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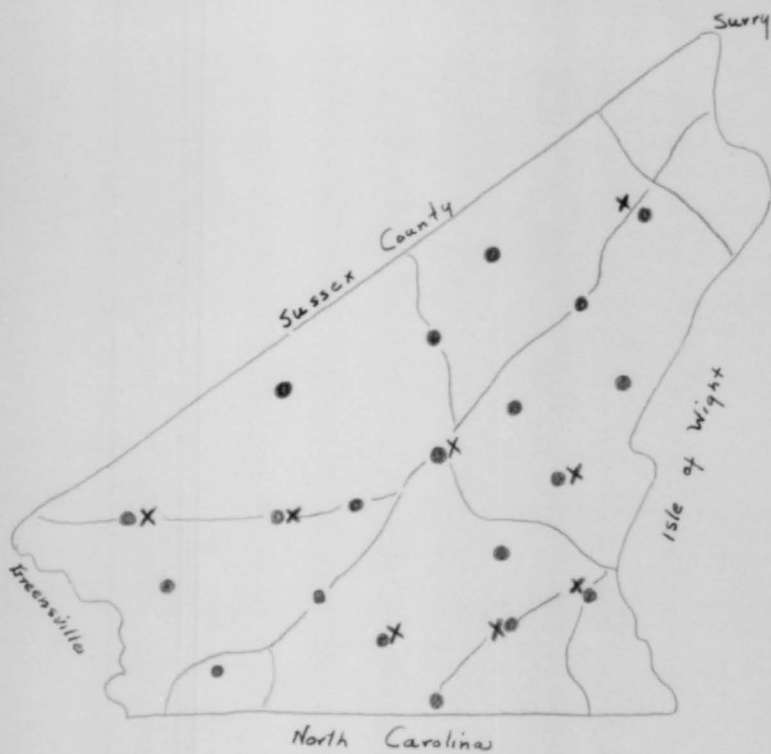
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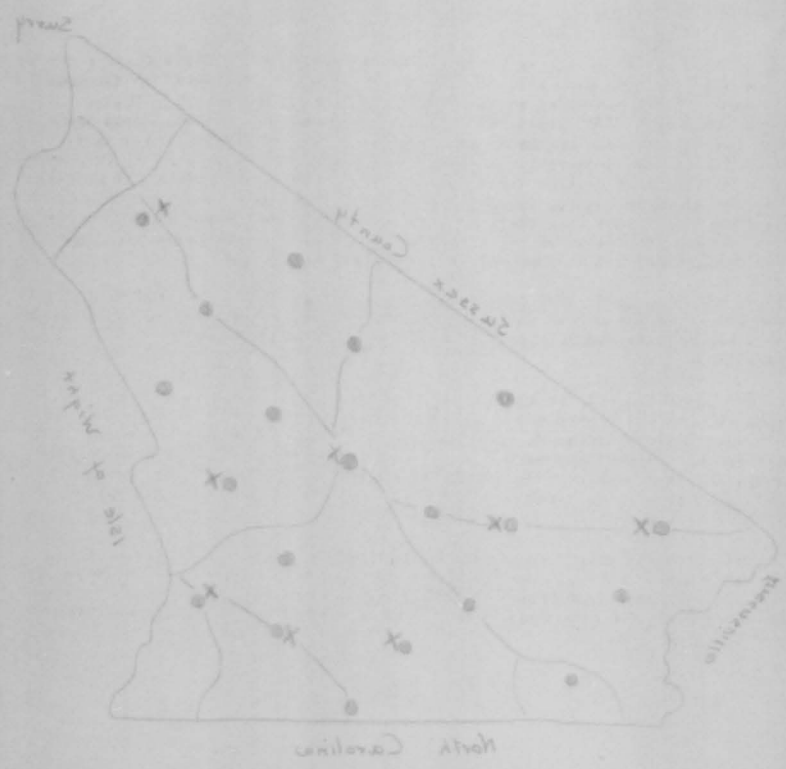
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In addition to the work carried through our regular HDC and 4H programs the agent has attempted to see that at least 2 newspaper articles were written each month for the county paper. This paper has a circulation of 2,500 subscribers.

Not only this but the agent has worked with other agencies such as the health and welfare departments, public schools, woman's clubs, church organizations, and cooperatives in promoting and carrying out programs affecting the policies, development and welfare of our county. Such activities have widened the scope of the work, and in turn given a greater opportunity for service. The agent believes that at least 150-200 other individuals have been reached in this manner.

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Prior to the regular planning meeting the executive committee went over the requests, tabulated ideas, suggestions etc., planned several tentative programs based on these requests, and then determined how the material would be presented at the county meeting.

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Now let's go back and see why each of the above was included in the program. The women in including housing in their program stated that they were dissatisfied with many things in their home, particularly inconvenient kitchens, inadequate storage, unsatisfactory storage, lack of water in homes, houses hard to heat in winter, hot in summer, homes in need of repairs because such had been neglected in the war years, and homes needed additions or subtractions to adjust them to present day family living.

Home Furnishings and surroundings was given a prominent place on the program for almost without exception every woman said, "I want my home to be more attractive and liveable than it is." "We need new furnishings such as curtains, drapes, slip covers, rugs, bedspreads, etc., and I would like to learn how to make them or what to purchase when I am able to buy."

Production and conservation of food are still basic needs with our people. Any sound program for farm people, of a necessity, had to give emphasis to the production and conservation of food for home consumption as well as furnishing extra to increase the natural food supply. Our women were interested in the reports of owners of lockers, they asked for more information on freezing for the home and community lockers.

Clothing: People wanted such help because of the high cost of clothing, and the need to do more home sewing, particular certain types of clothing such as work garments, children's clothes, and everyday dresses. New materials were appearing on the market, and they wanted to know about them and what could be expected of such. Accessories, such as pocket books were expensive, most carried a tax, and they felt that by learning how to make this item of their wardrobe savings would result.

Many of the requests which the women made indicated they were interested in knowing new ways to add variety to their diets, that they felt they needed to know some time savers so it would not take them so long to get meals, and because they felt they were losing some of their skill, particularly in family baking.

Every year since health work was first started in the county the members have expressed a desire to continue the support of the health programs which they have worked on as well as to lend their cooperation to the State effort to improve the health of every Virginia citizen.

Rural Youth was chosen because the women felt that it was their responsibility to help train the young people of the county so they would be better citizens for tomorrow. Too they felt little was being done to recognize the talent among our young people. Enrollment in 4H clubs was also small, and numbers of our young people were not enrolled in either home economics, agriculture was also low yet Southampton County is primarily an agricultural area.

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Following the informal discussion, bags which the agent and leaders had made, were shown. Materials, cost and construction problems were discussed in connection with each. Each woman was asked to get a pattern of one of the bags which she liked and to make one for her own use. She was given instructions as to how far she should proceed in the construction before the next meeting.

The second meeting was in charge of the leader who showed the steps in construction and how to finish the bag. The members also planned to have a club exhibit in May and see some of the bags which their members had made.

