

have enough active leaders, junior and adult, who are well trained and willing to cooperate in carrying out the program.

Increased participation in club, county, and area contests will increase interest in the club program.

If girls can be interested in Area Camp, in State Short Course, in numerous contests, in regular club meetings, and in Achievement Programs, they will probably plan to remain in club work over a longer period of time.

Problem 3 - The Problem of Conducting Home Demonstration Work in Communities Having Numerous Homemakers Working in Industry

This is a problem of certain localities only, near the industrial plants.

When work is slack, it is not difficult to plan suitable meeting time with the families. When work is constant, with overtime involved, it becomes almost impossible to hold the regular meetings. The women are rather overworked with their household duties in addition to their work away from home.

In one locality, timely information is supplied to the office of the plants. This information is given with the checks. In this particular community, a club has not been organized, yet the ladies are interested in having information available.

Cooperation will be given the groups confronted by this problem, in order to have their meetings when convenient to the group. Individual help will be given to the members as needed, and as work is less urgent away from home, the regular club meetings will be resumed.

Contact is kept with the officers, and they are invited to go to the club and plan meetings as time permits.

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reporters to write up meetings in an interesting way for the press.

When parents of members and others become aware of the importance of the program and of the need for adult leadership, they will sometimes volunteer to serve. The members themselves help to secure leaders by selecting them by vote of the club group. This method has been successful in one community.

The home demonstration clubs have as one of their goals, the promotion of youth work in the county. Several excellent leaders have been provided from this source.

The progress of 4-H project work is proportional to the quantity and quality of 4-H leadership available for the various communities.

Increased interest in contests has stimulated interest by leaders, also.

The Club members serve as efficient junior leaders.

The sources of parents of members, home demonstration members, Honor Club members, will be explored in order to secure efficient leaders.

Plans will be made to help to give leaders the best training possible in order that their leadership quality may be improved.

Problem 2 - How to Meet the Problem of Keeping Older Members Enrolled in 4-H Club Work

It appears that the girls who are more interested in the club program as a whole are the ones who continue longer in the program.

Interest will be stimulated by trying to do excellent planning for the activities of the club year, in connection with the 4-H planning committee on program planning. The County Council will plan activities of a county nature, such as Achievement Programs, County Picnic, etc., to help keep interest active.

In this kind of extension activity, it is necessary to cooperate in planning and executing the plans with the families, since the success of the entire family is involved, and also is dependent upon excellent family cooperation.

It appears that working together in this important new extension phase will be the means of adding strength and unity to the operation of the entire County Extension Program.

IV. Problems Encountered in Carrying Out the Extension Program in Page

Publicity will be given to the program by means of newspaper and radio publicity, by having excellent county programs, such as Achievement and County Picnic programs, and by encouraging Club

The work in the 4-H Club Program is planned and carried out from the agents standpoint by practicing close cooperation.

The Annual Calendar of county events is planned together in order to avoid conflicting dates for regular work and for special events.

Cooperative work is done in planning and conducting regular 4-H club meetings, county events, such as County 4-H Achievement Program, and County 4-H Club Picnic, State Short Course planning, for members to attend, training members and plans for transportation to and from Blacksburg.

Excellent planning when leaders are to conduct certain club meetings makes smoother operation of the program possible from the standpoint of the members and of the agents concerned in the meetings.

When changes in meeting schedules have to be made, it promotes good working relationships when co-workers are promptly notified of these changes. This practice is carried out with good results.

The Farm and Home Development Phase of the Extension Program will be carried out to some extent in Page County during 1955. In the event Page County is to operate as one of the pilot counties, close cooperation will be practiced among the workers involved in getting the new phase started in the county. It will involve the present extension personnel and other workers who will assist in conducting the new extension phase.

Cooperative work has been started on the Farm and Home Development Phase. In preparation for the District Training Meeting to be conducted during the week of January 17, 1955, preliminary work was done with two farm families cooperating with State Specialists, in order to select one to have for use in training agents from the District.

