

There is a strong bond of friendship and a willingness to lend a helping hand to each other.

C. PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT

Agents attended the Extension District Communications School and Agent attended agent training on Evaluation. These were in addition to regular Agent training on program planning and help received at Agents Conference.

Both Agents are members of their Professional Associations, The Virginia and National Home Demonstration Agents Association and the American and Virginia Home Economics Association.

VII. LOOK AHEAD

The agents feel that 1960 has been one of their most successful years with Extension.

Agents feel that project leaders in home demonstration clubs did an excellent job of conducting programs for their club. Their observation is that leaders as a whole are much more conscientious and do a better job of preparing for their demonstration than in previous years. They display a feeling of pride and do not want to be unprepared.

A big sign of broader thinking was obvious in program planning for 1961. The program trend for 1961 is more intellectual -- they want to know more about international affairs, business and human relations.

The Extension program in Rockingham County is a real challenge to the agents, in that one never feels they are giving quite enough for what is received from the people with whom they work so closely.

The activities and recognition of local volunteer leaders have also been very helpful with informing the public about the Extension program in the county.

The agent has made an effort to attend functions in local communities, other than extension planned, and she feels that has been most worthwhile and helpful in creating a special warmth and interest among many people that before displayed an indifference or no feeling at all for the extension program.

3. ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES:

The County Extension Staff meets with the County Board of Supervisors annually and talks with each member individually whenever possible.

4. COMMERCIAL INTERESTS:

The Agent attends as many exhibits and educational programs as possible, sponsored by commercial firms. Agent also visits the different firms to learn about their products. Local stores are always willing to loan merchandise for demonstrations or assist with program anyway they can.

5. OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORKERS

Good relations are maintained with other professional workers in the County. Agents have worked with Power Supplier Home Economists and Engineers, U. S. Public Health and local Health Department representatives, Welfare Department and Federal Housing Authority Director.

The second amount of alertness was shown in regard to all kinds of poisoning.

. Safety in electricity was the third highest mentioned.

The incomplete report shows that homemakers did learn to recognize hazards that cause accidents around the home, that they learned to correct hazards, and that if hazards couldn't be corrected, they tried to learn how to live with the hazard safely.

The last phase of the Public Health Service Program is in progress now. After the one year educational program, they are in the process of making another survey on occurring accidents. Those results will be compared with tabulation made before the educational program was begun.

B. PROGRESS in DEVELOPING PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. COUNTY WORKERS

County workers are congenial and the past year an effort has been made by all to do a better job of cooperative planning for an over-all Extension Program.

Agents have planned regular staff meetings and find them most helpful in conducting a better co-ordinated program.

2. GENERAL PUBLIC

The Home Agent feels public relations with general public is good and has continued to strengthen. Personal contacts, newspaper, radio and TV have been most beneficial in strengthening public relations with general public.

Further proof of that feeling was indicated at the Achievement program. Each club was to have an educational exhibit on one phase of the 1960 program. Seventeen clubs had exhibits, the majority of them were on safety -- with the three winning exhibits on safety topics.

The clubs participation in the W S V A Rural Safety Fair gave club members another chance to show others what a safety program meant to them through educational exhibits. Eight clubs prepared exhibits for that occasion and Agents were pleased with the ideas clubs used in developing their themes.

Certainly the home demonstration club program in 1960 did create an awareness on the part of the homemaker as to what safety hazards are. The club leaders were most conscientious about their responsibility and the county chairman and agents made a real effort to equip leaders with know-how to do their job. Most clubs bought for their members an excellent emergency reference "What to Do About Home Injuries". Other helpful pamphlets were distributed. Extension Publications were used along with excellent materials from the National Safety Council and insurance companies.

The sample check made among members indicated some of the following results up to this time:

- . That more hazards were corrected among those reporting that might lead to falls.
- . The one thing that the most persons reported was cleaning medicine cabinets and destroying old medicines.

- FEBRUARY - (a). Members report at least one accident hazard corrected since last meeting.
- (b). Monthly Emphasis - at least 10 minutes devoted to prevention of accidents by CUTS.
- MARCH - (a). Monthly Emphasis:
FALLS - Each member check "Is Your Home Fall Proof". Each member to report one hazard corrected that might cause a fall Report at April roll call.
- APRIL- (a) Report on hazard corrected
- (b) POWER LAWN MOWER SAFETY
- MAY - (a) WATER SAFETY
- JUNE - (a) SAFE USE and STORAGE of INSECTICIDE, PESTICIDE and HOUSEHOLD SUPPLES
- JULY - (a) ALL of CLUB PROGRAM TIME DEVOTED TO SAFETY
Guest Speaker from Power Supplier
TOPIC: "SAFETY WITH ELECTRICITY"
- AUGUST - (a) VACATION SAFETY
- SEPTEMBER - (a) BURNS (CHEMICAL and OTHERWISE)
- (b) Report Hazards Corrected
- OCTOBER - (a) FIRE SAFETY
- NOVEMBER - HOLIDAY SAFETY HINTS

Club members displayed much enthusiasm over the safety program and a sample check from forty per cent of the members indicated they felt Safety was the outstanding phase of the 1960 program.

a training program for club leaders.

In December 1959 the first leader training meeting was conducted and a plan of action outlined. Two monthly club programs were to be given to Safety topics and some reminders would be given at each meeting. Topics to be stressed were chosen from the highest causes of accidents in the survey.