Now take a look at the results of this part of our program. 175 women reported they followed suggestions on the selection and care of bags, 150 reported having made a bag for herself or her daughter, 117 reported they passed their pattern on to someone else, three clubs held an exhibit of the pocketbooks which their members had made. One club member, Mrs. Charles Bulls, of the Black Creek club made 12 bags. In fact, people who saw her bags liked them so much that they asked her to make one for them. Since then she had been making changes and improvements in her patterns which have helped to improve them, as well as adding originality to the originals which she started with. Another indication that the work served a need and was timely and of interest, was the fact that two of the home economics teachers asked for patterns, because their home economics girls had heard about and seen some of the bags.

While the above was the only phase of clothing work which was included in the regular monthly program, it was only a small part of what was actually done. It soon became apparent to the agent that she must devote some of her time to other clothing problems if she was to help people. It was a frequent occurrence for some women to bring a garment to club meeting to ask about various construction problems. Often too, they asked that when the agent was to be in the neighborhood she stop by to see something, or to give advice and assistance to them on materials, patterns, etc. It was very apparent to the agent that home sewing has grown in popularity as the cost of living has increased, and since the club members reports show they made 3,481 garments this year, it is apparent they have been busy. Then too, another significant fact which she feels was

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Typical of the work of this nature was that of the Ruby Cornwells. Some months ago the young wife, mother of two girls, came to the agent with the news that she and her husband had purchased the old Vick place not far from their present home, the couple made their home with the husband's mother. She asked the agent to stop by and see the home and help her work out plans for remodeling. The agent made the visit, went over the house, and talked with her regarding the things she planned to do. Soon after this the housing specialist was in the county, and this one of the homes visited. The family had been notified that we would see them on a certain day. When we arrived in the afternoon, the husband was on hand and he, the wife, and agent spent several hours going over a cold house, measuring, looking and planning. Later we went back to their home and transferred figures to a floor plan drawn to scale. Once this was on paper we began to go over the couples suggestions trying to see what could be done to give them the things they wanted. By ten o'clock that night a rough sketch had evolved, and the couple had something to study and play with. They were asked to keep studying and working with this plan for a few weeks to see what they thought about the suggestions which had been made.

Several weeks later the couple stopped by the office to discuss the matter with the agent. They mentioned changes that they had decided on, and why, also asked the agent about consulting an architect to get him to use the plans which had been evolved, and work out estimates for materials for them. Fortunately, they had a cousin who was an architect, and the agent felt that this was a wise move and advised them to go ahead. Some weeks later the architects blue prints were received, and the couple again called in the agent to see the plans. Both they, and the agent were pleased to note that the general plans which had been drawn up first were unchanged. Location of doors and windows had been changed and the plan for the kitchen was some different from the original sketch. Together we began to analyze these changes and to discuss them with reference to the family, the equipment they now had, and the location of driveways and other outbuildings. The agent got out her tiny model kitchen, set it up as the architect had planned, and the home maker saw it as it would be. Almost at once she remarked, "I certainly don't want that refrigerator there for its going to make me take so many extra steps getting my food to my working surfaces and to and from the table." By the way, the family expects to eat their meals in the kitchen, and a center had been planned for this. Another thing noted was the way a door opened would interfere with travel to and from the utility room.

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Early in March leaders attended a training meeting in preparation for the demonstration on floor finishes and improving the storage in farm homes. Each leader was urged to work out one way she could improve the storage in some room in her home and to report on this at the Club meeting. Also she was asked to have an exhibit of home made devices, such as pattern bags, shoe bags, door hangers, shoe stands, hat stands, which would help many homemakers to overcome some of their storage difficulties. The agent was to use slides to show cabinets, closets, etc., for different rooms in the home since so many of these things could be shown in no other way.

At the next meeting the members reported on anything which they had done to improve the storage in their homes, also any plans they had for future improvements of this nature. To date 63 members improved the storage in their kitchens, 26 dining rooms, 11 halls, 59 bedrooms, 9 bath, 23 back porch, and 19 outbuildings.

Leaders who gave the demonstration on floor finishes were especially good and to date 189 members have reported refinishing their floors. Another indication that this work has been especially useful was the merchants report that they were selling so many more materials, also their sanding machines were in constant demand. One merchant said, "I never could sell a certain type of floor cleaner until you gave such a demonstration, now I can't keep in it."

A check on how well our members are continuing to carry on the work which we begun several years ago on refinishing furniture, curtains and draperies, slip covers, and bedspreads, shows that 420 pairs of curtains, 156 pairs drapes, 71 bedspreads, 88 slip covers, 27 rugs and 139 pieces of furniture were refinished by club members.

Now let's take a look at the home grounds to see what our members have done with the program which was begun last year. Timely suggestions pertaining to flowers, lawns, insect control and rose culture were given by these leaders in regular club meetings. This year 132 members planted shrubbery around their homes or grounds, 168 planted flowers, 38 improved their walks and driveways, and 56 repaired fences.

Last year several demonstrations were given on selecting equipment. Since then when ever the agent has been able to bring in some of this information again ( remodeling work, time saving meals, home visits) the same information was again brought to their attention. In spite of the scarcity, and the price of equipment, the agent was amazed when she found that 21 electric stoves, 35 gas stoves, 15 oil burners, 53 washing machines, 53 refrigerators, 42 sinks, 42 vacuum cleaners, 17 frozen food lockers, 61 pressure saucepans, 26 pressure cookers, and 10 sewing machines were purchased by club members during the past year.

In planning the years work the women said they felt their leaders would be able to carry most of the food preparation and conservation work because they had already had considerable training along this line in addition to all the

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and a new roof added. Details for the work has gone, but more will be done as the husband can find time to work on it, and when forework can be secured. In the meantime they are still planning, working and studying. By next year the agent hopes that all these plans will be under completion, and follow may see the results & some of this couples thinking.

Early in March leaders attended a training meeting in preparation for the demonstration on floor finishes and improving the storage in their homes. Each leader was urged to work out one way she could improve the storage in her room in her home and to report on this at the Club meeting. Also she was asked to have an exhibit of home made devices, such as certain bags, shoe bags, door hangers, shoe stands, hat stands, which would help many housewives to overcome some of their storage difficulties. The agent was to use slides to show cabinet, closets, etc., for different rooms in the home since no many of these things could be shown in an other way.

At the next meeting the members reported on anything which they had done to improve the storage in their homes, and any plans they had for future improvement of this nature. To date 63 members improved the storage in their kitchens, 36 dining rooms, 11 parlors, 39 bedrooms, 9 halls, 23 back porches, and 19 outbuildings.

Leaders who gave the demonstration on floor finishes were especially good and to date 187 members have reported refinished their floors. Another leader report that this work has been especially useful was the members report that they were willing to use new materials, also their washing machines were in constant demand. One member said, "I never could sell a certain type of floor finish until you gave such a demonstration, now I can't keep in it."

I check on how well our members are continuing to carry on the work which we began several years ago on refashioning furniture, curtains and draperies, slip covers, and bedspreads, show that 430 pairs of curtains, 146 pairs drapes, 71 bedspreads, 88 slip covers, 27 rugs and 139 pieces of furniture were refashioned by club members.

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Last year several demonstrations were given on seedling equipment. Since then when ever the agent has been able to bring in some of this information again (remodeling work, also sewing units, home visits) the new information was given to their attention. In spite of the severity, and the price of equipment, the agent was amazed when she found that 21 electric stoves, 22 new stoves, 18 all burners, 22 washing machines, 27 refrigerators, 42 sinks, 42 vacuum cleaners, 17 vacuum food lockers, 61 pressure washers, 28 pressure cookers, and 10 sewing machines were purchased by club members during the past year.