Plans are being made to do intensive work with other families in the county, using the Farm and Home Development Phase approach.

is another means of evaluating progress.

The annual reports, statistical and narrative, aid in evaluating the 4-H and home demonstration programs. Carefully made plans, with ways of accomplishing them, if carried out, make report making a worthwhile and pleasant undertaking.

XII. Plans for Professional Improvement

A. Organized Study

1. Schools

It is not probable that the agent will attend a school during 1955, since Regional Summer School was attended during 1953.

2. Short Course

The training school for Farm and Home Development Phase of Extension Work was attended at V.P.I., Blacksburg, during the week of December 13, 1954.

The agent will attend the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs Meeting, and the Institute of Rural Affairs at V.P.I., Blacksburg, during the summer of 1955.

The Annual Agents Conference, usually conducted in August, will be attended also.

The State Short Course is attended and assistance given when the agent's turn arrives to go to this event at V.P.I., Blacksburg, Va.

B. Reading Professional Books and Other Publications

Two good sources of professional books are the Bookmobile and the Extension Library. Publications available for study are "The Journal of Home Economics", "Forecast", and "What's New In Home Economics", The Farm Magazines, namely, "The Farm Quarterly", "The Farm Journal", "Farm and Ranch", "Southern Planter", and "Progressive Farmer" supply articles

The combined statistical report is a cooperative work of agents.

Cooperation on the Farm and Home Development Phase has occurred in the selection of the families for the District Training Meeting, and in the visits with specialists to secure information from the families.

D. Commercial Interests

The local power company supplies meeting room, some materials and trained personnel to assist in conducting a successful Extension Program.

Stores loan ready made clothing, give samples of materials and other assistance as requested.

Other commercial interests provide written materials, bulletins, books, supplies, etc., which are helpful in grooming, house furnishings, and other meetings.

E. Other Professional Workers

The other professional workers assist in providing time, materials, and places for conducting meetings. The Extension workers should present excellent meetings that will give strength to the educational program.

XI. Plans for recording progress and evaluating program as planned for 1955

County Goals were set up at the Autumn Planning Meeting. Progress in accomplishing these goals can be made from time to time by checking the number of goals reached by the various club groups.

A workable plan of work will serve as an excellent measuring stick for progress made. At fairly frequent intervals, reference should be made to the plan in order to determine progress in accomplishing the over all program.

Federation goal check sheets of accomplishments planned at the beginning of the year and again checked at the end of the year for actual accomplishments

1. Health Department

Since Health and Safety is the goal to be stressed during 1955, the health nurse will be asked to help with the planning and carrying out of the goals for the year. She will assist in securing materials, and she will probably give talks at meetings when the goal is to be stressed.

Home Demonstration Members assist the Health Department in conducting clinics, in holding the Mass Chest X-Ray, and to assist in securing materials to be used in caring for cancer patients.

2. Schools

The entire school system has been cooperative in helping to provide meeting places for 4-H Club Meetings, certain home demonstration club meetings, achievement programs, etc. They have given school time to use in conducting 4-H Club Meetings. One school cafeteria cooperates in helping arrange club refreshments for a 4-H Club group. Helpful leadership is provided by certain teachers. Agents try to cooperate with the schools by being on time, by taking care of school property, and by providing a training program which is beneficial to members attending meetings.

3. Fair Association

The women's department and the 4-H Club department are given assistance by 4-H leaders and home demonstration club members serving as Chairmen and officers. These members assist with listing and arranging exhibits. They have helped in judging in a neighboring county in 1954, and Standards for Fair Exhibits will be considered during the March, 1955, Home Demonstration Club Program.

The members of the clubs served food at the fair to increase funds in the County Treasury.

The quality and quantity of exhibits continue to increase.

4. Local Hospital

Very probably, the clubs will assist the hospital by mending linens during 1955. This is considered, by the hospital, a very helpful gesture.

Assistance was given by members in conducting the hospital drive. Time and funds were given.