In January a representative from the U. S. Public Health Service was guest speaker at each club. "Getting Down to Brass Tacks in Accident Prevention" was the topic. This included some of the results of the 12 month tabulation of the number and kind of accidents that had occurred in the county. After hearing facts about our own county situation the safety chairmen ask club members to make a check on the safety of their homes by using a check sheet. One of the county objectives was that every club member correct at least 2 accident hazards. In order to get an action program started members were ask to report at the February club meeting roll call one hazard that they corrected after the January meeting. Following is an outline of the program of work that was followed:

- JANUARY - ALL OF CLUB PROGRAM TIME DEVOTED TO SAFETY
- (a). Guest Speaker
"GETTING DOWN TO BRASS TACKS in ACCIDENT PREVENTION".
 - (b) Each member make inventory of own home situation by using check sheet.

Engineer and Horticulturist have also given assistance to the building of the Center and to result demonstrators in the area.

VI. A. SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT

A major study of the Rockingham County Home Demonstration Clubs in 1960 was "SAFETY". It was the phase of the Federation Program of Work chosen for emphasis and all in all a concentrated program in safety was developed.

It was very timely that the Home Demonstration clubs should choose this topic in 1960; since it has been one of five counties in a National Accident Prevention Study being made by the U.S. Public Health Department. This is a research demonstration project using a unique procedure that has never been used before; except in industry.

The project began in July 1, 1958 and will run through June 1961. For one year a survey was made to find out how many accidents occurred in the homes and surroundings and their causes. After studying the results of the survey an intensified educational program was conducted for one year by the Health Service on Accident Prevention. That is where the Home Demonstration Club Safety Program dove-tailed with theirs.

The problem was, how to eliminate accident hazards in and around the home. The goal was to get people to become creatures of habit in safety.

The county safety chairman met with Extension Agents and representatives of the U.S. Public Health Service to outline

floor, equipped with a nice stage complete with curtains -- including cyclorama, and a public address system.

The basement includes a fully equipped electric kitchen, rest rooms, and a large area that is used for serving suppers, for recreation or just general meetings and get-togethers.

The interior is practically completed except for little touches. Now they are anxious to begin landscaping. They already have a ball park with lights. The Extension Specialist has assisted them with drawing up their landscaping plans.

A big day for the Home Demonstration Club was playing hostess for the County Achievement Day in 1960.

The Briery Branch Home Demonstration Club is outstanding for other reasons besides their part in the building of the Community Center. The Agent does not feel there's another area in the county that shows the effects of the Extension Program as plainly as in Briery Branch. Through Extension outstanding leadership has been developed, standards of family living have improved almost unbelievably. Most of the aloofness toward each other has faded and you detect the close bond between the people that has come from working and learning together.

The Home Demonstration Agents have worked very closely with this group as well as the 4-H club and take great pride in their accomplishments. The Extension Rural Housing

with over fifty homemakers to explain the aims of Extension Work. That was a quiet group and the Agent certainly did most of the talking. However, very shortly thereafter a club was organized.

From the very beginning the Home Demonstration Club began a tremendous community project -- that of building a Community Center. The land was bought in 1954 and the actual building was started in 1955. A community club was organized consisting of Home Demonstration Club members, 4-H, and other interested citizens of the community. Although the Community Club has actually sponsored the building project the Home Demonstration Club has been the real pusher. The Home Demonstration club members have worked to make over \$7,000.00 for the building fund. Over \$3,000 went toward equipping a modern kitchen. The plan has been "pay as you go". They have raised money by serving public suppers, lawn parties, sold home food products on the Home Demonstration Market, made a miscellaneous assortment of other things for sale such as: stuffed toys, comforts, stencilled tea towels, luncheon cloths, aprons and apple butter.

The Community Center is used by many different groups, Home Demonstration, 4-H, Mens groups, Churches and also for family gatherings.

This building is a two story, cinder-block building, modern in every respect. The auditorium is on the first

of the county about fifteen miles from Harrisonburg. The distance seems much farther since it is sparsely populated. There is no village arrangement, it is strictly a rural area. Since the consolidation of schools in the county there is no school in the community and several small churches were the only community buildings until a community center was built.

Several of the club members belonged to a Home Demonstration club in another community and were so anxious to have a organized group in their own community. Many of the homemakers were timid about entering into any type of community activity and dubious about "belonging" to anything or having an outsider come in and work with them.

The members of the other club used good psychology. They knew some of the homemakers wanted to learn how to do handwork and different handicraft. So, they invited small groups into their homes and taught them how to do textile painting, make aprons and other simple handiwork. They became intensely interested and finally the leaders told them they had learned to do those things at home demonstration club meetings and that that was just a sample of some of the things that they had learned. Finally, the leaders contacted the agent and told her they had paved the path for the first meeting with a group of homemakers to discuss organizing a club.

That was a thrilling experience for the agent to meet

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
No. organizational leaders	'	226	' 239	' 242	' 243
No. project leaders (subl. matter)	' 369	' 197	' 224	' 200	' 225
No. Federation program of work chairmen	' 27	' 28	' 34	' 30	' 27
No. program development leaders	' 29	' 28	' 27	' 27	' 27
No. result demonstrators	' 18	'	' 14	' 10	' 24
No. training meetings by specialists	' 4	' 7	' 9	' 5	' 5
No. training meetings by dist. agent	' 2	' 2	' 2	' 0	' 0
No. training meetings by agents	' 3	' 2	' 3	' 9	' 9
No. training meetings by others	'	' 3	' 1	' 2	' 2
Attendance at all training meetings	' 495	' 335	' 246	' 430	' 330
No. meetings held without an agent	' 214	' 215	' 181	' 191	' 134
No. meetings leaders assisted	' 3	' 5	' 11	' 18	' 14
Demonstrations by leaders	' 179	' 201	' 194	' 161	' 136
Talks and discussions by leaders	' 476	' 441	' 28	' 43	' 58

2. 4-H CLUB LEADERSHIP:

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
No. Club Officers	' 112	' 101	' 105	' 106	' 124
No. adult project leaders	' 46	' 44	' 37	' 35	' 31
No. junior project leaders	' 3	' 11	' 9	' 10	' 22
No. result demonstrators	'	'	' 14	' 10	' 1
No. training meetings by specialists	'	' 2	' 1	' 3	' 2
No. training meetings by Dist. agents	'	'	'	'	'
No. training meetings by members club dent.	'	'	'	' 1	'
No. training meetings by others	'	' 2	' 0	' 0	' 1
Total attendance at ldr. tr. meetings	' 13	' 37	' 10	' 28	' 77
No. 4-H leaders trained individually	' 4	' 6	' 9	' 6	' 1
No. club mtgs. held by ldr. w/out agent	' 72	' 78	' 65	' 65	' 77
No. additional meetings at which ldr. assist.	' 110	' 92	' 78	' 31	' 128
No. demonstrations given by adult ldrs.	' 40	' 43	' 45	' 138	' 19
No. demonstrations given by jr. ldrs.	' 23	' 19	' 21	' 22	' 11
No. training meetings by agent	' 1	'	'	' 3	'

B. OUTSTANDING CLUB

BRIERY BRANCH HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Briery Branch Home Demonstration Club was organized in 1952. Along with the 4-H club, that group has been the prime influence for uniting the people of a scattered rural community at the foot of the Alleghany Mountains, into a bond of close fellowship and kindred.

Briery Branch is located to the far southwestern tip

interesting too.

In addition to the above, members pass information to friends and relatives not members of an organized club. Often they ask for extra copies at club meeting for that purpose.

NEWLY ORGANIZED CLUBS

The agent is proud of the newly organized club in the Dayton community. It had been a long while since that community has had a club. Agent is especially pleased with the organization of the group since the charter members represent mostly new families in Extension activities and are young homemakers.

The Assistant Home Demonstration Agent organized two new Junior 4-H clubs during the year, in the Keesletown and Bridgewater Elementary Schools.

This is the first time that a club had been organized in the Bridgewater school, and the members represented an area not previously covered by this youth program.

V. LEADERSHIP:

A. GROWTH OF LEADERSHIP

1. HOME DEMONSTRATION LEADERSHIP

(See following page for chart)

County Agriculture Agent accompanied the group.

The following places were visited: Daily News Record, Virginia Craftsmen, Farm Bureau Egg Grading Station, Shenandoah Equipment Company, Mick or Mack Grocery, J. O. Stickley and Son, and the State Diagnostic Laboratory.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK:

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
No. H. D. Clubs	28	28	28	27	27
Membership	919	1076	1051	1039	1048
No. H. D. Groups *(unorganized)					
Membership					
No. 4-H Clubs	20	21	21	20	22
Membership	326	332	321	328	483
No. YM Clubs	1	1			
Membership	43	38			
No. Community Clubs					
Membership					
No. Home Ec. Committees				1	
No. General Interest Committees			1	1	
No. Youth Committees					
No. Other Organizations					
No. Farm & Home Dev. Families	3	3	3	3	
No. Other Families Reached	3130	3152	5500	5249	5460
No. Different Families Reached	4170	4181	5000	5120	5220

Agents have tried to increase the scope of work to inform the public about home demonstration work by having better publicity over radio and through the Daily News Record. Also, Agent writes a homemakers column for a newsletter published by the Rockingham Poultry Cooperative that is mailed to 15,000 members. Agent has tried to give more actual information on home economics through newspaper publicity by writing a feature column once a month. Usually the news article has been on topic used for monthly club demonstration, with Agent stressing points not emphasized in club program, so that club members find news article helpful and

6. T. B. BANGLE SALE:

For the twelfth consecutive year the 4-H clubs sponsored the T. B. Bangle sales, by selling bangles in their local communities and in Harrisonburg, during December.

Total amount collected was \$1,184.00 with the Briery Branch club collecting \$58.00 of this amount. This is the fifth consecutive year they have collected the most money per member and the second time for them to win the silver bowl, which must be won three consecutive years to keep. The bowl was presented to the club on a local T V Program, "Shenandoah Show Case."

7. ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FAIR:

Janet Extep, adult leader, served as chairman of the Junior Homemakers Department, with several junior leaders assisting.

More space was available for exhibits than ever before, which gave the committee ample space to attractively display the exhibits.

A good variety of baked foods, canned products, garments and needle work was on display, as well as some ceramic pieces, a new class added to the department this year.

8. FARM - CITY WEEK:

Thirty club members and adult leaders from the Briery Branch club observed Farm - City Week with a tour to seven business places in Harrisonburg. Mrs. Ethel Lucas, Women's Editor, from the Daily News Record, and the Assistant

Jack Tyres, Associate State 4-H Club Agent, was guest speaker. His topic was, "The Four Fold Purpose of 4-H."

Forty-six county medals were awarded to both boys and girls, and twenty-three clover awards and certificates presented to Adult Leaders.

Outstanding clubs were recognized with special mention to the Briery Branch Club for their participation in the Health Program.

Martin Philips, the retiring Vice president installed the 1960 officers.

4. NATIONAL 4-H CLUB WEEK:

Seventeen clubs observed the week in a variety of ways: bulletin board displays, family covered dish suppers, radio and T V programs, and exhibits in local store windows. The in-school clubs could not participate in the majority of the activities, so most of them observed by having bulletin board displays in their school and wearing green 4-H emblems, cut from construction paper.

5. RURAL LIFE SUNDAY:

Fifteen clubs observed Rural Life Sunday in their local communities, by being responsible for part, or all of the Sunday morning worship services.

This gives club members the opportunity to work with their local ministers, in planning a religious as well as an educational program, which serves to better acquaint the community with the 4-H Program.