In planning the years work the women said they felt their leaders could be able to carry out of the food preservation and conservation work because they had already had considerable training along this line in addition to all the

practical experience which they got in their homes. Early in July the foods leaders met with the food specialist and home agent to receive instruction, demonstrations, and make plans for the procedure which they would follow in carrying out this phase of our work. After seeing the demonstrations it was decided that during the next two months the leaders would spend their time in trying out the various recipes, learning costs of each, noting difficulties and changes which they felt would improve the quality of the product. Such practice would enable them to acquire skill, several said they needed this with their light breads, which would enable them to do a better job when they presented the demonstration in the club.

The agent feels that these leaders were among the best she had during the year. Since their work came at the latter part of the year it is difficult to check on the results yet, but the reports handed in early October showed that 225 members were preparing some type of light bread which they had seen demonstrated at club meetings. Another indication that the work is being used is the number of bulletins which have been requested. 300 copies of the bread making bulletin was ordered and distributed during the month of September. The supply was exhausted and an additional 125 copies were ordered; these too have been distributed, and the agent is still receiving requests.

The conservation of food still continues to hold its place in the program because of its value as a part of a well rounded family living; however, there has been a decided change in their interest in canning and a swing toward freezing as the coming method of saving food. This interest seems a natural one for our locker plant has been in operation for a little over a year now, and the patrons are well pleased with their products. Since the plant opened, 200 additional lockers have been installed and most are in operation. Not only this, but the number of home lockers which have been purchased has been surprising, seventeen being installed in the homes of club members. The agent has been pleased to find that most of them followed her advice and purchased a large locker which will enable them to have sufficient space for storage and freezing of meats, fruits and vegetables. During the summer the agent had 3 community demonstrations on freezing. As a part of the demonstration she also used three color slides which had been prepared in our state office.

The freezing has become more popular compare the figures of what club members did during the past year. In 1946 they froze 3,002 pounds of fruit, 4,006 pounds of vegetables, and 6,211 pounds of meat. This year they froze 6,893 pounds of fruit, 4,653 pounds of vegetables, and 8,591 pounds of meat.

A comparison of the amount of food which was canned in the past two years denotes a downward trend as evidenced by the record of 1946 with 14,680 quarts of fruit, 26,765 quarts of vegetables, 3,820 quarts meat, as compared with 15,211 quarts fruit, 12,350 quarts vegetables, and 3,253 quarts meat in 1947. The agent feels that this is a natural trend which may be attributed to several factors. In the first place many now own or rent a locker, and they prefer freezing to canning. In the second place they canned far more than their families could consume during the war years. Their shelves are still filled with these goods, and they wish to get rid of these products before they put up a fresh supply, and finally as many of the women said they were just plain tired of canning.

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The agent feels that these leaders were among the best who had during the year. Since they were one of the latter part of the year it is difficult to check on the results yet, but the reports handed in early October showed that 135 members were practicing some type of light meal which they had seen demonstrated at club meetings. Another indication that the work is being well done is the number of donations which have been requested. 300 copies of the bread making bulletin was ordered and distributed during the month of December. The supply was exhausted and an additional 135 copies were ordered; these too have been distributed, and the agent is still receiving requests.

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Rural Youth was selected for the Federation Goal for 1947, and will be discussed elsewhere, but the phase which was a part of our regular monthly program was recreation. One club meeting was devoted to this. The procedure followed in the different clubs varied with the members, and the use they expected to make of the material they were receiving. Three of the clubs, with a number of members teaching Sunday School and helping with Daily Vacation Bible School, desired recreation which they could use with these groups, others wanted it for the teen age group, and two wanted it for adults.

In the case of the first mentioned group the agent spent part of the period giving some general suggestions on conducting recreation, but the greater part of the time was spent in actual play. The agent was indeed pleased at how the members entered into the fun, and how much at heart we are all still children and really like to play. It was a common occurrence for a mother, or sometimes grandmother, to say with a deep chuckle, "Lendis Miss Fuller, you know my old feet and legs won't stand that," but at the same time going ahead with as much enjoyment as the youngster.

Four of the clubs invited the 4H girls in their communities to their meeting, and planned and carried out a recreation program which they felt would be appropriate for this age group. Not only did it give the members an opportunity to grow acquainted with the 4H club girls in their neighborhoods, but it also proved to be a happy occasion for the members found you could have a good time with young people if you entered into their fun, and played with them, not "to them." That such affairs was successful is evidenced by the fact that these clubs plan to repeat the performance next year.

It is very difficult to measure the results or worth of this type of program, but the agent believes the following are certainly indications that what was done, was of some worth to the individuals and communities who received this training. 177 members say they have used the games, stunts or songs which they were taught in the meeting, also one clergyman remarked that he felt his daily vacation Bible workers did a better job with their recreation this year because they had been taught some new games.

All of the consumer education work which has been done has been tied into the work which has been done in connection with our regular program. I believe that a study of the figures of what our women have bought, and the improvements they have made in their homes will show that such information has been put to good use. These things have been mentioned before, and will not be reiterated again.

Federation Goal

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Methods: The first thing that was done was to secure a woman who was interested in young people for their goal chairman. The executive committee made a survey of the women of the county, and decided on a woman whom they felt would make a good leader. Mrs. John Scott of Franklin was the person selected.

The next thing was to secure facts from the Superintendent of schools, the superintendent of public welfare, and the religious education teacher, regarding the young people in our county. These facts were then incorporated in our Year Book for 1947. All clubs were urged to make a survey of the young people in their communities to see if they had boys or girls who should be enrolled in 4H clubs, if so they were urged to visit the parents of these youngsters, see if they could interest them in club work, and where interest was sufficient to take the initiative in helping them to get organized. In case they did not have enough young people of club age, they were urged to help P.T.A., Church, and other organizations with activities and programs which would develop talent among our young people, promote growth, and help them to secure wholesome recreation.

Now let's take a look at what has been done. (1) The agent discussed 4H club work in all HDC. Club members decided they would assist the 4H clubs with the following activities which they felt were worthwhile, (a) rural life services, (b) recreation school for club members (c) Camp, (d) send delegates to State Short Course, (e) urge boys and girls to enroll in 4H Clubs, (f) furnish leaders for 4H clubs. It was felt that the young people should be allowed to plan these activities and carry them out, but they would help by lending their financial support to these projects, furnishing chaperones when needed, helping young people to get to various affairs, and attending the public programs which they sponsored.

(2) A recreation school was held in March. They helped the agent to secure leaders for this and they furnished lunch for the youngsters who attended.

(3) Many of the members attend one of the rural life services which were held.

(4) The home agent has organized two 4H clubs which were an outgrowth of activity of club members.

(5) Club members in the Courtland and Vicksville Clubs assisted P.T.A. in the sponsorship of a youth canteen for the children in the Courtland community.

(6) Sedley club members assisted Friends Church in their sponsorship of Friday night recreation programs for the young people.

(7) Two clubs sent a 4H Club girl to 4H Camp Farrar. One club appropriated \$9 which was divided equally among 3 girls from their community who attended the same camp.

