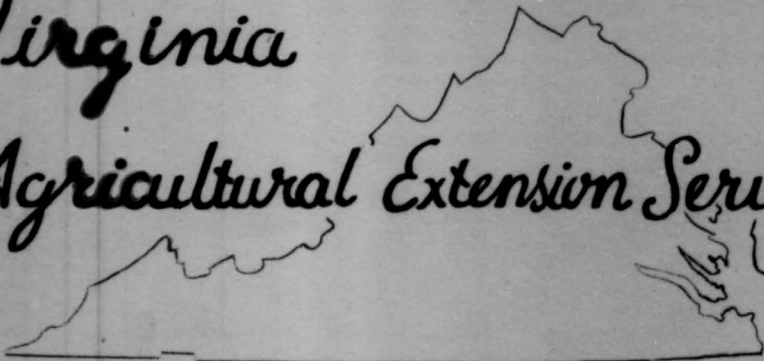


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22. The County situation as it affected the 1952 program

During 1952 the county, as was the case throughout the state, suffered its worse drought in years. This was a serious handicap in carrying out the home demonstration program. Tobacco, which is the number 1 crop in the county did not grow as it usually does but burned in the field. Many farmers thought it a total loss. However after the rains came the tobacco grew and instead of being housed in July it was housed in September and early October. Very few women attended club meetings during this season. The gardens dried up during the dry weather so there was not as much food canned or frozen for the winter months as heretofore.

More individuals were killed on the highways in Brunswick County in 1952 than ever before. This was one reason Safety was selected for the 1953 federation goal.

23. Contribution of the 1952 Program to Better Family Living

After checking on the individual club members reports of the accomplishments and hearing comments throughout the year it is felt that one of the greatest contributions derived from this program was still in foods and nutrition. One of the objectives of the home demonstration program is to teach women in a simple manner how to use to a better advantage what they already have - their incomes, their abilities and talents with their resources in order to live fuller and richer lives economically and socially. Any well fed family will have a greater desire to contribute to a richer community and family life if they are not irritable, lifeless and susceptible to diseases. Each club had food four months and 13 clubs had feeds for a club choice. Two hundred club members reported that by using the basic pie mix they had desserts more often

and good time by using it. One hundred forty-five members reported that they were helped by the demonstration on Trays for the Year. One of the long-time goals set up was better preparation of foods.

Recreation has been another contribution to better family living during the year. The youth in the county were entertained 40 times. These included picnics, Halloween parties, Easter Egg hunts and the like. Also one new club which organized in February, built a club house during the summer; other club houses were improved to give better facilities for recreation.

The women have been interested in handicraft this year. After a study of proper lighting in the home, it was decided to include making lamp shades in the 1952 program. This helps toward better family living in more than one way. A much better light is given for work or play and the club member has learned to make something. Handbags have been made and trays of all types have been made.

Emphasis has been put on neighborhood groups again in 1952 to the 4-H Program. These groups took up clothing and food. The club agent meets all clubs in school where it is difficult to do clothing construction and foods work. The clubs are divided in neighborhood groups where leaders work with the girls. Nine adults worked with these groups during the year.

4. Adult Work

a. Project Work

1. Subject Matter in Foods and Nutrition

When the program development leaders discussed program

~~Planning~~ at the meetings during the year foods was still the ~~main~~ ~~one~~ problem with many club members. In order for the family to be well fed it is necessary for the housewife to plan appetizing meals as well as nutritious ones. Foods has been emphasized in 1949, 1950, 1951 and 1952. They realize more from this, it seems, than some other topics. It will be continued in 1953.

The over-all food objective as stated in the plan of work is to teach the women to prepare better pies and pastries as many farm people need heavy desserts; to decorate cakes attractively to add to the family's enjoyment on special occasions; to make better and more attractive sandwiches to serve at all occasions; to plan more wholesome meals for the sick and to fix attractive trays for them.

The leaders were trained by the specialist in February to give the demonstrations in March and April on Pies and Pastries and Decorating Cakes. Two clubs were not present - leaders from three other clubs volunteered to give the demonstrations to these. Method demonstrations were given in each club. The home agent gave one method demonstration on pie making. The leaders gave thirty-three in two months. Two hundred and one learned to make pies more efficiently; two hundred used the basic pie mix. One hundred eighty-four learned to decorate a cake; 101 have decorated cakes since; 105 gave information to a non-club member.

Again in July the leaders were trained by the specialist to give the demonstration on sandwiches for all occasions and

trays for the sick. The leaders present volunteered to give the demonstration in some of the clubs that were not represented. The leaders gave 14 of the 17 demonstrations in August and 10 in September. These were method demonstrations. The agent gave the remaining demonstrations. One hundred-eighty women reported having been helped by the demonstration on Sandwich Making and 145 on Preparing Trays for the Sick.