Members from various clubs helped serve food in the hospital booth

* Formerly interpreted as demonstrations given and assisted with. This year, the figure shows only demonstrations by adult leaders alone.

Plans for training and using all types of 4-H leaders in carrying out the 1955 Program

Written material will be given to the organizational leaders as to their duties, and additional training will be given by agents, by ~~agents~~ ~~and~~ ~~by~~ ~~others.~~

E. County All Stars

The All Stars are not organized in the County. They cooperate through the Honor Club, since they are all members of the Honor Club group. Their personal leadership is outstanding. The 1954 members attended the recognition banquet at the Mimslyn Hotel, Luray, in November, 1954. This banquet was the first of its kind in the District.

F. County Young Men and Women's Board

At present, the Honor Club Officers constitute the only Board of this kind in existence in the County.

G. County 4-H Project Planning Committee

The County 4-H Project Planning Committee usually holds two meetings - the first one in the summer to make overall plans for annual project work, the second meeting to make detailed plans for summer foods and other project work.

The quality of 4-H Club project work has been strengthened since the project planning committee has been meeting and assisting with planning for the year's work.

VIII. Plan for Leadership:

A. Home Demonstration

	<u>No. in</u> <u>1951</u>	<u>No. in</u> <u>1952</u>	<u>No. in</u> <u>1953</u>	<u>No. in</u> <u>1954</u>	<u>Goal</u> <u>1955</u>
No. Project Leaders (subject matter)	64	82	108	120	125
No. federation goal chairmen	9	10	12	13	14
No. program development leaders	10	11	13	13	14
No. of result demonstrators	10	11	12	16	18
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by specialist	3	11	7	9	10
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by dist. agents	2	2	2	2	3
No. meetings at which leaders were trained by agent	5	9	9	11	14
Attendance at training meetings	151	269	229	231	245
No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present	16	34	56	54	60
No. club meetings in which leaders assisted	33	68	85	76	78
Total number of demonstrations given by leaders	12	16	36	54	60
Total number of talks or discussions by leaders	35	60	85	107	120

Plans for training and using all types of leaders in carrying out 1955 Home Demonstration Program

Organizational leaders will be given year books containing

No. Community Improvement Clubs
Membership
No. other organizations

VII. Plans for using the following organizations to strengthen the Extension Program in 1955

A. County Home Demonstration Committee

The task of program planning is one of the most important ones included in the work of the home demonstration committee.

A well planned interesting club program is one of the most important factors in having a successful club year. When the program development leaders are well trained and can assist in having the wishes of their respective clubs incorporated in the annual plan, usually, the programs attracts people to them, the members are interested, and other non-members come to join the groups.

Other phases planned by the Committee are Special Interest Meetings, County Objectives, Federation Goal Activities, Achievement Program, County Picnics, tours, and 4-H Club leadership.

During the spring of 1955, one of the most important planning jobs will be for entertaining the District Meeting.

A strong and capable County Committee results in a stronger program with a greater measure of success in interest, in improving better living, and in increased club attendance.

B. The County Board of Agriculture

The County Board of Agriculture recommend policies which affect the entire county. These well planned and thoughtful recommendations strengthen the Extension Program of the County.

C. County 4-H Council

The goals, planned and accomplished by the 4-H Council, add strength to the Extension Program.

The results of the Council plans have been reflected in increased enrollment, more successful recreational programs, improved work in contests, better fair participation, and increased completions in projects.

D. County Honor Club

The motto of service of the honor club is reflected in the excellent leadership which is provided by honor club members. Without this important interest and cooperation, the work of Extension could not go forward.

Another group of young ladies assisted by extension is a young ladies organization in the county that meets twice each month. They do hand sewing work, and other craft work, and their main project of the year is to give pleasure and assistance to elderly people in the County Alms House. As requests come, the Agent helps to train them in new methods and skills to be used in training their members. One request in 1954 was for planning for better gardens. Most of the members are home-makers.