(8) Two club members were secured as 4H club leaders.

(9) Club members assisted 4H clubs with their Achievement Day. Secured building, paid for use of it, secured needed properties, card tables, etc., needed for exhibits and programs, and attended program.

(10) Club members have been working to secure money for the building fund for our district 4-H Camp. They have had rummage sales, dinners, country stores, white elephant and apron sales, and in two clubs the members gave a hen which they sold, and the money received was turned over to the Camp Fund. During the month of October they raised \$263 for this purpose, and a number of the clubs have not yet sponsored their money making event.

(11) Goal chairman, home agent, and 4H club members in cooperation with radio officials in an adjoining county, planned and carried out a radio program for Rural Life Sunday.

Health: The health goal was chosen by our members in 1945, and has been carried by them for the past three years. During this time we have emphasized

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- (6) Sixty club members assisted Friends Church in their sponsorship of Friday night recreation programs for the young people.
- (7) Two clubs sent a 4-H Club gift to the Camp Taylor. One club appropriated \$50 which was divided equally among 7 girls from their community who attended the same camp.
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- (11) 4-H Club members, home agent, and 4-H club members in cooperation with radio officials in an adjoining county planned and carried out a radio program for Rural Life Sunday.

Summary: The health goal was chosen by our members in 1945, and has been carried by them for the past three years. During this time we have emphasized

the need for a broader health program for the State, hospital insurance for club members and their families, and a well equipped first aid kit and medicine cabinet in every farm home. While we have not attained these goals 100%, progress has been made. At the present time approximately 3/4 of our members carry hospitalization, and have a medicine of first aid kit in their homes.

This year they tried to cooperate with the cancer and T.B. work being done in the county. Prior to the cancer drive they had their health leader to give a talk on cancer, symptoms, how it is being treated, and any new information on the research under way toward cancer control. During cancer month special contributions were received for this fund. Last year such contributions amounted to less than \$25, this year they were \$65.50.

Perhaps one of the most worthwhile contributions which they made was to assist with three T.B. clinics. These were joint affairs sponsored by the health department, The T.B. Association, and the HIC. The clinics were managed in this way. The health department secured the X-ray machines and the technicians to be in charge, the T.B. Association paid for the X-rays, and the HIC did the clerical work connected with the clinics. The executive chairman for the T.B. Association was responsible for the publicity, securing a place for the clinic, and the cooperation of school authorities to provide bus transportation for individuals wishing to attend the clinic. The home agent was responsible for lining up sufficient help to carry on the clinic. It was worked in this manner, 6 to 8 women were secured for the morning shift and they were relieved by a similar group in the afternoon. Other groups were secured for the second day to assist with the negro clinic. Each group was asked to be on hand 15 minutes before the clinic started so we might show them what was to be done and how. Every woman who assisted with the clinic was X-rayed. Over 1100 individuals were X-rayed in these clinics and the number would have been considerably larger had not the machine broken down 1 1/2 days of the time it was in the county. It was pleasing too to note that over half of the number who were X-rayed were negroes. Since such a large proportion of our county are negroes it is a hopeful sign to see the number increasing.

Other Activities

Labor Saving Show: The Labor Saving Show which was held in Courtland on September 18 was enthusiastically viewed by at least 850 persons. We feel the number was probably larger than this since the only check we had was check lists which were given out at the entrance to the building, and some people would not take these lists, others entered the building from the rear.

Club members deserve much credit for the fine manner in which they assumed responsibility for the show. Three demonstrations, freezing, sharpening scissors, and ironing a shirt, were given by club members. Sixteen other members were in charge of the various exhibits, answered questions, and explained various features of the exhibit. It was planned to repeat each demonstration four times during the day, but they proved so popular, it was necessary to repeat them more often. In fact, the young women who demonstrated ironing a shirt said they gave their demonstration seven times.

Following the show, the agent tabulated requests, started her file on this phase of work, and ordered material which individuals requested. According

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to these requests the item which is causing greatest concern, the most of our farm women is the kitchen. A close second to this was the family wash, and the third was connected with adequate storage.

Since the show, the subject matter material which people requested has been mailed to them. The next thing which the agents expects to do is to follow up with circular letters pertaining to the requests. The program of work planned for the coming year will emphasize some of these factors, and several special activities have been planned for the county which will give assistance on others. Too, the agent, expects to use much of this information in her home visits.

Christmas Entertainment: Gift wrappings, gift suggestions, and holiday decorations were features of the month of December. Each club member who attended was asked to bring an inexpensive gift, the cost was set by the club, which was to feature unusual and attractive gift wrapping. The gifts were exhibited, and all the members had a part in deciding on the the three most unusual and attractively wrapped gifts. Much interest and fun was secured by the individuals who competed for the honor of securing the prize for such a package.

As the women were most interested in flower arrangement, each hostess was asked to feature one special Christmas arrangement. The decorations at these parties were lovely, and testified to the women's artistic ability as well as their interest in creating and displaying unusual arrangements. The nice feature about all these arrangements was the ingenuity and originality shown in using materials found in every home. One such arrangement, which created much comment, was a mantel arrangement at the home of Mrs. Elmer Bradshaw, featuring umbrellas wrapped as huge candy sticks, evergreens, and electric candles.

Each club had entertainment leaders who provided "Fun galore" in the form of games, stunts, readings and singing. Much credit should be given the leaders for they relieved the hostess of considerable work, and did much to make the affairs one of enjoyment and true Christmas joyfulness.

Dress Form Meeting: Early in December the agent and two leaders went to Emporia where Miss Iva B. Johnson worked with a group of agents in training them how to make a dress form. Later these leaders assisted the agent in putting on a similar demonstration in our own county. Only one such demonstration was given. The women who saw it, and those who made a dress form, felt it was not worth the time and discomfort involved in making it. Then too, those who made "Susie Q" found the problem of storage a real one. However, this was one "fever bug" which the women had which is now out of their system, and they are off to sounder clothing work for they have arrived at the conclusion it is more important to know how to make adjustments in patterns than it is to have a form on which to fit garments.

District Federation Meeting: The 71 club members who attended the District Federation meeting in Emporia in May were most enthusiastic regarding it. Not only did they enjoy the fellowship and inspiration they gained from meeting other club members and hearing of what they were doing, but they were particularly impressed with the talk made by Mrs. Lydia Lynde. So many of the women have commented on it and said they derived so much practical advice as well as inspiration to do a better job of rearing their children. One member

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leaders for they relieved the burden of considerable work, and did much to  
make the affairs one of enjoyment and true Christmas joyfulness.

Home for Holiday: Early in December the agents and two leaders went to  
Knoxville where Mrs. E. Johnson worked with a group of agents in training.  
They had to make a dress party. Later these leaders assisted the agent in pre-  
paring on a similar demonstration in our own country. Only one such demonstra-  
tion was given. The women who made it, and those who made a dress party, felt  
it was not worth the time and discomfort involved in making it. They too, those  
who made "Dresses 2" found the problem of making a real one. However, this  
was one "dress party" which the women had which is now out of their system and  
they are off to another enlightening work for they have arrived at the conclusion  
it is more important to know how to make adjustments in patterns than it is  
to have a lot on which to fit garments.