Three club choice topics which could be selected were - Carving Poultry, New Uses of Canned Foods and Freezing Foods. The two leaders who gave the demonstrations on freezing foods were trained by the home agent. They gave method demonstrations. The leaders gave method demonstrations at fourteen clubs on Carving Poultry or New Uses of Canned Foods. Thirteen of these demonstrations were given in November. The other one reported 35 members were helped.

Freezing cooked foods was a special interest topic during the year. Miss Mattie Kessler, home economist of the Southside Electric Corp., Cross, Virginia gave the demonstration which was a method demonstration. The objective was to teach the proper techniques in cooking the food to be frozen and packaging it in order to have a desirable product when used. Fifty-five women reported they learned more about freezing cooked foods and have cooked some 129 times. They have taught 30 other women to freeze cooked foods and these 30 have frozen cooked foods numbers of times.

Freezing raw foods was a club choice topic in three clubs in June. The home agent trained the leaders to give the demonstration in two clubs - the home agent gave the demonstration

in the other club. All of these were method demonstrations. The objective was to teach the women the type of foods best suited to freeze; the materials to use and technique in preparation. Seventy-three members learned to freeze foods and they in turn taught 35 more.

There is always interest in freezing foods as the farm people are realizing the need of a home freezer. It is thought of in the better farm homes as much standard equipment as the cook stove.

There will be two special interest meetings in 1953 on freezing foods.

3. Subject Matter in Clothing

Clothing was the topic for two months early in the year. The objective for better family living was to teach women to save on the care of the family's clothing by doing a more efficient job of removing stains, dry cleaning and pressing at home; by doing this at home the family's clothing will be better care often which will give them a better feeling of security socially.

The agent gave method demonstrations in all clubs on the removal of stains. One hundred eighty two women used the information received during the year.

The home agent trained the leaders to give the demonstrations on dry cleaning and pressing. These also were method demonstrations. The leaders gave the demonstrations in all 16 of the clubs on this topic. One hundred ninety club members reported having used this information and dry

cleaned clothing ~~services~~. Eighty-two other women were shown how to dry clean and press by the club members.

A tailoring school was held in March at which time eight club members made children's clothing, suits or coats. All the steps were method demonstrations.

The objective of the tailoring school was to teach women who sew to make more expensive articles of clothing more attractive so that they do not have that home made look. These women taught five other women to tailor an article. Twenty-seven articles have been made in all.

Twenty-three women have requested a tailoring school in 1953, and 27 requested a better dress clinic in 1953 as a result of the tailoring school in 1952.

3. Subject Matter in House Furnishing

The topic in October and November, 1951 was Furniture Arrangement and Selecting Lamps & Shades. The results were unknown at the time the club members reported their accomplishments.

The objective ~~is~~ stated prior to those demonstrations was to teach women to arrange the furniture in the living room to meet the ~~needs~~ needs of the family according to their work, ~~selection of hobbies~~ selection of hobbies, and to teach members to select lamps ~~of those that will permit adequate light and yet harmonize with the room.~~ of those that will permit adequate light and yet harmonize with the room.

The leaders for these two topics were trained by the specialist. The leaders who did not attend the training meeting were trained by the home agent. The leaders gave all the demonstrations which were method demonstrations.

One hundred forty-two members arranged their living rooms to better suit the needs of their family after seeing the demonstration. One hundred eighty-two learned to place the lamp in order to get more light from the lamp.

As a result of a study of adequate lights late in 1951 the members wanted to make lamp shades in 1952.

The objective for better family living in making lamp shades was to teach women to make desirable lamp shades that will be attractive, give more light and last longer.

The home agent attended an agents' work shop and then trained the leaders to give the demonstrations and to assist the women in making lamp shades. These were all method demonstrations. Leaders from thirteen clubs were trained and took care of their own meetings. The home agent gave the demonstrations in the other clubs. These demonstrations were in July. Due to working on the plastic being an unpleasant task in hot weather the clubs are now making their shades in special meetings. However 110 lamp shades have been made. Seventy men-club members have been helped by club members with their house furnishing problems this year. A club studies topic in four clubs was choosing china and crystals.

The objective was to teach the women the differences in the types of china and crystal to select these and the silver together so that they can advise other members of their families the need for harmony in table setting.

These demonstrations were all given by a local jeweler

who has made a study of the subject.

Sixty-nine reported they had a clearer understanding of the selection of these items. Six non-club members were helped by the club members.

Special interest meetings were held on refinishing furniture and re-seating chairs.

The objective was to teach women to salvage old furniture by refinishing and reseating the chairs to make them useful and to have beautiful things in the finished product.

Two all day meetings were held on refinishing furniture at which time 27 women learned to refinish articles. Thirty-eight articles have been refinished since that time and 9 non-club members were taught by club members to refinish furniture.

One all day meeting to re-seat chairs was held, at which time 14 women reseated chairs with fibre and cane. These women have reseated 24 chairs and have taught 5 non-club members to re-seat chairs.

h. Subject Matter In Housing

A club choice for the year was pest control. The objective was to learn the control of all kinds of pests especially household in order to have more sanitary & comfortable place to live.