Leona Hooke, selected as County winner participated in the district and state contests.

d. Kiwanis Best Club Contest:

For the fifteenth consecutive year the Harrisonburg Kiwanis Club sponsored the "Best Club" contest, open to all Community Clubs.

Six clubs entered the contest. The two winning clubs, Timber Ridge and Briery Branch, were selected on the basis of their full participation in county activities, as well as some state activities. Both clubs had one hundred percent completion of projects.

Announcement of these winning clubs was made at a luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis Club, at which time the president and one adult leader of each club, and the Assistant Home Agent were guests.

The first prize was a one day trip and tour of Richmond, Virginia, for all club members and adult leaders. Second prize was a picnic and tour through Endless Caverns the County Agriculture Agent and Assistant Home Demonstration Agent accompanied both groups.

3. 4-H ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET:

More than 200 club members, parents, adult leaders and friends were present for the 4-H Achievement Program and Banquet, held in the social hall of the Asbury Memorial Methodist Church.

2. CONTESTS:

a. County Demonstration Contests:

Thirty-one girls, in both the upper and over fourteen age groups, participated in the demonstration contests, held at Montevideo High School. This number was sixteen less than last year.

The contests serve as a finale to the years project work and give girls an opportunity for comparison and improvement, as well as, for an exchange of new ideas.

Five County winners will represent and participate in the district contests, in these sections: Food Preparation, Poultry Foods, Dairy Foods, Laundry and Style Dress Review.

b. District Contests:

Six girls participated in the district demonstration Contests. Five won blue awards.

One girl competed in the Public Speaking contest. She received a blue award and was selected as an alternate to the State Contest.

c. Public Speaking Contests:

The fifth county-wide Public Speaking Contest was held in the Shenandoah Valley Milk Producers Association Auditorium, with thirteen club members participating. Members participated in both the junior and senior sections.

The Vesper Program and other special night activities were highlights of the weeks activities. Perhaps the highlight, was the very impressive candle lighting ceremony held at the pool on the last night of camp.

b. Conservation Camp:

Leona Hooke attended the State Conservation Camp, Camp Farrar, Virginia Beach.

This camp provides excellent training for junior leaders, with instruction in conservation of the soil, water, wildlife, forestry and pest control.

c. 4-H Short Course:

Six girls, Mrs. Homer Kline, adult leader and the Home Agent attended the 1960 4-H Short Course.

These girls, are district winners, competed in these various contests: Breads - Carolyn Carr, Dayton. She was selected as state winner and received a \$50.00 U. S. Savings Bond. Poultry Foods - Cherrill Kline, Linville-Edon, also State winner. Her award was an all expense trip to Syracuse, New York, where she competed in the Poultry Foods section of the North Eastern Poultry Producers Council. Dairy Foods - Susan McComb, Dayton, who received a red award. Freezing - Mary Sue Whissen, Dayton also received a red award. Laundry - Sandra Martz, Tenth Legion, blue award and Public Speaking - Leona Hooke, Tiaber Ridge, a red award.

In light of the fact that the number enrolled in these projects was so low, no one was eligible to attend the State Electric Congress in Richmond. However, Leona Hooke, 1959 blue award winner in the state contest, submitted records in the Achievement Contest.

C. OTHER ACTIVITIES:

1. CAMPS:

a. District 4-H Camp

Twenty-eight club members, junior and adult leaders, accompanied by the Assistant Home Agent attended camp at Powells Fort Valley.

A total of 137 persons from Fauquier, Shenandoah, and Rockingham County attended.

The Assistant Home Agent felt this was the most successful district camp attended, since being in this county.

Mr. Dale Blazer, Assistant County Agricultural Agent, Shenandoah County, served as director. The Assistant Home Agent served as craft leader, with classes in the following crafts being taught: spatter painting, paper weights, leather coin purses, plastic cars and rope halters.

Other classes taught during the week included: outdoor cookery, nature study, just for fun, swimming, rocks, minerals and soils and safety

standing of the practical uses of electricity in the home and on the farms, and use and care of electrical equipment on hand.

(2) Methods:

A total of 2 numbers were enrolled in units I and II. This is a much smaller number than last year.

A County-wide school was conducted by Home Economists and Agriculture Engineers of the two local power companies with the Assistant Home Demonstration Agent and the County Agriculture Agent assisting.

A series of three meetings were held, with one of these being devoted to making lamps.

Following the completion of the project instruction a tour and picnic, sponsored by the Power Companies was held. The group toured the Gardner and Wampler dairy farms, where they saw the latest thing in dairy barns and equipment, and also toured the Dwight Jordan home which was an "Open House Lighting Demonstration" in 1958.

(3) Results:

There was one hundred percent completion of projects.

A good number of both the pin-up and desk lamps were made by club members.

This is a mighty small number in comparison to the families who do all or practically all of their food preservation. Some how, these projects do not appeal to the club members, even though the majority live in rural areas and have their own gardens.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, Associate Extension Foods Specialist, of V.P.I. held a training meeting for all adult leaders; only six attended. Perhaps this is an indication of why the club members lack interest in the project.

(3) Results:

The project completion for these projects was one hundred percent.

Mary Sue Whissen, county winner in freezing, participated in the District Contest where she received a blue award.

She also participated in the State Contest and received a red award.

A large number of canned products were exhibited at the County fair.

4. ELECTRIC:

a. UNIT I and UNIT II:

(1) Purpose:

The purpose of the electric project is to have every member enrolled, have a better under-

(3) Results:

Completed were 28 in Breads, 111 in Meal Preparation for a total project completion of 139.

Eight girls competed in the County Contest.

The following County winners will compete in the 1961 District Contest. Susan McComb, Dairy Foods; Cherrill Kline, Food Preparation; and Laura Lynn Liske, Poultry Foods.