District Training Meeting: The VI club members who attended the dis-  
trict training meeting in Knoxville in May were most enthusiastic regarding it.  
Not only did they enjoy the fellowship and inspiration they gained from meet-  
ing other club members and hearing of what they were doing, but they were  
particularly impressed with the fact made by Mrs. Julia Lunde. So many of the  
women have commented on it and said they desired to such practical advice  
as well as inspiration to do a better job of reaching their children. One member

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laughingly remarked that day, " Well I am certainly going to get busy with my family for I want to carry out her advice." Three months later she and her husband adopted a little son, and now she is having ample opportunity to see if it works.

International Friendship: One of the special activities sponsored by club members over the county was to send packages to families overseas who were in need of help. Twenty five packages were sent to families in Greece, France and Germany. These packages contained food and clothing. The letters which have been received from the individuals who were recipients of these packages have done much to bring to our women a realization of the fact that the world is not so large after all. Also a feeling of friendship and pity for those less fortunate than themselves.

Another activity which they participated in, was to send pound packages to Holland. Fourteen of the clubs joined in this activity. Each member contributed a pound ( soap, coffee, tea or sugar) and these were packaged in one large box from each club, and sent to Holland about the time our representative from the State went there to attend the Federation of Country Women of the World.

Money Making Activities: Most of the projects and activities which the women wished to support during the year called for considerable financial assistance. In order to build up a fund which they might have for this purpose, most of the clubs have sponsored such activities as Kuritan suppers, sale of greeting cards, white elephant sales, rummage sales, guess boxes, country stores and pantry sales. Not only have these helped financially, but they have also helped to call public attention to many of the things which our clubs are doing.

Picnics: August has always been a month for club members to hold picnics and family get-togethers. It has been noticeable how such affairs have grown to be community "get-togethers." When the agent first came to the county she was struck with the fact that these affairs seemed to be strictly HDC, but gradually that has changed, now they have grown into neighborhood affairs, with men, women and children joining in the fellowship.

Special Interest Demonstrations: Each year some of the clubs sponsor special events which are desired by their members. This year the Sedley Club had an all-day meeting in August and learned how to bottom chairs. In addition to club members, three visitors were on hand with a chair which they wanted to fix.

In September 15 members of the Branchville Club met in the home of Mrs. A.B. Harris for an all day meeting on slip covers. During the day a slip cover for a large upholstered chair, and a davenport, was fitted, cut, and almost completed.

#### Leadership

The agent hopes that as the reader has proceeded with the report she has noted how many times reference has been made to leaders and what they were doing, for it is her feeling that this has been one of the best features of the home demonstration program in this county. Not only have many leaders been needed, but they have been trained and used. Have you noted how many of the monthly meetings have called for leader participation or acceptance of the entire program?

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party sales. Not only have these helped financially, they have also helped  
to call public attention to any of the things which our clubs are doing.

Leaders: Always has always been a matter for club members to hold positions  
and family responsibilities. It has been noticeable how each officer has grown  
more and more "set-against". When the agent first came to the county she  
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events which are backed by their members. This year the Holiday Club had an all-day  
meeting in August and learned how to better their. In addition to club members,  
three visitors were on hand with a chair which they wanted to fix.

In September 13 members of the Peninsula Club met in the home of Mrs. E. B.  
Harris for an all day meeting on gift covers. During the day a gift cover for  
a large vegetable crate, and a newspaper, was fitted, cut, and almost completed.

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Have you noted how many community activities and projects have been carried on by our women? Yes the club leaders have done a good job and the agent is proud of them and would like to pay tribute to their willingness to accept responsibility as well as their ability in carrying it out.

As far as work with our organization leaders was concerned, the agent feels that on the whole she had the best set of officers this year that she has ever had. She believes that the fine manner in which they assumed and carried out their job might be attributed to several factors. Before the year work was begun each officer was sent a leaflet telling her of her responsibilities and how to carry out the duties of her office. In addition to this she received the State Federation Handbook which she was asked to study and become thoroughly familiar with.

In addition to this, six circular letters went out to the president of each club throughout the year explaining various work, program, etc., pertaining to the work, and offering suggestions as to how the club and officers might assist with these things. These letters did a great deal to help the officers carry on their responsibility, and keep up to date on what was going on. Another thing that was done to help all leaders was to prepare a section for the year book which would tell them what they were to do, and when. All leaders have reported that this was most helpful.

Leader training meetings for project leaders has been the method used to prepare these women for their work. 16 such meetings with an attendance of 151 were held. Now let's see how well these leaders have functioned. In the past year they held 74 meetings in the absence of the agent, 959 people attended these meetings. They gave 129 method demonstrations to adult groups and 250 talks or discussions. In addition to the demonstrations, talks and discussions which these leaders took part in they also assisted the agent to secure reports on the work their members had done. The number of reports turned in this year was considerably higher than in the past. Part of this the agent attributes to the work of the leaders, part to the method used to secure reports.

Other Means of Reaching People.

Throughout this report the agent has mentioned the means by which she has attempted to reach people namely, home visits, regular and special meetings, leaders, work with other agencies, and newspaper articles so it will not be restated again. She feels that perhaps not enough time has been given to the press or radio. The lack of a station near our people to which they listened has been a handicap in attempting any work of this nature.

Have you noted how many community activities and projects have been carried on by our women? For the club leaders have done a good job and the amount of work has been well up to par. We would like to see efforts to secure responsibility as well as their ability to carry it out.

As far as work with our organization leaders was concerned, the amount of work done on the whole was not so good as it should have been. The fact is that the club members in which they carried out their work were not so well as they should have been. Before the year work was begun each officer was sent a letter telling her of her responsibilities and how to carry out the duties of her office. In addition to this she received the State Educational Handbook which she was asked to study and to come through it carefully.

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Leaders including meetings for project leaders had been the method used to prepare these women for their work. In each meeting with an attendance of 150 were held. Now let's see how well these leaders have functioned. In the first year they held 78 meetings in the absence of the agent; 977 people attended these meetings. They gave 120 method demonstrations to adult groups and 250 talks or discussions. In addition to the demonstrations, talks and discussions which these leaders took part in they also included the agent to receive reports on the work their members had done. The number of reports turned in this year was considerably higher than in the past. Part of this the agent attributed to the work of the leaders, part to the method used to receive reports.

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## V. WORK WITH YOUTH

## 4-H Clubs

## Organization

County Council: The president, Vice president, secretary and treasurer, reporter and song leaders of the 11 4-H Clubs in the county make up our County Council. In addition to these members, the agents, interested parents, and leaders serve in an advisory capacity. The members have their own officers, and plan and help to carry on the program of work and activities for all the clubs.

During the past year three regular business meetings and two special events were held. At the first meeting, work of outstanding members was recognized. Following this the group discussed their objectives for the previous year and planned for 1947. The objectives which they set up at that time were:

1. Have at least 85% of their members completing their projects.
2. Secure an adult leader for each club
3. Each club member to enter at least one project contest.
4. Each club to send at least one representative to District Camp.
5. Sponsor a county picnic for the members and their families.
6. Sponsor a social for club members who completed their work satisfactorily.
7. Sponsor a county Achievement Day.
8. Work to secure better attendance at Council Council meetings.
9. Sponsor a Rural Life Service in at least three different sections of the county.