The specialist trained the leaders to give the demonstration. Four clubs had selected this topic but since a specialist was coming to train the leaders, all clubs were

to have a representative at the meeting. Twelve clubs were represented. All twelve took this up at a club meeting during the summer.

All demonstrations were lecture, method and literature on the control of various pests were given out.

One hundred twenty-three women learned to control household pests and 108 non-club members were helped by club members on this subject.

5. Subject Matter in Rural Arts

Women in surrounding counties had etched trays so the interest spread into this county.

The topic in October was Etching Trays. The specialist taught the home agent and she in turn held a leaders training meeting on Etching Trays, both aluminum and copper.

The objective of Etching trays was to teach the women how to make articles that were attractive in design and useful.

The demonstrations were all method demonstrations with the women following immediately in making one.

One hundred trays have been made so far with many more to be made in 1952.

B. Other Activities

1. An Outstanding Family

Mrs. B. M. Samford and her daughter have done some outstanding work in their family. Mr. Samford is a farmer and also has a regular job with the highway department. Mrs. Samford is a leader in her community in all activities.

She is very active in the P. T. A. and the church. In spite of her health being bad she has kept her chin up and has never said "No" when called on for anything. She is president of the home demonstration club and if a leader in her club does not have a way to attend a leaders meeting she takes her or if she cannot attend she herself attends and then gives the demonstration. In the 5 1/2 years the home agent has known her she has never missed a meeting with the exception of the times she was in the hospital. Betty Martha, her youngest daughter, is an active club member although she is only 12 years of age. She has represented her club the past two years in the county contest on Food Preparation, each time doing a grand job. Her Mother has encouraged her to do the best she can in whatever she undertakes. Mrs. Samford sees to it that Betty Martha is at all special h-h Activities, also her niece, Anne Samford, who has done outstanding h-h work. Mrs. Samford's son is a graduate of V. P. I. Blacksburg, Virginia and her oldest daughter married an assistant county agent.

2. An Outstanding Club

The Ebony Home Demonstration Club received the trophy in 1952 for being the most outstanding club in the county. The trophy is a silver cup which was given to the county by the Farmers & Merchants Bank, Lawrenceville, Virginia.

The Ebony Club had 10 meetings with as many as 75%

members present; they enrolled one new member; had one active 4-H club leader; did an outstanding community improvement project at the cemetery; entertained the youth of the community 6 times during the year; leaders attended all training meetings; leaders gave demonstration on all meetings and at 2 meetings in another club; had representative at both home demonstration committee meetings; 1/2 club members attended the district federation meeting of Home Demonstration Clubs; 75% members read at least 3 books from the recommended library list; had a representative at the Institute of Rural Affairs; 2/3 members were present at the county federation meeting and every member had her individual achievement report in on time.

3. Community Improvement Work

There are no organized groups in the county to do Community Improvement Work. However some of the home demonstration clubs wanted to improve their communities. The Ebony Club chose the church cemetery. They leveled the ground and seeded it. The church ground was improved like never before. The Cochran Club had the lawn graded and seeded at their Community Center, a driveway built, a new floor put in building, plaster patched and painted inside; The Egerton, Clifton, Southside and Woodsdale Clubs cleaned the community ground, put out shrubbery and pruned shrubbery. The Delphia and Brunswick Clubs graded the lawns of their community buildings and plan to put out shrubbery very soon.

h. Federation Goal Activities - Library

Library was selected as the federation goal for the first time this year.

The points selected to be stressed were: to encourage patronage of the county book mobile, sponsor publicity in news papers; read 5 books from the recommended list and to share books and magazines.

A county chairman was appointed and a club chairman in each club. These urged the women to patronize the book mobile as it was a free service. One hundred and five patronized it. Often times these chairmen would go to the book mobile to get books for all members interested in reading. They also passed the books around during the months so that others would have the opportunity to read. Due to a situation beyond our control it was impossible to sponsor the publicity in the newspaper since there is only one paper in the county. One hundred four members read as many as five books from the recommended list and received reading certificates. One member read 40. One hundred forty one members shared their books and magazines with others. As a part of the federation goal, which was not a point to be stressed, each chairman was asked to give a book review on Family Relations. It was the first book review each had given and each did a wonderful job.

Citizenship was the federation goal for 1951. As a carry over from this 55 women registered in 1952 to vote. One hundred and seven urged non-club members to vote.

5. County Objectives

The objectives as set up for 1952 were - (1) Each club to take another clean-up project in community and have a majority of members participating. Eight clubs of the 16 cleaned up the cemetery or community house grounds as discussed under community improvement work. (2) To secure h-H project leaders as needed who will help with specific project as instructed. Ten clubs appointed as many as one h-H leader. These leaders helped with the neighborhood group instructions. (3) Make a list of possible new members and plan how to interest them in club work. Clubs were asked to plan one meeting early in the year and invite all non-club members in the community to attend. They were to go by and take them to the meeting. Half the clubs did this and as a result many new members joined the club during the year. (4) Have executive meeting before November to plan year's work for club. The purpose of this was to have a clear cut plan to work for during the year. Each club did this and reported favorable results. This objective was carried into 1953.