Three girls participated in the District Contests and received blue awards.

Cherrill Kline and Carolyn Carr also received blue awards in the State Contest.

Cherrill participated in the youth section of the North Eastern Poultry Producers Council, and received a blue award.

b. FOOD PRESERVATION:

(1) Purpose:

To teach girls the latest recommended methods for preserving fruits, vegetables and meats in order that each family may have a well - balanced diet the year round.

(2) Methods:

A total of 18 girls were enrolled in both the canning and freezing projects.

expressed a desire to carry this as a county-wide project for the coming year.

3. FOODS and NUTRITION:

a. Meal Preparation and Breads:

(1). Purpose:

To teach girls to do a better job of planning, preparing and serving more attractive and nutritious meals to their families.

(2). Methods:

149 club members were enrolled in the Meal Preparation and Bread Making Projects.

Miss Ann Russell, Mid-South Area Nutrition Representative of the American Institute of Baking, in Chicago, conducted a County-wide meeting, which was held in the Living Center at the Shenandoah Valley Electric Co-op, at Dayton.

Miss Russell showed how the Modern Miss-Cooks to create delicious, exciting meals in the small amount of time her busy day permits.

Miss Patricia Botkin and Mrs. Nancy Trout, Home Economists for the Virginia Electric & Power Co. and the Shenandoah Valley Electric Co-op, conducted a series of Meal Preparation project meetings for the Dayton and Tenth Legion clubs. Adult leaders also conducted project meetings in their local clubs.

Each club elected a safety chairman, who was responsible for keeping a check on the number of accidents happening to members and for submitting the report on their local safety program for competition in the Safety Contest, sponsored by the Harrisonburg Kiwanis Club.

c. Results:

A total of 152 projects were completed. The Agents were very pleased with this percentage of completions, since very little interest has been shown in this project in previous years.

Seven Community Clubs competed in the Safety Contest, sponsored by the Harrisonburg Kiwanis Club.

The Briery Branch club placed first and the Timber Ridge second. The presidents and one adult leader from the two clubs, along with the Assistant Home Agent, and Assistant County Agent were guests of the Kiwanis club at a November luncheon, at which time the awards were awarded. A skating party, for all club members and adult leaders is the award.

Two clubs entered the W. S. V. A. Safety Fair. The Tenth Legion club received a \$15.00 cash award and a trophy, as the first place winners in the exhibits.

The safety program has created a great deal of interest among the club members and the majority have

in the 1960 District Style Dress Review Contest.

2. SAFETY:

a. Objective:

To encourage all club members to become more "safety conscious" and with the co-operation of all members and their families, help to create safer homes and communities in which to live, through the application of simple basic, safety measures.

b. Method:

Total membership in the project was 175, which included both in school and community club members.

Early in the year the county Extension Staff held a planning meeting with Mr. Lewis Polk and Mr. Richard Gallagher, who are heading the five county-area Accident Prevention Campaign, sponsored by the U. S. Public Health Service.

At this time, plans were made for carrying out the project.

The Agents attended each community club six times during the year. At each of these meetings, a program was presented on some phase of the project.

Topics included: Review of the five county area Accident Prevention Campaign, prevention of cuts, tractor safety, and a film entitled "Safe Use of Petroleum Products". Each member and adult leader were given a "4-H Safety Pledge Card".

groups during the summer.

Special project meetings were conducted by the Home Agents, adult and jr. leaders during the summer months, at which time girls actually constructed the required number of garments and articles.

Practically all the girls enrolled in "Looking Your Best", were members of the school clubs, and project instruction was given at each club meeting, on a different phase of the project.

(3) Results:

Project completion in these three projects was unusually good. A total of 332 projects were completed, with 1,516 articles made and 204 garments constructed.

A good percentage of the girls had exhibits at the Bergton Community Fair as well as the Rockingham County Fair.

The Agents were pleased with the number of girls participating in the County Style Dress Review Contest, both in the under and over fourteen group, but we were disappointed with the quality of the work.

Betty Bryan, member of the Dayton Club will represent the county in the District Contest.

Janet Diehl, Port Republic, participated

Valley 4-H Camp and sponsored by the Cities Service Oil Company. This replaced the usual key award banquet.

B. 4-H PROJECT WORK:

1. CLOTHING

a. Make or Remake; So You'd Like to Sew; Looking Your Best.

(1). Objective:

To have every girl enrolled in any or all of these projects, be "better dressed" and yet keep within the family clothing budget. To create among these girls an interest for sewing and to teach them to do a better job of planning for their clothing needs through the selection of becoming patterns and fabric and keeping them up to date on the latest sewing techniques, and finally, creating a desire among the members the importance of "Looking Their Best at All Times".

(2). Methods:

Total membership in the clothing projects was 362: 236 in Looking Your Best, 72 in So You'd Like to Sew and 54 in Make or Remake.

Miss Bettie McClaskey, Assistant Clothing Specialist of V.P.I., conducted a leader training for the Make or Remake project. The attendance was very poor. However, those leaders who did attend made good use of the information received, in working with their special project

A lack of interest in the past several years program prompted the committee to plan a different type of program. A banquet was held, with an excellent attendance.

c. PUBLIC SPEAKING COMMITTEE:

One planning meeting was held with the Extension Agents serving as advisors. Committee members were responsible for securing the judges and appropriate place for the contest to be held.

The Extension Agents served as advisors to all these committees.

2. COUNTY ALL-STARS:

The County All-Star organization is composed of all All-Stars, with the County Extension Agents serving as advisors, with a total enrollment of sixty-seven.

One business meeting was held during the year, at which time the group reviewed the qualifications of a number of 4-H club members, eligible for membership in the State All-Star Organization.