The second meeting which was held was to plan for summer work and a special money making event to raise money for several of the activities which they wanted their members to take part in.

The third meeting was held in the summer. At this time reports on state Sabot course were heard. Much time was spent in learning of the various contests and how they would be conducted, and in planning for the county picnic .

It was intended to hold another meeting prior to Achievement Day, but so many other events came at the same time that it was impossible to have it. This necessitated visits and work with county council officers and the transaction of many of the items through club meetings rather than through the county council.

The Council has made progress in their work during the past year. While they did not accomplish their objectives 100 %, an attempt was made to reach every one and that in itself is a step forward. (1) Completions of the girls records show that 84.5 % of all projects were carried through to a successful completion.

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V. WORK WITH CLUBS

A-B Clubs

Organization

County Council: The president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, reporter and staff leaders of the A-B Clubs in the county make up our County Council. In addition to these members, the agents, interested persons, and leaders serve in an advisory capacity. The members have their own officers, and plan and help to carry on the program of work and activities for all the clubs.

During the past year three regular business meetings and two special events were held. At the first meeting, work of outstanding members was recognized. Following this the group discussed their objectives for the previous year and planned for 1947. The objectives which they set up at that time were:

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7. Sponsor a county achievement day.
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the year but the home agent still has three clubs without an adult leader. These clubs are in school and the agent has found that it is much more difficult to secure leaders when this is the case than when the clubs are on a neighborhood basis.

(3) Interest in contest work was good this year, and will be reported elsewhere.

(4) Every club in the county except one sent a representative to camp.

(5) The county picnic was held in August. Events scheduled for the afternoon were planned for, and carried out by club members. Unfortunately the day turned out to be a rainy, cold one, and the attendance was not as good as it had been in previous years.

(6) In February the council sponsored a Valentine party for the club members who had completed their records. Attendance was very good and the group had a grand time. Club members assumed complete charge of this.

(7) An Achievement day was held in November. Approximately 100 persons in attendance. A number of the clubs had exhibits which showed the work they were doing. Skits and reports which were on the program helped to show other activities of the club members. At this time awards were made to the winners in the various contests, and to the boys and girls who had completed their records. Recognition was also made of those clubs with a 100% of members completing their records and 100 % of members present for the program. The Drevyville, Capron, Corinth and Sunbeam Clubs won the distinction of a 100% completion. Only one club, the Sunbeam, had all members present for the program.

(8) Attendance at County Council meetings has been a great deal better this past year. From 12 to 15 members it has grown to 35 to 40 which the agent feels is a decided step forward for it is through the Council meetings the members have a better opportunity to learn of their organization, and to exercise a voice in the policies and plans promoted by the group.

(9) Four rural life services were held in the county by club members. This will be reported on elsewhere.

#### Project Work

Program: The program of work for the county is determined largely by the girls themselves. Such planning usually takes place about twice a year, early spring and late summer. The meeting before program planning is to take place the agent tries to bring to the group such information as this, (a) number of girls who have completed their work (b) some of the good points in their work (c) their weakness, (e) work which she feels they will have need for, (g), suggestions from parents and others as to work they would like for the girls to carry. On the day the program is really determined the girls have a discussion of the things they want and need. They also have brought to their attention any difficulties and problems which they are likely to incur. After discussion and weeding out the group finally decides on the program which they will carry for their own group. To this they add to or reject any of the county council recommendations which they desire.

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- (4) The county picnic was held in August. Events scheduled for the afternoon were planned for, and carried out by club members. Unfortunately the day turned out to be a rainy, cold one, and the attendance was not as good as it had been in previous years.
- (5) In February the council sponsored a Valentine party for the club members who had completed their records. Attendance was very good and the group had a grand time. Club members assumed complete charge of this.
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Project Work

Summary: The progress of work for the county is determined largely by the girls themselves. Each chapter usually takes place about twice a year, early during and late summer. The winter before progress planning is to take place the girls try to bring to the group each information as this, (a) a number of girls who have completed their work (b) some of the good points in their work (c) their wishes, (d) work which was done that will have need for, (e) suggestions from parents and others as to work they would like for the girls to carry. On the day the program is really determined the girls have a discussion of the things they want and need. They also have brought to their attention any difficulties and problems that they are likely to meet. After discussion and voting out the group finally decides on the program which they will carry for their own group. To this they add to or reject any of the county council recommendations which they desire.

Subject Matter Fields: The program for the young people gave instruction and assistance in the following subject matter fields: (1) clothing, (2) foods, (3) housekeeping, (4) production and conservation, (5) handicrafts and recreation. The girls in discussing their projects always said, "I want to learn to sew or cook," and since this is a fundamental need of all humans it certainly seems wise to include such in any program which is attempting to prepare girls for the day when they will have to take over these responsibilities. The fields chosen also fitted in with our adult program. It was interesting to note that both old and young felt the need for many of the same things.

Objectives: The objectives for the clothing project were, (1) to help the girl to look her best by careful planning of things which she already had on hand, (2) to learn to choose patterns which were suitable for the individual, and for the occasion on which the garment would be worn, (3) to learn to choose becoming clothing, (4) to learn to judge quality in fabric and workmanship, (5) to develop skill in making alterations, and (6) to develop skill in clothing construction. As for the care of clothing the objectives were, (1) to help girl develop traits of orderliness and ability to take care of her own clothes, (2) to teach skill in such humble tasks as patching, and darning, (3) to teach methods for correct laundry procedure for cotton, rayon, and wool, (4) show girls how to make certain articles which would enable them to take better care of their clothing.

The objectives for the food project were, (1) to help girls learn to use a recipe, (2) to establish good work habits in food preparation (3) to develop skills in food preparation. The canning project was designed to teach the girls good methods in canning, (2) to make a family food preservation plan.

The objectives for the housekeeping project were: (1) to teach methods that will save time and energy, (2) to show changes which might be made in the home to make housekeeping easier.

The objectives for the handicraft project were, (1) to teach the youngsters to use their hands, and (2) to teach certain fundamentals of color and design. Recreation was given with the idea of (1) developing leadership ability in conducting or leading games, singing, and other wholesome forms of recreation, (2) to offer a normal outlet for some of the "pent-up" energy of young people, (3) to offer normal outlet for young people to join with others in having fun.

Most of the work of this nature was given by means of demonstrations and home visits. The reports handed in by club members show they prepared 1084 dishes, canned 750 quarts of fruit and vegetables, made 232 garments, remodeled 48 garments, made 14 sewing kits, darned 120 garments, patched 83, dry cleaned 22, washed 153 sweaters, made 26 articles for the home and 76 articles made in handicraft work. In addition to this 12 girls kept records of the amount of money they had spent on their clothing. 19 girls followed recommendations regarding the storage of their clothing. 23 girls assisted with the family wash during the summer. 6 girls cared for their bedroom for as much as six months, 7 girls helped clean up the house on Saturday for as much as six months, 5 girls made cleaning kits for their home, 8 luncheon sets were made by girls for their home.