6. Result demonstrations

There were 5 result demonstrations in the county, two on kitchen improvement; one on remodeling and two yard improvement. Meetings were held at all of these late in 1951 except on the remodeling. A meeting is planned there in the spring of 1953, when the kitchen will be finished. The reason for picking these was that the kitchens were planned very

carefully and all plans carried out. The specialist planned the yards of the two demonstrators and it takes sometime to set up the plan as suggested. One other yard is being added in 1953.

7. District Federation Meeting

The district federation meeting was held at Dinwiddie High School, Dinwiddie County. Ninety-five club members representing thirteen clubs were present. Someone from each club present gave a report of the meeting. Mrs. J. H. Seymour, Brodnax Club, made a report of this meeting at the county federation meeting.

8. Institute of Rural Affairs

Seventeen Home Demonstration club members representing 10 clubs attended the Institute of Rural Affairs held at V. P. I., Blacksburg, Va. This was the largest number ever to attend from Brunswick County. One aim was for each club to have at least one person to attend this meeting. It is a goal for 1953.

9. County Federation Meeting

The aim of this meeting is for the clubs to hear what others are doing so that they can go back and do more in their own club. Mrs. W. S. Dickinson, State President of the Federation, was the guest speaker for the event. A panel discussion was led by Mrs. E. L. Edwards, County Chairman and Mrs. M. Fulford, a prospective member. A representative from each club discussed one activity taken part in during the year. Reading certificates were presented to 104 club members. They had read as many as 5 books from the recommended list. One hundred sixty members attended.

10. National Home Demonstration Week

Home Demonstration Week was observed successfully in Brunswick County. An exhibit of articles made or refinished at special interest meetings were on display at a local store. The exhibit included a lady's suit, a child's suit, a refinished and re-caned chair, a lamp and a shade, a refinished table, a stool, and an etched tray. Mrs. T. E. Blick, Edgerton Club president, wrote a news article on "What H. D. Work Means to me". She also was on the radio. Mrs. O. A. Cumbia, a result demonstrator, wrote an article on Kitchen Improvements. Ninety-five women attended the district Federation meeting and 75 attended a home and garden tour. The pastors of the various county churches recognized the work of the Home Demonstration Clubs in their services during the month.

4-H Club Work

A. Project Work

1. Subject Matter in Foods and Nutrition

At the 4-H program planning meeting the leaders and 4-H members present selected Food For Pep as the project to study in the 4-H clubs that met in school in 1952.

The objective as stated in the plan of work for improving family living was to teach the girls who have the Food for Pep project to eat foods that are needed by the body and why they should eat them; to set the table correctly and to wash dishes as their contribution to the family; to teach the girls who have breads and Meal Planning to prepare simple foods and to plan adequate meals; to measure ingredients accurately and to serve meals attractively to the family.

The home agent gave method demonstrations as much as was possible in the teaching of this project and illustrated demonstrations at other times. Two hundred twenty-four girls kept a record of the meals they ate for a week in the fall, winter and spring. Milk was pasteurized 526 times, 1548 milk drinks were made; dishes were washed according to directions 11,452 times, school lunches were prepared 5,138 times; the table was set 6,823 times, 233 girls learned to eat 616 new foods, 9,179 quarts of milk was consumed by these girls; 166 girls learned the Basic Seven Food Groups. In addition a large number of girls learned to eat breakfast who had been in the habit of going to school without it.

Five neighborhood groups chose Breads and Meal Planning, Preparation and Service for their project. Each of these groups had an adult leader who was a member of a home demonstration club.

The objective was to teach the girls who have selected breads and Meal Planning, Preparation & Service to prepare simple foods and to plan adequate meals, to measure ingredients accurately and to serve the meal attractively.

All five of these leaders attended a leader training meeting which was given by the agent. These leaders had a clearer understanding of the projects they were teaching.

Thirty-five girls chose Breads, 13 completed. Eight girls gave demonstrations at club meetings. Biscuits were made 624 times, corn bread 131 times, muffins 88 times, griddle cake 27, waffles 40, yeast rolls 40, loaf bread 15 and Sally Lun 8.

Nineteen girls chose Meal Planning, Preparation and Service for their project; Fourteen completed the requirements. Ten girls gave demonstrations in this project at their group meetings. The girls planned dinner 539 times, planned their school lunch 131 times; helped plan and served a club meal 18; set the table 2307; made cake 77 times; cookies 152 times; milk dish 101 times; salad 98 times; cooked vegetables 215 times; served club refreshments 33 times; took food to club meetings to be judged 20 times.

