Participated in the Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair

All 4-H Club members were encouraged to participate in the fair, and to make exhibits of high quality. In the homemaking department, Spotsylvania entered 129 of the total articles of 335 that were entered, received 26 of the 39 blue ribbons awarded, 19 of the 37 red ribbons and 17 white ribbons. A Spotsylvania girl also won first place in the Dress Revue and won a \$10.00 prize for that. A place setting in sterling was awarded the 4-H girl who won the largest amount of prize money. This was also won by a Spotsylvania girl and her greatest competition was a Spotsylvania girl. The winner won \$31.00 in prizes. The next highest girl won \$30.00.

The 4-H Dress Revue at the fair was planned for out of doors, but, because of rain, it was necessary to have it under the home-making department



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tent. The space was small, there was no music, and the entire affair was much less elaborate than had been planned.

It is hoped that the 15 girls who entered this revue have made a stepping stone to a larger revue next year.

On Wednesday, the day of the REA Celebration of the telephone lines that were extended into the Chancellor-Wilderness communities the 4-H'ers in Spotsylvania were invited to enter a float in the parade. Since the entire parade was to have some reference to telephones and this new extension was a great improvement over the old phones, the 4-H'ers planned with that foremost in their minds.

A hay wagon was covered with white fabric. On the side was 4-H'ER'S PROGRESS in green letters and was drawn by a green tractor. An All-Star dressed in white drove the tractor. On the float was a highway, and a little green car in which a 4-H Club member was going down the road to progress. At one end of the highway was a leader and the other end a parent having a telephone conversation. A telephone line was built down the highway.

3. Rural Life Sunday

Observing Rural Life Sunday was a failure. The home agent began in March and made every attempt she knew to have a service for the entire county 4-H enrollment in the high school auditorium. One minister almost promised to preach the sermon. After it was necessary for him to refuse another almost promised, who later could not, and finally ten ministers in Culpeper, Orange, Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg, and Caroline were asked, with no success, so the agent gave up.

VI. THERE ARE NO ORGANIZED OLDER YOUTH GROUPS IN SPOTSYLVANIA

VII. SCOPE OF WORK

	1948	1949	1950
Number Home Demonstration Clubs or Groups	12	15	13
Membership	337	339	350
No. 4-H Clubs	9	9	8
Membership	188	135	172
Membership Older Youth Groups	0	0	0
Number	0	0	0

Number of other families reached 1948 1303 1949 1276 1950 3075
 Total number families reached 1948 1640 1949 1615 1950 3425

VIII. Organizations that Functioned in 1950 in Spotsylvania County

1. County Home Demonstration Committee

The County Home Demonstration Committee is composed of chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, the presidents of each home demonstration club in the county and a few charter members. It holds two annual meetings. One in the spring and one in the fall. The duties of this committee are to plan the home demonstration program for the county and transact all business of county-wide interest. Possibly the most accurate way to illustrate the activities of this committee is through the minutes of the meetings. The minutes of the spring meeting read as follows:

The Spring Planning Meeting of the Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Club Committee was held April 20, 1950 at Spotsylvania Court House with Mrs. A. M. Arritt, presiding.

The treasurer, Mrs. M. W. Miller, gave the following report - Balance from September 1949, \$135.50; Jamestown Fund \$65.44, returns to date, \$165.00. Total \$315.94. Expenses \$56.79 - balance for April 20, 1950 - \$309.15 - minus \$165.44 as Jamestown Fund leaving a total in the county committee fund of \$143.71.

Mrs. W. M. Houser, the market manager, gave the following report - the market is open every Saturday morning from 8:30 until 12 noon. The sales have increased for the past three months - January 1949 - \$398.17 - 1950 - \$468.86 February 1949 - \$243.58 - 1950 - \$315.81 - March 1949 - \$268.29 - 1950 - \$392.19.

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The average monthly sales - \$335.52. The average sales per person per year - \$574.69. Total sales for the year - \$4032.69. There are seven women who sell regularly, 4 of these have been selling for the entire 18 years the market has been operating. The increase in sales is attributed to a bigger and better variety of foods.

Mrs. J. W. Crawford, Federation Goal Chairman, gave suggestions under our goal "Art in Everyday Living," namely, Improvement of individual entrance to farms and homes. There is information available from Blacksburg. The President has asked us to take this back to our clubs.