One boy and one girl were nominated for membership.

The annual banquet was held during April, in the Dayton Elementary School Cafeteria with the Pleasant Hill Home Demonstration Club serving the dinner. Fifty two members, guests and Extension Agents attended.

Seven members and the Assistant County Agent attended the District All-Star Week End Camp, held at Powells Fort

This money is used for expenses necessary to carry out a successful 4-H club program.

The Council also sponsored the County Public Speaking contest and the County Achievement Banquet and awards program.

Three 4-H Road signs were erected along the main highways, at the entrance to the county.

The following County Committee, appointed by the Council President, functioned during the year to help plan and carry out the various county-wide activities.

a. FOOD BOOTH COMMITTEE:

This committee was made up of eleven adult and junior leaders, who had the complete responsibility of planning for the operation of the booth during the week of the county fair.

All community clubs were given the opportunity to work in the booth during the week.

This committee was headed by chairman, Mrs. Claude Davis, adult leader; and co-chairman, Miss Janet Diehl, Junior leader. The entire committee spent many hours in the booth during the week and did a most commendable job.

b. ACHIEVEMENT COMMITTEE:

The purpose of this committee is to plan an interesting and effective county achievement program for club members of all ages.

requesting assistance in teaching the families that will be living in Federal Housing Area better homemaking practices. The families will be both white and colored.

III. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - YOUTH

A. ORGANIZATION:

1. County 4-H Council:

The County 4-H Council is composed of the following officers of all 4-H clubs, both in school and community: President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, and Recreation Leader. Adult leaders and Extension Agents serve as advisors to the Council.

Its purpose is to bring 4-H club members together from all parts of the county, where they can plan and work together, for a better County-wide Youth Program and through this develop leadership.

One meeting was held during the year. The fall meeting usually held in October was postponed until December, at which time an officers training school will be held in conjunction with the Council meeting. This change is a result of some intensive over-all program planning by the Extension Staff.

The Council again operated the 4-H food booth during the week of the County Fair. The total receipts were \$1,962.56, with a profit of \$975.55. The councils share was \$544.45 and the remaining amount was paid to the fair association.

9. FEDERATION ACTIVITIES

a. STATE FEDERATION MEETING

Fifteen Rockingham County Home Demonstration members attended the State Federation meeting. The assistant Home Agent accompanied the group which remained at V.P.I., to attend the Institute of Rural Affairs.

b. DISTRICT VII MEETING

Around 100 members attended the District meeting at Natural Bridge. A quartet, composed of Rockingham club members furnished some special music for the day.

D. WORK WITH URBAN FAMILIES

Agent had no definite plans for just urban families. However, the Extension Home Economics program does embrace quite a few urban families. Some urban homemakers belong to home demonstration clubs, although there is no club just for urban homemakers. Likewise, some urban girls belong to 4-H clubs, but there is no club exclusively for urban girls.

Contact with urban families is also made through county-wide meetings, radio, television and newspaper. Assistance is also given to urban homemakers through office and telephone calls.

Agent does hope to have some definite plans another year for working with urban low-cost living families. The City of Harrisonburg has a Federal Housing Authority Program. The director of that program has contacted the Home Agent,

Training Schools in judging or are home economics trained persons. Assistance was given in judging for three county fairs two community fairs, and 4-H county and district demonstration contests for girls.

3. NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK

The Rockingham Home Demonstration County Committee featured Home Demonstration Week. The county publicity chairman took care of newspaper publicity and each individual club was asked to give some special emphasis to home demonstration work during the week.

Highlight of the weeks activities included club exhibits at the W S V A Rural Safety Fair. In addition to the exhibits set up by the Home Demonstration clubs the county Home Demonstration Committee opened their food booth for the day, the only food concession for the day.

One club held a community meeting at which time club members presented a skit telling about the different phases of the Home Demonstration program. Another club and agents toured the Reynolds Metal Plant, Plastics Division, at Grottoes, Virginia. Clubs reported six window exhibits and six exhibits other than in windows.

Agent feels that the special emphasis given during National Home Demonstration Week is a boost to the Extension Program and is a worthwhile activity.

this year-- educational exhibits by individual clubs with 17 of the 27 in the county participating. The clubs made their own choice for a subject for their exhibit -- the only stipulation was that it be on some phase of the 1960 club program. The exhibits were judged and checks presented to the three winning exhibits. The County Committee provided the award of \$10.00 first place, \$7.50 second place and \$5.00 third place. All three exhibits were on the Safety theme.

A short memorial service was held for deceased members, as a part of the devotions.

The County Committee president gave her report summarizing the highlights of achievements for Home Demonstration clubs during 1960. Eighty-six members received Federation reading certificates.

The Turner Ashby Mixed Chorus delighted the audience with several selections.

The attractive program cover was designed by one of the club members.

Many different people were in the act of making the program a successful and memorable occasion.

7. JUDGING BY LEADERS

Certain home demonstration club members have been most generous with the time they have given to judging at county fairs and contests. The members that assist with the judging have attended Extension

This was a delightful affair and a nice activity for the County Committee, who took care of the expenses for the tea.

In addition to the tea the County Committee gave the library a cash gift of \$35.00. This they have done for several years and all the clubs were active in assisting with the building program a few years ago.

The library serves the county and city of Harrisonburg in a very fine way. A good book mobile service is provided for the county areas and the Board of Directors Room is a favorite spot for county training meetings for Home Demonstration Leaders. The librarians have always been most co-operative in assisting with the Federation reading program.

6. COUNTY ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Over 200 women were present for the annual Achievement Day held at the Briery Branch Community Center. "Fallout Protection" was the topic of the main speaker of the day, Mr. Donald G. Lederman of Charlottesville. Mr. Lederman, Program Director for Health Mobilization for the Charlottesville office of Health Service, embracing eight states, suggested shelter protection, evacuation, decontamination and education the main factors in fallout protection. This topic was in line with a major phase of the 1960 program on Safety.