The girls doing the best work in each group were eligible to enter the county contests. Betty Martha Sanford was selected the winner in Food Preparation and Patricia Kleis in the bread contest. They will attend the district contest but are not eligible to enter due to their ages.

2. Subject Matter in Clothing

Three neighborhood groups selected So You's Like to Sew as their project to work on out of school. Home Demonstration club members served as project leaders. There is no accurate record as these leaders often times did not make a written report to the home agent of the meetings and accomplishments.

The objective for improving family living as stated in the plan of work was to teach girls who took So You's Like To Sew for their projects simple techniques by making articles that do not require commercial patterns; to teach the girls who have Make & Remake Clothing to plan the wardrobe according to what they already have and their needs, to adjust patterns,

to use patterns and some construction techniques.

The leaders used method demonstrations as their procedure with, of course, the girls carrying out the sewing technique shown.

Eighteen girls chose So You's Like to Sew. Seven completed the project. These girls made one headscarf; 6 needle cases; 4 kitchen towels; 2 guest towels; 7 aprons; 3 laundry bags, 6 stuffed toys; 7 wrist pin cushions; 1 tray cloth; 3 broomstick skirts; 12 handkerchiefs and 1 simple blouse.

Fourteen girls enrolled in the Make or Remake Clothing project and three girls completed. Fourteen new garments were made; three garments were made for others; 10 garments were remodeled for 4-H club member; 2 were remodeled for others; 5 garments were dyed for a club member. Four girls had their own complete sewing kit. Mary Carter Baird had the best record and will represent the county in the Clothing Achievement Contest at the district contests.

Six girls chose Looking Your Best for their out-of-school project. The objective of this was to teach the girls the importance of being well-groomed and how this could be achieved through daily or periodic practices. The girls had had the demonstrations the previous year in the clubs which met in school, they wanted to continue the project another year.

Five of the six girls met all the requirements. Three improved the appearance of their hands, hair, skin and teeth; two improved their posture. Two provided shoe shine kits, dry cleaned unwashables; cared for the hosiery; three made quick repairs; stored clothing properly, pressed woollens; replaced

hems; and hung up clothing when removed. All six of the girls washed their sweaters. Betty Jean Taylor will represent the county in this contest. Her records will be judged for the state winner.

3. Subject Matter in Food Preservation

There were no project group instructions for food preservation as the girls taking this project were scattered over the county.

The objective of the food preservation project was for the girls to learn to plan the amount of food needed for the family and to can or freeze this amount properly.

There were ten girls taking food preservation-either canning or freezing the past year. The requirements were to can or freeze at least 20 containers of food alone; help can or freeze 30 containers of food; help plan the amount of tomatoes needed for the family and keep a record of all canning or freezing done.

Five girls met the minimum requirements. They canned 31 jars alone; and helped can 230 jars; they prepared 76 packages for freezing alone; and helped prepare 78; 5 helped to make a plan of food needed; others said they just froze and canned all surplus food.

Mary Moody had the best records on freezing foods and Elsie Buckner on Canning. They will represent Brunswick County in the district contests.

4. Subject Matter in Home Improvement

There were no project group instructions for home improvement as these girls were scattered also. However they

wanted the project as it was a part of their household duties.

The objective of the home improvement project was for ~~these~~ girls to learn to care for their rooms in an easier and ~~more~~ efficient manner as their contribution to a happier family life.

There were 20 girls taking Care and Arrangement unit of home improvement. The requirements were to make a bed each day, do weekly cleaning of room, arrange furniture, plan the improvements to be made in the room and arrange accessories.

Five girls met the minimum requirements. Ten made their bed regularly; 10 cleaned their room regularly; 6 re-arranged the furniture; 2 bought sheets according to specifications; 7 made dustless dust cloths; 7 made dresser scarves; 3 put screw eye in broom; 5 made cleaning kit; 5 put partitions or boxes in top drawer.

Patsy Browder will represent Brunswick County in the district contest in home improvement.

B. Other

1. Club Programs.

The H-H Clubs meet in the Schools. The part of the meeting is a joint one with both boys and girls. The vice president serves as program chairman. During the past year the clubs took up Safety. Each month a different phase was studied - safety in the home, on the farm, at school, on the street and in play. These programs were helpful to club members as it gave them a clearer understanding of what a boy or girl can do to prevent simple accidents.

2. Contests

Each girl when beginning her project for the year has entered the contest in that subject. The girl doing the best work in her neighborhood group was selected to represent her club in the county contests which were held in November. The girls taking food preparation and bread projects were asked to prepare and give a demonstration in this line. A home agent in an adjoining county served as judge. The attendance was not what was expected due to a district meeting the girls attended and the home agent was not informed about. The winners will attend the district contest but will not compete due to the age requirement.