Various young individuals are contacted and given assistance as members of home demonstration club groups. They are given individual help on problems as requests come for such assistance.

B. Activities

The leaders in the youth groups discussed above will provide leadership in conducting the 4-H Club Program and in the home demonstration club work. They will give invaluable assistance in promoting and carrying out a successful agricultural fair.

V. Farm and Home Development

At present, training has been received for work on the farm and home development phase of the Extension Program at the Training School, at V.P.I., the week of December 13, 1954. This well planned school was intensely interesting and valuable information was secured during the week.

On January 3, two Page County families were visited and preliminary work started on the F&H Development Program. A study of farm and home conditions was made with Extension Specialists and Agents cooperating. One of the families will be selected to visit and assist in training Extension personnel for the District during the week of January 17, 1955, who did not attend the Training Meeting with the pilot counties at V.P.I.

As one becomes better acquainted with this phase, it appears to have a stronger challenge, and greater opportunity to assist families.

In all probability, if Page is not included in the number of pilot counties, work will be carried on with from 5-8 families during 1955. In case Page is included in the pilot counties, probably 30-40 families. The exact method of selection has not been determined, however conferences will be held with County leaders in order to get their cooperation and assistance in selecting families.

VI. Scope of Work:

A. Organization

	No. in 1951	No. in 1952	No. in 1953	No. in 1954	Goal 1955
Number of home dem. clubs	11	13	15	15	16
Membership	210	232	270	285	300
Number of 4-H clubs	10	11	11	11	11
Membership	175	207	207	269	275
No. young men & women's clubs	1	1	1	1	1
Membership	75	80	52	35	38

1. 4-H Club Achievement Program

Each Fall, the 4-H Achievement Program is held, usually the program is made up entirely of numbers by the 4-H Club Members.

They present a review of the previous year's work, and a Share-the-Fun Program of entertainment.

The program is a popular one, well attended by members, friends, and parents.

Leader recognition is usually given at the Achievement Program. Medals and Awards for outstanding work are presented as a part of the year's achievements.

2. 4-H Club Camp

The members enjoy the 4-H Club encampment at Powell's Fort Valle each year. The County Camps with several neighboring counties each year. This provides a good opportunity to learn from other members and leaders.

Class work includes nature studies, craft work and swimming. The beginners are taught to swim before returning home, if possible.

The cooperation of agents, leaders and other camp staff members make the camp week one of the most pleasant of the year.

An Adult Leader assists in conducting the 4-H Club Camp Program.

3. Annual 4-H Club Picnic

Annually, the 4-H club members of the county and their families enjoy a County Picnic at a central recreational area in the county. The Council members plan this event, and the attendance is excellent. Members may go in the afternoon to swim and play games before supper is served in the evening. Supper is served cafeteria style, and older members are responsible for making drinks for the crowd. Families and club members from various communities enjoy becoming acquainted with others, and members and their families look forward to this event of the summer.

Leaders, Junior and Adult, assist in planning and conducting this 4-H County Picnic.

4. Contests, Club, County, and Area

The contests present a challenge to members to make the best better. They provide opportunity to give recognition to outstanding club work. The quality of work is improved as interest is stimulated, and participation increased in club, county and area contests.

Several good club members will arrive at the age required to enter area contests. They will be encouraged to participate, since this activity stimulates increased interest in doing excellent project work.

This room improvement instruction will be done by leaders and agents who have received specialist or other training for conducting it. The use of excellent bulletins and other written materials will be of great help.

Demonstrations will be given by agent, and by Junior and Adult leaders. A tour of improved rooms would prove to be a good teaching method.

Participation in county and area contests will be practiced.

4. Health Work

The chief objectives in the Health Work will include understanding the body food needs, and a knowledge of the Basic 7 Food Groups, improving posture, getting enough rest and sleep, social behavior and good manners, equipping a home medicine chest, and to be a cooperative member of the home and community.

Demonstrations will be presented by members, agent, and by Junior and Adult Leaders. Training will be secured from written materials and from specialists. County Contest will be held.