Mrs. W. S. Dickinson reported on the Jamestown Camp Fund. The same committee was asked to serve to raise funds for same. The president urged everyone to attend the District Home Demonstration Meeting to be held on May 4th in Fredericksburg.

"Pennies for Friendship" was explained whereby each club would give one penny for each member, active or inactive to foster friendship with homemakers all over the world.

The secretary was asked to write a card to each club president not present and ask for the money to be sent to the treasury, Mrs. Miller,

The annual Achievement Day was discussed. There were no immediate plans available, but reported that the Ruritans were going to hold a Field Day. After much discussion, a motion by Mrs. W. Dickinson, seconded by Mrs. M. W. Miller that the clubs have one next fall, was carried. The committee for this is headed by Mrs. W. S. Dickinson, with Mrs. John Garnett, Mrs. M. W. Miller, and Miss Howerton assisting.

The tea for the high school seniors was brought before the group. The date was set for May 18 from 1 until 3 p.m. Miss Howerton will write each club president what her club will be asked to serve.

Miss Howerton discussed the club goals. There will be a leaders training

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meeting on June 22 on table setting. Miss Howerton asked everyone to pass any ideas they may have on how home demonstration work may be expanded.

During National Home Demonstration Week, there will be a broadcast from WFVA, Fredericksburg, from 12:45 until 1 p.m.

National Rural Life Sunday is the first or third Sunday night in May and the sermon will be on Rural life with L-H boys and girls in mind.

The time and place for the fall planning meeting was brought before the group. An invitation from the Partlow Club to use their Community House was accepted. The date is September 21. A nominating committee to elect a president and treasurer was appointed. Mrs. George Weimer, Chairman, Mrs. Myles Houser, and Mrs. W. S. Dickinson.

Miss Howerton urged all present also to take back to the clubs the importance of supporting the Fredericksburg Agricultural Fair.

Mrs. Betty Kyle was introduced by the President. She stated that we should be proud that our agent was one selected to attend the short course in Arkansas July 13 through August 8. She also told us we should be disturbed at the conditions of our clubs, we were not reaching enough people.

Leadership and program planning were greatly stressed. When you go visiting, let your neighbors know that you are a home demonstration member and proud of it. Find out your neighbors interest, determine their need for home demonstration work, for example, improvements in water systems, pastures and telephone service. Do a few things well in your club instead of touching on a number of things. Help to increase the efficiency of your work in the county by finding those in your community who do things and asking them to help. Determine the things that you need specialists help on and ask for it. The President thanked Mrs. Kyle on behalf of those present for her ideas and asked that each of us take them back to our clubs. The vice-president was asked to act as program development chairman for the remainder of the year.

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Mrs. M. W. Miller suggested that we renew the subscription to "Consumer's Guide". A motion to that effect was made by Mrs. W. S. Dickinson, seconded by Mrs. J. W. Crawford and passed.

A delegate to represent the county at Blacksburg August 1 was Mrs. W. S. Dickinson.

The meeting then adjourned.

The minutes of the Fall Planning Meeting read as follows:

The Fall Planning Meeting of the Spotsylvania Home Demonstration Club County Committee met September 26, 1950 at the Partlow Community House with Mrs. Richard Carpenter presiding. Devotionals were conducted by Mrs. A. R. Pemberton. Following this the group repeated the "Homemakers Creed".

The purpose of the meeting was to plan home demonstration work for 1951. Mrs. W. S. Dickinson, the county delegate to Blacksburg gave a report on her trip. Also reported that \$416.00 was collected from Virginia for "Pamies for Friendship" Fund. All club members were urged to reach younger women in the community - to be willing to share knowledge of club work and to give credit for each accomplishment.

Miss Howerton gave report on 4-H Club work. She asked for more leaders and suggested that some meetings be held in the homes. Miss Howerton gave report on the county executive committee meeting. The committee decided to continue with the present Federation Goal, "Art in Everyday Living".

Mrs. Betty Kyle, District home agent stressed more leadership in the month by month program along with the federation goal to reach everyone in the county. Also the importance of the work of the planning committee, in which they were urged to consider all things, including family, home, country and state.

A report was given from each club of suggestions for the 1941 program.

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The president appointed a committee to make the month by month calendar for 1951. They were: Mrs. Burruss Catlett, Mrs. W. S. Dickinson, Mrs. A. R. Peaberton, Mrs. Betty Kyle, and Miss Howerton.