3. Camps

The boys and girls in Brunswick County attend their district camp, Camp Farrar, which is located at Virginia Beach, Virginia. Only girls who have been active in club work and have completed their projects are eligible to attend camp. The privilege of attending camp is a reward for having been a good club member. Thirty-one girls attended camp in 1952.

4. Short Course

A 4-H Short Course is held each year at V. P. I., Blacksburg, Va. for club members who are 14 years old and who have completed at least 3 years club work. Only club members who have their club project work up to date, have taken an active part in club work during the year and show an interest in the activities are eligible to attend from Brunswick County. The

privilege to attend the Short Course from this county is a request for having been an outstanding club member. Five girls attended, one of them was taken into the All-Star Organization.

5. 4-H Club Week

National 4-H Club Week was observed the 1st. of March. The objectives of 4-H Week were to acquaint parents and others interested in the work with what 4-H members have achieved and to give recognition to outstanding leaders and members.

A special program on different phases of 4-H work was given by the Home Club. The program was planned and prepared by the club. They also put up an exhibit on the project work in the Home Club, giving the projects taken by both boys and girls during the year.

6. Achievement Day.

Achievement Day is being planned for December 5, 1952.

VII. Young Men and Young Women's Work

There is no organized group of young women in the county. However the home demonstration clubs chose as an objective to plan a meeting that would interest the young people especially. They gave invitations to all young women in the community who were not in the club to come to the meeting. Approximately 15 joined at the time and one club organized with just young women. There are about 69 of these women in the home demonstration clubs in the county.

VIII. Scope of Work

	1949	1950	1951	1952
No. H. D. Clubs or Groups	15	16	15	17
Membership	338	360	338	367
No. 4-H Clubs	12	13	13	13
Membership	235	262	273	233
No. 4-H Groups	0	0	0	0
Membership	0	0	0	0
No. of other families reached	1373	1766	1775	1000
No. of different families reached	1711	1800	1800	1083
No. community clubs	0	0	0	0
Membership	0	0	0	0

IX. Brief Statements as to how the following organizations functioned in the 1952 program:

A. County Board of Agriculture

The County Board of Agriculture is set up in Brunswick County on a committee basis. There is a president, vice president, and secretary of the board. These are elected officers. The committees which were set up three years ago are youth, home improvement, dairy, livestock and crops. The first two are composed of both men and women. The home agent works with the first two. The objective in setting up the board of agriculture in this manner is to have a better working organization and program.

The long-time goals as set up by the committees that the home agent works with are youth; each club have an adult leader; all 4-H clubs be organized into community clubs as soon as adequate extension help is available in the county; all parents be encouraged to cooperate with 4-H work; an Achievement Day be held each fall; and secure enough land to build a recreation center for rural people. Home improvement; to set up yard improvement demonstrations throughout the county increasing the number of demonstrations each year.

Some accomplishments have been realized in goals of both of these committees. The h-H Clubs do not have active leaders but the clubs are broken down into neighborhood groups with 13 active project leaders. An Achievement Day is being held in December. Additional yard improvements demonstrations have been added - also kitchen improvement demonstrations. Others are being added for 1953.

3. County Home Demonstration Committee

The home demonstration committee is composed of the presidents and program development leaders of each of the 17 clubs in the county. This committee's duties are similar to an executive committee. The objective of the home demonstration committee was to plan the program for the year as suggested by individual clubs, plan goals and activities of the clubs on a county basis and any other activity that interests a majority of the clubs.

The committee met twice during the year. The spring meeting was a business meeting at which time the officers were elected for two years, delegates were elected to the Institute of Rural Affairs, plans made for the district demonstration meeting, plans made for the fall county federation and the observance of National Home Demonstration Week. The program for 1953 was discussed.

The fall meeting was the more important of the two. The program for 1953 was planned month by month which meets the needs of the majority of the people. Goals and

objectives were set up for the new year. They are as follows: Each club member to read at least 5 books from the recommended list; secure h-H project leaders as needed who will help with specific project as instructed; have executive meeting before November to plan year's work for club and each club was to select one objective to work on. The goals as set up were: to work toward elimination of hazards in the homes; ask highway patrolman to hold county wide meetings on safe driving and to encourage h-H and other youth groups in the study of farm and home safety.

The club representative at this meeting was asked to carry this information to their respective clubs, appoint or elect responsible leaders to carry out the program and goals as set-up.

C. County h-H Project Planning Committee

The project planning committee met for its second year in May. The objective of this committee was to plan the year's activities of the h-H clubs, select the projects to be taken in school and a desirable program. Twenty-five leaders and members were present. Various projects that could be taken had been discussed at the regular h-H Club meeting that week. Each club had voted individually on what they wanted on the program for the year. The committee selected two items - Pep It Up. The topics selected to be studied were: the attractive bedroom; arranging furniture; what to do in caring for room; how to make a bed; choosing

pictures and choosing flower containers and flower arrangements. The joint program topic selected was Know Your County Officials.