5. F&H Electric Project

A study of the importance and uses of electricity in the home and on the farm will be made. Training will be given in improving home lighting, and in caring for home electrical equipment. The careful selection of electrical equipment will be considered also. The repair of electrical cords, making of electrical lamps and the reading of meters will be taught.

Cooperation from the local power companies in training leaders is of great assistance in conducting this project. Local leaders, junior and adult, and agent present demonstrations and training to other members. County contests help select the winners to participate in the State Electrical Congress in Richmond each Autumn.

6. Home Laundry

Training in good methods of washing and ironing to insure longer wear, and prevent fading and wearing out will be stressed. The use of suitable washing materials for various fabrics will be considered. Ironing to save time and energy will be discussed. Methods of hanging clothes to prevent sagging and wrinkles will be studied. Ways to carry clothes to the line to save fatigue will be considered, also. The use of the sit-down ironing board will be recommended.

Demonstrations will be given, written materials and good text books provided in carrying out the project. Participation in County and Area Contests will be practiced.

B. Other Activities Planned To Aid In Carrying Out The 1955 4-H Program

Another result of the training was the incorporation of a monthly club program in the County Calendar on the topic, Standards for Fair Exhibits. The members are looking forward to the experiences which will be received during this program.

10. Newspaper and Radio Work

The work with the local weekly and a neighboring county Daily newspapers has been effective. Similar cooperation will be continued in getting articles and news in on time, and prepared in a satisfactory manner.

Radio work has not been as effective as has the newspaper work. The farm radio man comes at infrequent intervals to make several tape recordings. The station usually can send someone to cover special events. This practice will be encouraged. Events, such as the Local Fair, Tours, etc., will usually be covered by the Harrisonburg Station on the Regional Network.

One 4-H girl had T.V. coverage following her appearance at the Area Contest.

III. 4-H Club Work

A. Project Work

The 4-H Project Work will include the following projects, listed in the order of their importance in the program:

1. Foods Work

- A. Meal planning, preparation and serving
- B. Food Preservation
- C. Bread Making

2. Clothing Work

- A. You'd Like to Sew
- B. Make and Remake

~~3. Sewing~~

Excellent preparation for meetings helps to insure successful meetings with good attendance. When officers and leaders are aware of their duties, more successful results are secured. The members and visitors appear to appreciate well conducted meetings, starting and closing on time.

6. Achievement Programs

It will be determined at the Spring Planning Meeting as to whether or not an Achievement Program will be held in 1955. This event has been successful and a highlight of the year's work, therefore, it will probably be planned again.

The Achievement Program is planned by members, worked out by committees, and is generally a fine cooperative project by all county women.

This program is a good means of informing the public of some of the home demonstration activities in progress in the county.

7. Drives

The clubs give support to numerous worthwhile drives, such as for Polio, T.B., Cancer, CROP, Pennies for Friendship, and the local Hospital work. They accomplish these things in various ways, such as by giving time, money, and by sponsoring special money making projects for the benefit of various things. They mended linens for the local hospital during the entire year of 1954. Plans have been made by certain groups to do similar work in 1955.

8. Work In Unorganized Communities

There are several unorganized communities in which visits will be continued, and plans made to hold meetings, in order to determine whether home demonstration work could be started in the neighborhood.

The procedure to be followed will be to make as many personal visits as possible, to contact and attempt to determine leaders, to make plans for interesting and worthwhile demonstrations, in order for the work to successfully begin in the community. It is usually helpful to have leaders attend training meetings, and other County planning meetings in order to get better acquainted with the work of the Extension program.

9. Judging Done by Local Leaders

Last year, 1954, about nine County Leaders attended the Winchester Judging School on April 1. They considered this an important meeting, and have asked for more similar training. Following the school, the leaders were prepared to give more effective service in preparing for and conducting the local fair, in making excellent exhibits, and in understanding the decisions of the judges.

They assisted in judging in a fair in a neighboring county.