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Most of the work of this nature was given by means of demonstration and group visits. The reports handed in by club members show they prepared 1000 dresses, 750 pairs of frock and vesticles, made 200 garments, remodeled 45 garments, made 10 sewing kits, dressed 150 garments, prepared 25, washed 150 sweaters, made 25 articles for the home and 25 articles which in particular were. In addition to this 12 girls kept records of the amount of money they had spent on their clothing. 10 girls followed recommendations regarding the storage of their clothing. 10 girls contacted with the family work during the summer. 6 girls cared for their bedrooms for as much as six months. 7 girls helped clean up the house on Saturday for as much as six months. 2 girls who cleaned his for their home. 8 inchmen sets were made by girls for their home.

#### Other Activities.

Christmas Suggestions: During November all clubs had a demonstration on Christmas gifts. Each girl made at least one gift such as a stuffed animal, lapel ornament, or doll bedmade from a cigar box. In December the agent taught them how to make a Christmas Corseage using such native materials as cedar, holly, sycamore or sweet gum balls and gall berries.

4H Club Party: The 4-H Peppettes had a valentine party at the home of their leader, Mrs. S. J. Gagner. Much merriment and fun was derived from the games, contests and stunts which were conducted by the club members. The group was happy to have Mrs. Marshall DeBerry, president of the HDC, as their guest for the evening.

National 4H Club Week: Special emphasis was given to this event by a newspaper article calling attention to the work which club members had done. Not only this but a store window exhibit in Franklin also emphasized the work of the clubs, as well as affording the members an opportunity to display some of their handiwork.

The other big event which was held in connection with this was the recreation school for the leaders from each club. Each club was allowed to send two recreation and two song leaders to the school. Every club in the county was represented. A local minister and a home demonstration club member who had considerable experience with recreation in Girl Scout troops assisted the agent with the school. The entire day was spent in learning new songs and games to use in the clubs.

That such a school was worth while is evidence by the fact that the agent has not had to assume any responsibility for this part of the program this year. Club leaders have gone ahead with this part of their program, thus relieving the agent for other things.

Rural Life Services: Four rural life services were held over the county and members and parents were invited to attend the service nearest them. Club members assisted with the service by reading the scripture, giving the 4H Creed and pledge, having a special prayer, contributing several musical numbers and pronouncing the benediction. These services were well attended, particularly the morning ones when 200 to 250 were in attendance. These services have served as one means by which the work of the clubs has been publicized.

In addition to this a group of club members from the Bethel, Sunbeam, Smith Ferry and Delaware clubs, Rural Youth leader, Mrs. John Scott, and the home agent, presented a half hour program over radio station WLPN, Suffolk, as a part of their observance of Rural Life Sunday. The members presented several musical numbers and by means of a dialog attempted to show how the practical work which they were receiving through their agricultural and home making projects was helping them to build better homes and communities.

Clover Sale: In June the 4H Club members sponsored a sale of 4 leaf clovers, which the girls made, to secure funds to help pay the expenses of the group attending State Short Course. One day was designated as clover day, and club members in their respective localities conducted the sale. The Smith Ferry Club had the largest sales, amounting to \$23.50. Over \$73.00 was realized on the sale, and the group was able to pay the registration fee for the four club members and one leader who attended State Short Course.

Other Activities.

Christmas Observance: During November all clubs had a demonstration on Christmas Eve. Each club made at least one gift such as a stuffed animal, lamp, ornament, or doll besides from a gift box. In December the great night was how to make a Christmas Card and each club makes as cards, dolls, gifts, etc. on most of the days and gift baskets.

4th Club Party: The 4th Party was held at the home of Mrs. J. J. Gentry. Each club had a table and the party was very successful. The party was conducted by the club members. The group was very large and the evening was very enjoyable. The president of the club, Mrs. J. J. Gentry, presided over the evening.

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Local Life Activities: Four rural life activities were held over the county and were very successful. Each club was invited to attend the activities nearest them. Club members participated with the service by reading the scriptures, giving the 4th Creed and Hymns, having a musical program, contributing several medals and presenting the service. These services were well attended, particularly the evening ones when 500 to 750 were in attendance. These services have served as the means by which the work of the clubs has been publicized.

In addition to this a group of club members from the 4th Club, Gentry, Gentry, Gentry and Gentry clubs, Mrs. J. J. Gentry, Mrs. J. J. Gentry, and the home group presented a full hour program over radio station WFLA, Gentry, as a part of their observance of local life Sunday. The members presented several medals and by means of a display attempted to show how the practical work which they were receiving through their club work and how making projects was helping them to build better homes and communities.

Clubs' Day: In June the 4th Club members conducted a sale of 4th Club items which the girls made, to secure funds to help pay the expenses of the group at the State Short Course. The day was designated as Clubs' Day, and club members in their respective localities conducted the sale. The 4th Club Day had the largest sales, amounting to \$11,200 over \$75,00 for the two club members and one leader group was able to pay the registration fee for the two club members and one leader who attended State Short Course.

State Short Course: For the first time in several years a group of club members attended State Short Course. They were accompanied by Mrs. S. E. Porter, leader of the Sunbeam club. The agent feels that attendance at this alone has done much to strengthen club work. The members who attended came back with such glowing accounts of the meet that others are now working so they too may have the privilege of going to Blacksburg.

The home agent was asked to teach a class in Party Planning at State Short Course. Miss Elizabeth Robinson, home agent from Sussex County, assisted her with the class. While this meant a great deal of extra work in preparation for the class, as well as conducting it, she feels that it was worth the effort. Not only did she have a great deal of fun working with the boys and girls, but it was good to get new ideas and hear what others over the state were doing as well as making the acquaintance of so many leaders and club members. You will note that the agent said it was fun, and when such a statement can be made of a class of seventy, you must know that this meant splendid cooperation and participation.

Camps: Club members always look forward to camp and derive much from it. This year two members, Swann Burgess and J. C. Bunch, accompanied by the home agent went down to camp on Friday afternoon. The next two days were spent in deciding how camp would be conducted and in training the group, (other counties sent a similar representation) for the job which they would have when camp started. The agent feels that the leadership training work which was done prior to camp was responsible for much of the ease of operation. The boys and girls who attended the meet were well acquainted with each other by the time camp started, leadership ability had already begun to appear, and the group was able to take over and manage many matters that had fallen on the agents prior to the time.

Thirty five (17 girls, 18 boys) from the county attended. The group was proud that the governor of the colonies came from our county, also that they were able to furnish so many members who could take part on the different programs. In fact the agent feels that as far as county participation and leadership in carrying out the affairs of the camp, no county in the group had a better record in this than did our own.

For the first time since the agent has been in this county she was able to work out plans for getting one of her girls to State Conservation Camp at Holliday lake. Joyce Stephenson, who represented the county at this event, derived much from the camp in enjoyment as well as leadership training. Several weeks ago when the president of our county council was injured in a football game the night before we had our Achievement Day Program, Joyce stepped in, took over his part, and did a good job with no previous training. This is just one indication that the training which we are giving our young people is enabling them to accept responsibility, and perform their work in a creditable manner.

County, Area and District Contests: Contest work started back in early spring when information regarding various contests was sent to each president and leader. They were asked to explain these to their club members and to decide what contest they would enter. It was decided that county contests for girls would be run off about the middle of August. One day was spent in doing this. Girls who entered the foods and housekeeping contest set up their exhibit or presented their demonstration before the judges in the morning. The girls record was checked by the home agent. The better ones were kept on hand until the judging of the demonstration or exhibit could be done. The scores from this, plus the record, determined the county winner.