Something new was added to the day's presentation

every room and many other items that have added to the comfort of patients, and made it easier for the doctors and nurses to treat the patient.

4. MOTHER'S MARCH ON POLIO:

For the ninth consecutive year the Home Demonstration County Committee has co-operated with the local Polio Chapter by sponsoring the Mothers' March on Polio in Rockingham County. The city of Harrisonburg conducts a separate MARCH. Club members all work the same night or afternoon calling at homes in their community. Besides taking contributions, educational material is left with the family, or at the door if family is not at home. By this Agent feels the rural people have become better educated about the disease and become alert to the precautions that are desirable to be taken. The total collected in 1960 by the Home Demonstration Clubs was \$4,776.23.

5. LIBRARY TEA:

The Home Demonstration Clubs of Rockingham County have always displayed much interest in the Rockingham Public Library. In 1960 the clubs were asked to serve tea at the Library Open House held during National Library Week.

The executive committee of the Home Demonstration County Committee took care of making the plans with each club assisting and participating with the serving.

3. LADIES AUXILIARY, ROCKINGHAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

For the ninth year the Ladies Auxiliary of the Rockingham Memorial Hospital held a fall bazaar, for two years called The Fun Festival. Membership in the auxiliary is made up from ladies over the entire county area.

Different women's civic groups assisted with the Fun Festival in various ways. The Home Demonstration County Committee had a Country Store Booth, with all home baked products, vegetables and fruits that were sold being donated by all clubs. All profit from the booth went to the Auxiliary and total amount for 1960 was \$74.00.

While different civic groups sponsor a money making activity for the bazaar such as apron booth, flower shop etc; the Auxiliary served a cafeteria style lunch and chicken bar-b-cue dinner.

Combined receipts from the activities are used to improve facilities of the hospital. Funds from the 1960 Festival will be used to remodel the main lobby of the hospital.

In the past the Auxiliary has furnished the recreation room in the Nurse's Home, bought an isolator for nursery, built and furnished sun - deck for hospital, bought ice making machines for three floors of the hospital, provided bedrails and step stools for

representatives from all the County Civic Clubs, and outstanding exhibits are made in all departments.

The Homemakers' Department was very successful with two Home Demonstration members serving as chairmen. Some improvements were made in arranging exhibits which greatly improved the appearance of the department.

The County Home Demonstration Committee had a food booth during the Fair. All clubs co-operated with a steering committee appointed by the County Committee President. The proceeds not only benefit the Home Demonstration Committee but also the Fair Association, as they receive fifty percent of the profit. Through this the Fair Association has been able to purchase land and build permanent buildings. Profit made in 1960 totaled \$1,744.30. That amount was divided between the Home Demonstration Committee and the Fair Association

Serving food for a week at the County Fair is a tremendous project, but relations have been strengthened by working with the various organizations.

The profit the Home Demonstration Committee has made has helped the Extension Program to advance more rapidly, as they have had funds to provide better training meetings and do special things within their own group to make the program more varied and interesting.

Harrisonburg appropriating \$1,000 toward her salary. The Home Demonstration Club Committee contributes the remaining \$200.00 of the salary.

All other maintenance is by the home demonstration clubs, each of which pays at least \$10.00 dues a year; they consider the Ladies' Lounge their first responsibility community-wide.

In past years signs were put up at six main entrances to town, stating there is a Ladies' Lounge in the court house, sponsored by the Rockingham County Home Demonstration Clubs.

Club members started this project because a number of women in the county work in Harrisonburg, and find it necessary to get to town early in the morning, before time to work. The County-City Lounge provides those women with a comfortable place to wait and rest. As Harrisonburg, is a shopping center for a radius of three counties, the Lounge provides a real service to the county and city people as well as out of county folks and tourist.

2. ROCKINGHAM COUNTY FAIR:

The Rockingham County Fair was held for the twelfth consecutive year. The agents worked with the Fair Association in organizing plans for the five day event that has grown into one of the most popular county activities. The Fair Association is composed of

old buildings, made new fences, built side walks, driveways and stone walls; fertilized and improved lawns, built outdoor fireplaces, installed outside lights, enlarged yard and planted flowers, trees, and bulbs.

There are three result demonstrations in progress in the county that have received assistance from the Extension Specialist as well as the county staff. The Briery Branch Community Center, Bergton Elementary School and the A.J. Jesses.

C. OTHER ACTIVITIES:

1. COUNTY - CITY LADIES LOUNGE

For thirty years the Home Demonstration clubs of Rockingham County have sponsored a County-City Ladies' Lounge, located in the basement of the Court House in Harrisonburg. The County Ladies' Lounge Committee, composed of officers elected by the County Home Demonstration Committee and a Lounge Chairman from each home demonstration club, is responsible for all planning in connection with the project.

The County Board of Supervisors provide the space which includes a powder room with toilet facilities, a comfortable living room, bedroom and fully equipped kitchen. The Ladies' Lounge serves as a convenient meeting place as well as a place where many working women and shoppers go to eat their lunches. A full time hostess is employed, with the City Council of

attendance of 275. Agents gave seven demonstrations with 106 attending.

The agent used clothing notes on her five minute weekly radio program over Harrisonburg W H B G and in feature articles for the Daily News Record.

Through this phase of the program homemakers learned how to determine what color or colors would be most becoming to the individual. They learned that one color does not always remain the most becoming color for an individual due to change in personal coloring of hair, complexion and eyes. Suggestions on successful combining of colors to make an attractive ensemble were also helpful to the ladies.