Assistance will be given as requested by members of the Extension Staff in homes making housing improvements. Bulletins and other helpful written information will be made available to families.

Visits will be made to observe progress made during the progress of the result demonstrations, and upon the completion of the work. These visits provide an excellent means of presenting good practices and excellent planning to others.

3. The County project of assisting in providing wholesome means of recreation for young people would result in improving mental health and happiness of County people.

A committee of home demonstration women is at work making a survey of possibilities as to available buildings and facilities.

4. National Home Demonstration Week

Page County will entertain the District Home Demonstration Federation Meeting during the Spring of 1955. This event will provide members the opportunity to work as a unit in an educational undertaking. This undertaking should strengthen the county program as a whole. This will be the first opportunity to have a District Meeting in Page County.

Other events to be featured during home demonstration week will be newspaper features, probably radio work, and usually exhibits are made in central locations.

If possible, a new home demonstration club will be started during 1955. One group, not organized at present, will probably be organized before National Home Demonstration Week.

C. Other Activities

1. County Objectives.

The County Home Demonstration Club Objectives Committee met at the Autumn Planning Meeting. The following County Objectives were set up and adopted by the planning group.

1. All County Leaders Attend Training and County Meetings.
2. Be Responsible for Conducting 5 Meetings without the Agent.
3. Encourage all members to be regular and get 3 new club

Leaders were trained at the Fair Judging Standards School, April 1, 1954, Winchester, Virginia, and actual practice was secured at the Winchester Fair, September, 1954.

Other information will be secured, as available from Specialists, and at further judging schools, if available.

* B. Federation Goal (Health and Safety)

The Health and Safety Goal has been considered during several previous years. The goals committee consider this an important goal, and they feel that much good can be accomplished by stressing it again during 1955.

Procedures to follow in carrying out the Goal.

(a) A Health Committee, composed of Federation Goal Chairmen, County Officers, and Club Presidents will meet on January 21, 1955 to make detailed plans for Health and Safety Work in Page County during 1955.

The July regular home demonstration meetings will be devoted to the federation goal. Ways of conducting these meetings will be discussed at the January planning meeting.

Points to be stressed were set up at the Autumn Planning Meeting by the Federation Goal Committee. These points include:

1. County, as a whole, strive for a County Rest Room.
2. Stress mental health.
3. Be sure to use State Mobile Units.
4. Watch your waist line.
5. Have a physical check-up.

Suggested ways to carry out the above points include:

Children and parents enjoy entertaining friends at home when the lawn is well planned, clean and kept in good condition. Usually, the outside of the home reflects something of the care given inside the home.

Procedure to follow in carrying out the Home Grounds Work

On January 21, 1955, Mr. James Binns, from Waynesboro, Virginia, will train home demonstration club leaders for the Club Meetings of February, Constant Blooms in Flower Borders, and for September Meeting, Preparing Lawns and Shrubs for Winter. The leaders will present the February Meetings in order that the agent may have time available for Special Interest Meetings and other work.

Various clubs will have result demonstrations who will practice and show as demonstrations the work on Flower Borders and Preparing the Lawns for Winter.

3. Clothing Construction and Good Grooming

The objectives for improving family living in presenting the good grooming demonstrations were to help ladies to learn to become better groomed, by giving attention to grooming habits regularly, and to learn ~~teaching~~ ~~ways to style hair that would not be too difficult to keep attractive.~~ Another objective was to encourage women to study their reflections in the mirror, and if not satisfied with their general appearance, to do something about it in order to improve.

Another objective was to help secure poise and self assurance following improved grooming habits.

Procedure used in carrying out the Good Grooming Meetings

Leader training was given at a Special Interest Meeting in October, 1954 by a skilled cosmetologist from Woodrow Wilson Technical School, Fishersville, Virginia.

Leaders and agent cooperated in presenting the demonstrations at the December, 1954, Club Meetings. Interest was excellent, and the results have been satisfying.