D. County 4-H Council

The officers of all 13 4-H Clubs make up the County Council. The Council met in November to set up the goals and to train the officers for 1953. The goals for the year as set up were: (1) To have 80% completion of projects (2) to encourage more members to attend district camp (3) to give a picnic to a club having the most completed records in the year.

E. 4-H Honor Club

The Honor Club was organized in December, 1950. Club members are those fourteen years old and had satisfactorily completed three years work were taken in provided they were present. Fourteen girls were taken in. The club meets quarterly. The objective of the Honor Club is to stimulate more interest among older boys and girls and to create a desire to stay in club work throughout high school. At the conclusion of the Achievement Program new members were taken in. There are 15 girls in the Honor Club. The club the past year took as one of their projects to have charge of the National 4-H Week program in Spanish County. This was highly successful.

F. Acknowledgments

1. Contributions of the volunteer leaders to the extension program.

2. Organizational

The officers - president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are considered organizational leaders in both the Home Demonstration Clubs and 4-H Clubs. In order for a club to function smoothly it is necessary for the officers to understand and to execute their duties in an efficient manner. When the officers preside efficiently it reflects in the club, the attendance, and the club's activities and accomplishments. All officers are elected for a two year term. The president instructed all leaders and chairmen as to their duties when appointed. They have seen to it that the leaders attend their training meeting and give their suggestions. The club's success depends on the leadership ability and interest of the president.

The secretaries keep accurate records of the meetings. In order for a club to succeed it is necessary to have a secretary who attends regularly and keep the minutes.

The officers of the 4-H Clubs preside very efficiently for youth. They make arrangements for the meetings, make plans when necessary, announce the meetings in advance, prepare programs and anything else to make a better 4-H Club.

Some home demonstration clubs chose for their December meeting Parliamentary procedure. They felt that all members needed to know something about how a meeting should be carried out rather than just the officers. In this way

These orderly meetings could be held.

The 4-H officers were trained at the County Council meeting in November.

2. Program Development

The program development leaders are understanding better their duties. The purpose of the program development leaders is to keep up with the club's needs in relation to program planning the coming year. One training meeting was held during the year, the home agent training the leaders. The program development leaders then went back to their respective clubs and discussed their needs and interpreted these needs into program requests. They attended the program planning meeting in the fall at which time the program for 1953 was made.

3. Subject Matter

Subject matter leaders have been very valuable to the county home demonstration program in 1952. The Home Agent trained the leaders in January to give the demonstration in February. These leaders gave all 16 of the demonstrations. The food specialist trained the leaders to give the March and April demonstrations. The leaders gave 15 of the 16 demonstrations in March and all 16 in April. The home agent trained the leaders to give the demonstrations on Making Handbags and Making Lamp Shades. The Extension Entomologist trained the leaders on the Control of Household Pest. These were the topics for the next three months except where some substitutions were made. The leaders gave 22 demonstrations and assisted club members in making handbags and lamp shades. Twelve leaders

discussed the control of household pests at their clubs. The food specialist trained the leaders again for the August and September demonstrations. The leaders gave 24 demonstrations these two months. This was in the tobacco curing season so all the leaders were not able to attend the meetings. The agent trained four leaders to give the October demonstrations. The women were still working in tobacco. Two of these leaders gave the demonstrations and assisted the women in making stiches trays. The home agent gave the rest. In November the clubs had their choice. Fifteen clubs took care of their own demonstrations. In all the Federation Goal leaders had charge of 16 meetings; the food leaders gave 76 demonstrations; clothing leaders 17 and handicraft 30.

The agent attended some of the meetings when the leaders gave the demonstrations or lead the discussions. At other times the home agent was holding special interest meetings, doing I-H work; attending a work shop or home visiting. By the leaders doing the work they did during the year the extension program reached many more people in the county and the home agent feels that the program was strengthened considerably. The leaders in the Ebony home demonstration club gave the demonstrations at 11 meetings of their club and 2 demonstrations in a nearby club when the leaders could not attend the training meetings.

Four-H leadership was not as good as it was the previous year. This is attributed to the fact this is a tobacco county and it was one of the worst years for farming in years. The women really meant to work with the 4-H neighborhood groups but they found they did not have time to meet more than once or twice. However 5 adult project leaders did a remarkable job with their groups. They started earlier in the year. A training meeting was held for the leaders and 6 attended. A training meeting is being planned for early in December to train the leaders for 1953. Each home demonstration club tries to secure adult 4-H project leaders as needed in their community.