A discussion of the goals for 1951 was led by Miss Agnes McGee. The group approved the following:

1. Each club supply at least 2 active 4-H leaders who attend or conducts 4-H meetings and make a report of 4-H activities to her Home Demonstration Club each month.
2. All club vice-presidents act as devotional chairman and special-interest leaders each month.
3. All clubs sing suggested song each month and answer roll with suggested Roll Call each month.
4. Each club president have "Be a Good Club Member" read at Home Demonstration meetings prior to Spring and Fall Planning Meetings.
5. Each club work with an unorganized group or increase present enrollment by at least 10%.
6. Each club have secretary serve as reporter to report club news each month.
7. Every club member try to help her club improve upon attendance at monthly meetings to 75%.
8. Each club give scholarship to 4-H Camp. (boy or girl)
9. Each club encourage or send 2 delegates to Adult Camp, pay part of expense of each.
10. Each club send two delegates to State Federation Meeting at Blacksburg and pay part of expense of each.
11. Each club encourage all members to attend District Federation Meeting.
12. Each club contribute to Jamestown 4-H Camp.
13. Each club have an active fair chairman to work with the county fair chairman to solicit and enter exhibits from her club and community.
14. All club members willingly accept offices or appointments unless absolutely impossible to serve.
15. Each club elect vice-president and secretary one year and president and treasurer at another year.
16. Each club have Welcome Chairman, who with her committee, be responsible for contacting non-members in the community, also follow up continued non-attendance of members.
17. Each club member inform herself on county government and participate actively.

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Miss Howerton reported from the month by month calendar committees:

December	Christmas Social
January	Federation Goal Work
February	Planning Flower Beds, and Borders, Seeds, Plants and Shrubs
March	Study County Government
April	Leather work
May	Leather work
June	Improving Storage Space in Closets Already in Use
July	Cookies and Suggestions for Quick Lunches
August	Club Choice -- Wills & Deeds suggested for clubs who want it
September	One-Dish Meals
October	Club Choice -- Child Care suggested for clubs who want it
November	Short Cuts in Cooking

Topics for county-wide meetings were: Simple Carpentry in January, Hooked Rugs in February and Furniture Refinishing in March.

All clubs are required to have the following leaders - 2 in housing, 2 A-H, 2 food, a fair chairman, a federation goal chairman, a program development, chairman and a library chairman. The group approved the calendar.

The report of the tea for the seniors held last May was given. The following chairmen were appointed for the tea for next year; Chairman, Miss Agnes McGee, Refreshments, Mrs. George Rawlings, Decorations, Mrs. George Weimer, Program, Mrs. W. S. Dickinson.

The Year Book committees were announced as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Mattie Harris, Compiling, Mrs. Andrew Seay and Mrs. Gordon Hilldrup, Finance, Mrs. George Rawlings, Roll Call, Mrs. Bary Treutle, Song Selections, Mrs. Corey Goodwin, Things to Do, Mrs. Henry Burruss, Devotionals, Mrs. M. W. Miller,

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Quotations, Mrs. Elizabeth Sale, Mrs. J. M. Garnett, Library Chairman, reported on the new books that had been purchased.

Mrs. W. S. Dickinson, Achievement Day Chairman report on same. Each club to have a report, each club to have a skit, 5 to 8 minutes long, that could be worked in with the report if wanted to, a guest speaker and music were also offered. Miss Howerton talked about the United Nations Flag. Each club was asked to make one and display it some place in the county.

Report from the nominating committee: Chairman, Mrs. Archie Carpenter, Treasurer, Miss J. M. Hess, Federation Goal Chairman, Mrs. J. W. Crawford. It was moved, seconded and passed that these be accepted. Miss Howerton asked all present to attend the meat cutting demonstration at Spotsylvania High School on October 24.

Achievement Day for next year was discussed. Many points were brought out, such as a parade with floats.

The meeting then adjourned.

2. County 4-H Council

On Friday, November 10 the officers of 4-H Clubs in Spotsylvania County met in the Court House and organized a Spotsylvania County 4-H Council. This is the first one the county has had for several years.