State Street Garage for the first time in several years a group of club members attended State Street Garage. They were accompanied by Mrs. J. K. Forney, leader of the Women's Club. The women's club attended at this time and had some conversation with the men. The members who attended were both with and without accounts of the past but others are now waiting to see how they have the winter of going to Washington.

The house agent was asked to check a check in forty thousand at State Street Garage. Miss Elizabeth Robinson, house agent from Essex County, assisted her with the check. While this was a great deal of extra work in preparation for the winter, as well as conducting it, she feels that it was worth the effort. Not only did she have a great deal of fun working with the boys and girls, but it was good to get new ideas and hear what others over the state were doing as well as to see the representatives of so many leaders and club members. You will note that the agent said it was fun, and that much a statement can be made of a class of activity. You must know that this meant splendid cooperation and participation.

League Club members always look forward to camp and derive much from it. This year two members, Susan Burgess and L. C. Bond, accompanied by the house agent went down to camp on Friday afternoon. The next two days were spent in deciding how camp would be conducted and in training the group. (Other committee work is represented) for the job which they would have done camp started. The camp was represented by the leadership training work which was done prior to camp was represented by the work of the state of operation. The boys and girls who attended the camp were well acquainted with each other by the time camp started, leadership ability had already begun to appear, and the group was able to take over and manage camp matters that had fallen on the agents prior to the time.

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For the first time since the agent has been in this county she was able to work out plans for getting one of her girls to State Commissioner Camp at Millis. Miss. Joyce Robinson, who represented the county at this event, derived much from the camp in enjoyment as well as leadership training. Several weeks ago when the president of our county council was injured in a football game the night before we had our leadership day program, Joyce returned in and over his part, and did a good job with our previous training. This is just one illustration that the training which we are giving our young people is enabling them to accept responsibility, and perform their work in a creditable manner.

Home, Free and District Contacts Contact work started back in early spring when information regarding various contacts was sent to each president and leader. They were asked to explain these to their club members and to decide what was best they would enter. It was decided that county contacts for girls would be run off about the middle of August. One day was spent in doing this. Girls who entered the books and necessary contact set up their exhibits or prepared their documents. This before the judges in the morning. The girls records were checked by the house agent. The better work was kept on hand until the judging of the demonstration or exhibit could be done. The notes from this time are retained, obtained the county elsewhere.

In the afternoon, the girls who had carried clothing work reported with their records, exhibit or outfits which they expected to model in the style show. A similar procedure to what was followed in the morning was used, the home agent checking on records, and the judges scoring the exhibits, or dress revue. County winners for both clothing achievement and dress revue were selected this time.

The next week the agent took the girls who won in the county contest to Suffolk to complete with other girls who had carried similar projects.

The girls were indeed happy when some weeks later they learned that Shirley Porter had been selected as district winner in the Dress Revue Contest, and when it was announced on the night of our recognition banquet at Virginia Beach that she was State winner they were indeed proud and happy to know that one of their members should receive such an honor.

The agent feels that contests are one means by which better club work can be attained. She has noted such improvement in the work of girls, who have attended the county and area contests. It does them a great deal of good to see the work of others, and to know of the competition they must meet. Every girl has been urged to join in the county judging, and when possible to also attend the area contests so she can see what others are doing. It is the agent's hope that some day every girl in the county will be taking part in these events.

Recognition Banquet: For the past two years now our county has been privileged to send four outstanding boys and girls and one leader to the recognition banquet at Virginia Beach. This is a coveted honor which all the members hope to attain. Each year, we have made it a practice to take a new group, thus widening the scope of those who would receive some benefit of this phase of our club work.

This year our county winner in the Dress Revue was asked to set up an educational exhibit on her project, also to take part in the style show which was a part of the evening program. Most of those who attended reported they felt the exhibits were of great value, for it enabled them to study the records of those who had been selected as district and state winners, and thus plan for the improvement of their own work in the future.

#### Leadership

Leadership among club members has been a gradual thing, and is to be expected since we are working with youth. However there has been good, healthy growth along this line as the agent feels you will have noted as you read of the activities and projects of our girls. Most of these events have been planned and carried out by our young people, and in most instances it has been done in a creditable manner.

While we do not have adult leaders for all the clubs, we do have five, and these are excellent. Not only have they given many of the demonstrations, 28 to be exact, but they have offered their advice and support in carrying on all the activities which they planned in their club. In cases where demonstrations were given by club members they have trained the girls for this job. The agent has followed the policy of training the leaders, who in turn will train girls for any demonstrations which they will give in their club.

In the afternoon, the girls who had carried exhibits were rewarded with their records, exhibits or articles which they expected to hold in the girls show. A similar procedure to that we followed in the evening was used, the girls were given a list of exhibits, and the judges awarded the exhibits, or dress review, County winners for both exhibiting achievement and dress review were selected this time.

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## VII. EVALUATION

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It is a difficult thing to evaluate a program at this particular stage, for often results and trends cannot be noted for years, much less months. Immediate results have already been pointed out, but lasting, long time policies must be noted over a longer period of time. However, there are certain things that the agent feels may be said about the program. In the first place the programs have always been planned by the women and have been based on real needs. The fact that so many of the recommended practices have been followed is an indication that the work is helping the people with their problems.

Another fact that the agent would like to point out, and this may be verified by a study of records for previous years, the program has been a broad one and has not been confined to just one or two fields which has helped to reach a larger number of persons, and has broadened their interests far more than it would had the program been confined to one or two subject matter fields. There has been no let up, nor will there be in the coming year, in the time devoted to better health and nutrition, the house, its surroundings and furnishings, home management and economics, and wholesome recreation, for these are necessary if our women are to create better homes and a more stable family living.

The agent acknowledges that while progress has been made in reaching a larger number of people each year, there are still others who have not been reached, and there must be no let up in the effort to continue to serve even a larger group.

One most significant fact which the agent would point out is in the work which has been done to train, develop and use leaders. The figures taken from the annual reports for the past three years will show that there has been improvement along this line. In 1945, 9 demonstrations were given by leaders, in 1946 it grew to 28, and in 1947 it was 74. The 4-H Club leadership record also parallels that of adult work with 9 meetings conducted in the absence of the agent in 1945, 13 in 1946, and 22 in 1947.

While the agent felt last year that it was impossible to take on any more work or to give any more time to 4H Club work, both have been done, due to the fact that she has relied on leaders to carry more of the responsibility for the program. She feels that more work should be done with the young people than has been in the past, the challenge is this, can she convince the women that they can and must carry greater responsibilities to free the agent for other work.

Another thing that the agent feels she must give more attention to in the future is publicizing the work which has been done. She knows of some excellent work which has been done by her members in the past year, but she fears she has not given enough publicity to the fine job which they have done. Next year she would like to make use of more tours to let others see the results as well as using it as a means of teaching.

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Finally, as far as 4 H Club work is concerned she feels that some real progress has been made. In the past year the enrollment in 4H clubs has almost doubled. Far greater opportunity for group participation in club events has been offered the members, also a greater number of county and out of county activities have been attempted in order that they might get a broader view of club work. It has taken time to train and develop leadership among our young people, but now that some are reaching the point where they can assume responsibility it is the agents hope that she will be able to give them a chance to carry a greater part of the program.

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