B. Growth of leadership by Project Leaders Over the 4 year period in Adult and Junior Work.

<u>Growth of H. D. Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
<u>No. project leaders (subject matter)</u>	72	64	99	96
<u>No. goal chairmen</u>	15	16	15	16
<u>No. training meetings held by Specialist</u>	6	1	1	3
<u>by Agent</u>	7	9	5	6
<u>Attendance at all training meetings</u>	143	52	30	134
<u>No. club meetings held by leaders without agent present</u>	60	82	94	123
<u>No. additional club meetings at which leaders assisted</u>	65	35	22	15

<u>Growth of 4-H Club Project Leadership</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1952</u>
<u>No. adult project leaders</u>	6	11	14	17
<u>No. junior project leaders</u>	8	10	10	14
<u>No. training meetings held by Specialist</u>			1	
<u>By Agent</u>	2	0	5	1
<u>Attendance at leader training meetings</u>	2	0	3	6
<u>No. 4-H leaders trained individually</u>	2	11	5	10
<u>No. club meetings held by leader without agent present</u>	7	3	63	14*
<u>No. of additional club meetings at which leaders assisted</u>	30	13	16	16
<u>No. demonstrations given by leaders by adults</u>	2	18	63	14
<u>by Juniors</u>	5	2	4	

* Leaders gave many more demonstrations than this but failed to report to home agent.

C. Activities of an outstanding leader and her accomplishments

It cannot be said that anyone project leader in either 4-H or home demonstration work has been more outstanding in 1952 than any other.

Miss Ethel Laird has met the 4-H girls in her neighborhood every month except two for the past year. The girls took Meal Planning, Preparation and Service. Miss Laird had the girls to come to her home for the meetings after school. The order of demonstrations was followed as set up by the planning committee. Miss Laird gave the demonstrations. At the next meeting a 4-H member would repeat the

demonstrations. At the conclusion of the project the girls planned, cooked and served a meal to their Mothers. Patricia Kleis was selected the winner and represented the group in the county contests. Miss Laird attended the training meeting held for the leaders, the Achievement program, the program planning meeting, the 4-H contests and the county council meeting. The 4-H program could be outstanding if there were more leaders in the county like Miss Laird. This is her second year as leader after being out for about four years.

Mrs. Emory Baird and Mrs. Wilson Kidd, foods leaders in the Ebony Home Demonstration Club, gave a total of 7 demonstrations during the year. They gave 5 in their own club and volunteered to go to a neighboring club when the leaders of that club were unable to attend the training meeting. The home agent saw 2 demonstrations given by these women and both were very efficiently done.

II. Work in Cooperation With Other Agencies

A. Health Department

The home demonstration clubs and agent cooperate with the health department in all the educational programs of tuberculosis, cancer, polio and any other disease whenever called on.

B. Welfare Department

The home demonstration agent cooperates with the Welfare Department whenever called on.

C. Soil Conservation Service

The home demonstration agent has called on the Soil Conservation Service to help plan locations of homes and to plan church grounds where terracing was needed.

El. Significance of Year's Work

A. Home Demonstration

The principle objective of the home demonstration work is to teach urban and rural women in a simple manner how their standards of living can be improved by using to a better advantage what they already have, their incomes, their abilities and their talents together with their farm resources.

The home demonstration program has contributed towards better home-making, better rural living, and improved people-both adult and youth-during the past year. Of course some improvements are only slightly noticeable but will show up over a period of years, other improvements are more noticeable.

One of the most noticeable is the community improvement projects which were started last year and carried over into this year. The home demonstration clubs made drastic improvements on four church and cemetery grounds. This included terracing, seeding, improving driveway, and setting out shrubbery. Then these churches saw what had been done and had the building painted, floors sanded and class rooms added. To have a nice looking church ground and building is an asset to any community. Two community houses were built and the clubs

fixed the lawns, one abandoned church was purchased and an attractive community house has been made out of it by the club. The lawn was graded and seeded, a driveway built, new flooring and paint inside.

Foods has been an outstanding topic for three years. Too much emphasis cannot be put on this as farm people usually eat what they have at home. To learn to plan better meals is essential in better rural living. To be well fed rural people will be better homemakers and will contribute to an improved community. If they suffer from malnutrition it will reflect in their attitudes and activities.

In the clothing program the past year, the club members learned to care for their clothing and the family's clothing. By doing this members of these families will have a neater appearance and a feeling of greater security.

The leadership training they received carries over into all other organizations which makes for a stronger community.

B. 4-H Work

An objective of 4-H work is to teach girls to do in an easier way those duties they are called on as their share of the family work. All girls took Food For Pep. These girls learned the basic seven food groups and what each group meant to the body. They learned to eat foods they had refused, to eat breakfast regularly, to set the table, to wash the dishes and to measure accurately when preparing food. All of these meant something to the home life of each girl taking the

project as it carried over to the other members of the family. Many girls chose food preparation. This was a definite contribution as the Mothers of these girls either worked or were elsewhere and the girls had the sole responsibility of feeding the family. They learned to plan and prepare wholesome meals which gave the members of the family better health, more vim, vigor and vitality.

They have learned to cooperate and to work together in small groups. In some instances this has proved very valuable.

The girls who are outstanding in h-H work will be the leaders in their community tomorrow. By making a contribution to a happier family life they are contributing to a better rural living and an improved people as these practices are usually firmly imbedded.