Clothing Construction

The objectives planned for work along this line are to help interested women to know becoming lines, styles and colors to select, and becoming patterns, for use in making garments from well adjusted

Another objective is to help adjust patterns to fit various figures.

Cutting garments accurately will be stressed. Construction of garments to fit the individual will be practiced. Stress in making tailored finishes to avoid the "home-made" appearance in garments will be given careful consideration.

One outstanding need in the county is a suitable place for young people to have recreational facilities. A Committee of home demonstration women has met and will investigate possibilities for meeting this need.

II. A. Subject Matter Fields in Which Work Will be Carried

* 1. Foods and Nutrition

Objectives for improving family living

The foods and nutrition work will be for the purpose of helping families to have more adequate diets, nutritionally. Assistance will be supplied in producing foods, fertilization of gardens, good varieties of seeds to select, insect control, harvesting, storing, canning, freezing and preparing foods to have the highest possible quality and nutritional value. When well-balanced meals are served in an attractive manner, family living is improved. The health of the family is directly related to the kinds and amounts of foods eaten by family. When the family members have better health, the general happiness and contentment of the family increases. With better health, the economic status of the family is improved. Healthy, energetic family members can work better, plan better, and thus improve the production and management of the farm and home.

Procedure to be used in carrying out the Food and Nutrition Program

- (a) The production end of the food will be assisted by having Special Interest Garden and Insect Control Meetings in late February or early March, 1955. The leaders who attend these meetings will carry back information to the local clubs.
- (b) Agent and specialist will train leaders to present the demonstrations on Yeast Breads and Refrigerator Rolls for April Meetings, and New Ways With Eggs and Milk For June Home Demonstration Club Meetings.
- (c) Meal planning to meet the nutritional needs of each family member. Assistance will be given leaders in this field by agent and specialist.
- (d) Attention will be given to planning meals to maintain satisfactory body weight.
- (e) Planning excellent meals that are time saving will be considered, also.

* 2. Home Grounds

The work on home grounds will be in the February Meetings on Constant Blooms in Flower Borders, and September, Preparing Lawns and Shrubs for Winter. Family living will be improved when the home grounds are made more attractive. A family having attractive grounds is proud of the home; therefore, a happier and more contented family will result.

Page County
1955 Plan of Work

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1. The County Situation Considered in Working Out the 1955 Program.

The major portion of the farmers of Page County own their farms. The number of tenants is relatively low. This fact causes the families to take interest in keeping the buildings in good repair, and in maintaining soil fertility.

General farming is practiced. Small grains, such as wheat, oats, barley, corn are grown in addition to the large quantity of hay which is grown. The hay varieties include alfalfa, lespedeza, and mixed varieties. Many beef type cattle are grown and marketed. Some farms have dairy cows and produce milk for market.

The low prices now offered for poultry and poultry products will greatly reduce the income from these sources. Usually the largest source of income from a single enterprise is from poultry and poultry products. The Alma Poultry Processing Plant continues to operate with approximately 100 men and women employed regularly.

The 1950 Census indicates that there are 1141 farms and 1350 non-farm homes in Page County.

Several industrial plants supplement the income of numerous families. These include the tannery, Textile mills, garment factories, and lumber suppliers.

The tourist trade brings much income into Page County.

The farm families carry on a good live-at-home program. They are careful planners as to how they will earn and spend their income. The standard of living in the rural areas is excellent. Many homes, during the past five years, have had running water facilities added to their homes, and have built bathrooms and improved kitchens. The buildings are generally well painted, inside and out. The children are urged to remain in school, at least through high school. Many go to college, and take their places in professions. The girls frequently go into the nursing field. Many of the boys remain on the family farm, if the unit is large enough to support more than one family.

Page County has numerous churches, and the majority of the people go to church.

Page County

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○ Org. & Mixed N.O. Groups	8	10	11	13	13	14
* Unorg. & Mixed Groups	3	1	2	2	2	2
⊠ 4-N Clubs	6	7	8	10	11	11