Arranging for this meeting was not the easiest job in the world. After some discussion the agents succeeded in getting the boys and girls excused from school for the day and thought plans were made for transportation by school bus for all club officers from their school to the Court House, back to their school on school buses and home at the usual time. Then plans were made for all day meeting. About 9:00 it was learned that the only children who rode the buses were those who attended school at Spotsylvania, therefore, after 9:00 the agent arranged for transportation for the boys and girls from their schools to the Court House. Officers from all clubs were present, except one.

The program consisted of devotionals, group singing, training meetings for each group of officers, a lunch hour, games, movies, "The Frying Pan and Fire", and one of the Fredericksburg Fair. The later was of special interest because many of the group knew a number of those in the picture. The 4-H winners shown in the picture created much interest.

The agent feels that the entire day was a profitable one to the 4-H Club program, especially the training classes.

IX. ACTIVITIES OF VOLUNTEER LEADERS

The volunteer leaders of the clubs lead in planning for the club's activities. They preside at meetings, give demonstrations in the absence of the agent, assist the agent in giving demonstration, give publicity to their clubs, plan for raising funds for the club, make donations to worthy causes, plan meeting places, keep club records, such as minutes, and treasurers, encourage more AND better reading among club members by having books at each club for members to read, furnish 4-H Club leaders, plan for county meetings, such as Achievement Day, furnish timely information on poultry and garden work, plan for club socials, secure assistance for club members in promoting a better program of work.

Throughout the entire year, the program development leaders try to sense the needs of her members and her community, and record them. She also made notes of ideas women express from time to time as having a desire to do in club work. She asks for some club discussion on suggestions for program planning and records them. At the fall county planning meeting she presents her ideas to be considered in making the program calendar for the coming years and assists in making the county plan of work.

The subject matter leaders give demonstration in the absence of agent, assists in having necessary supplies ready for the demonstrations that are given by agent. The poultry and garden leaders give timely information on those subjects. The library chairman supplies books to the members. The special interest

chairman reports on interesting information she has been able to gather. In addition to the above they usually are the persons who render largest services to the presidents of the clubs and to the agent.

<u>Growth of Home Demonstration Club Project Leadership</u>			
	1948	1949	1950
No. Project leaders and goal chairmen	67	108	113
No. Training Meetings held By Specialist	5	6	2
By Agent	21	11	8
Attendance at all training meetings	51	128	52
No. Club meetings held by leaders without agent present	22	54	49
No. Club meetings held at which leaders assisted	23	27	37

<u>Growth of A-H Club Project Leadership</u>			
	1948	1949	1950
No. adult project leaders	8	18	28
No. training meetings held by Specialist	2	2	0
by Agent		11	8
Attendance at leader training meetings	19	66	28
No. A-H leaders trained individually	3	17	6
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	21	108	28
No. club meetings at which leaders assisted	18	39	35
No. demonstrations given By leaders			
By adults	21	189	53

X. WORK IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER AGENCIES

A. The Home Demonstration Clubs worked in cooperation with the T. B. Association in planning the mass chest X-ray clinic for the county, encouraging participation in the clinic, furnishing transportation for people to and from it and some assisted during the day of the clinic.

The home agent and some club members attended the planning meeting in preparing for the "Cancer Drive", assisted with it in an educational way and made donations as are described under "Other Activities" of adult work.

Women made club and individual donations to the "March of Dimes" as has been described under "Other Activities" of adult work.

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The Belmont Home Demonstration Club raised money by serving meals and donated \$300 to the building of the Louisa Hospital, which is the adjoining county, but will be their nearest hospital.

II. SIGNIFICANCE OF YEAR'S WORK

I suppose it is difficult for any one to evaluate her own work, and more difficult when there are so many activities that demand more time than she can possibly give them, even when all her time has been used to the best advantage she knows how. The variety of activities also make it hard to know what is most worthy.

The Health Unit mentioned previously in this report is a carry over of interest from the Home Demonstration Federation Goal work of three years ago but no doubt will be a good contribution to the people of the county and just how valuable no one can say at this time.

The agent feels that the Courtland Community House will be a wonderful addition, because there are so few places in the entire county for any kind of groups to meet.

The craft work during the year has been of value too, by furnishing some interesting activity in the home -- more leisure time may be better spent and more hours may be spent in the home because of it. A greater appreciation for articles well made is being developed.

The agent feels one of the greatest significances of the year's work is that a greater understanding and appreciation of the scope of home demonstration work has been developed during the past year and because of it, there is, and will be more interest in the program which will lead to better homeaking, better rural living and improved people.