6. HOME GROUNDS:

Each Home Demonstration club had a home grounds leader, appointed by the club president. Although there was not a monthly demonstration on a home grounds topic, monthly reminders were given at the club meeting by the leader. Her source of information was the Landscape Notes by the Extension Horticulturists. The reminders have proven most helpful and homemakers look forward to the information.

Agent used many notes from the Landscape Memos on her five minute weekly radio program over W H B G Harrisonburg.

Some of the improvement in home grounds reported by members were planting new shrubbery, pruning, tore down

phase of the Extension program in Rockingham County. The Home Agents emphasize the importance of good complete planning for remodeling and building, far enough in advance of the actual construction to allow families time to give thorough study to their problem.

The agent assisted 6 families with kitchen remodeling, 3 with planning for construction of new homes and 2 with general remodeling. In addition to working with those families the agent rendered assistance through distribution of bulletins.

The Extension Housing Specialist and Engineer gave Agent assistance through conferences and correspondence, as well as visiting families in the county with the agent.

5. CLOTHING:

The clothing problem homemakers were interested in solving in 1960 was choosing the color that would be most becoming. Their goal was to improve their personal appearance by choosing color that would be becoming.

One club program was devoted to the subject "The Right Color for You".

Each club president appointed a leader to be responsible for presenting this phase of the program to their club members. The Extension Clothing Specialist conducted a most helpful and interesting training meeting for leaders on the above subject. Thirteen leaders attended the training meeting, who in turn gave 18 demonstrations with an

onstrations on Color Harmony with 271 attending and 21 demonstrations on Picture Selection with an attendance of 252. Agent gave 5 demonstrations on Color Harmony with 65 attending and gave 5 demonstrations on Picture Selection with 70 attending.

In addition to the house furnishings program for the Home Demonstration Clubs, the home agents gave assistance to 10 families on house furnishing problems. Five of those homemakers were not members of a home demonstration club. Their problems involved planning color harmony, window treatments and wall decorations. Assistance to others was given through office and telephone calls.

This phase of the Home Demonstration program taught homemakers how to apply principles of color harmony to their situation, suggestions for inspirations that can be used for planning color schemes, and some methods for achieving color harmony in the home. Also, how to choose the size of a picture or other wall decoration in proportion to the space where it will hang. Correct ways to hang pictures and wall decoration was an interesting and helpful part of the program, and the homemakers learned the value of proper frame selection for enhancing the beauty of the picture and completing the decoration of a room.

4. HOUSING:

The Home Demonstration Clubs did not have a monthly program on housing in 1960 but this is always an important

3. HOUSE FURNISHINGS

The problem involved in this area was how to plan a home color scheme that would make the most attractive background for furnishings. Also, how to choose the right picture for the space, the proper frame for the picture and how to hang pictures and wall decorations correctly.

The objectives were to get homemakers to understand the art principles involved in making homes attractive and liveable and how to use the basic principles in their planning for house furnishings.

TWO MONTHLY demonstrations were given on house furnishing topics:

- . COLOR HARMONY IN THE HOME
- . SELECTION, FRAMING AND HANGING OF PICTURES

One special interest meeting was held to teach weaving of cane bottoms for chairs. That was attended by 20 people. Many types of chairs were brought to the meeting conducted by the Rural Arts Specialist from V.P.I. A very satisfactory day was enjoyed with the women making good progress toward completion of bottoms in one day.

Each H. D. club had one demonstration on the house furnishing topics with leaders appointed by the club president to assist with this phase of the club program.

The Extension House Furnishing Specialist conducted training meetings on "Color Harmony in the Home" and "Selection, Framing and Hanging of Pictures" with 30 leaders attending. The leaders in turn gave 22 des-

one demonstration with an attendance of 22.

Leader training on "Space Savers for the Kitchen" was given by Agents in two different meetings. The general information meeting was attended by 34 leaders and the workshop was attended by 12. Those leaders gave 21 demonstrations with an attendance of 415 and Agents gave 4 with 47 attending.

The special interest meeting was attended by 31. After a general discussion on automatic washers and dryers the group made three dealer visits to see the features of different equipment.

Additional information was made available to members on those subjects by distribution of Bulletin No. 49 Detergents, Bulletin No. 62 Stain Removal, a guide sheet on "Selection of Automatic Washers and Dryers", and directions for making "Space Savers".

News articles and radio programs by Agent also gave information on the above topics to many people.

Through this phase of the program the people learned the different types of detergents and when to use specific types, the purpose of fabric conditioners and when to use, the difference in bleaches, the different types of automatic washers and dryers and their characteristics -- what to look for when buying and the main points of care. Also they learned how to have better arrangement of kitchen storage space and the value of good storage in the kitchen.

The food and nutrition topics are always popular demonstrations for club members, for they do realize food is paramount to the good health of their families and the Agent feels the 1960 program was no exception.

2. HOME MANAGEMENT

There were two problems that suggested topics in home management in 1960. First, how do we know what laundry equipment and supplies to buy, and second, how to make the best use of available space in the kitchen?

The objectives were to get the homemakers to understand the use of the many laundry supplies available today and how to make the family laundry easier by proper selection of supplies and equipment. Also, to show them how good arrangement of kitchen storage space saves energy and time and teach them how to make space savers.

Monthly demonstrations at club meetings were given on the following

- . NEW LAUNDRY METHODS
- . SPACE SAVERS FOR KITCHENS

One special interest county-wide meeting was held on "Selection of Automatic Washers and Dryers".

The club president appointed a leader or leaders to present those demonstrations. Thirty leaders were trained in "New Laundry Methods", by the Extension Home Management Specialist and Agents. Those leaders in turn gave 24 demonstrations with an attendance of 285. The Agent gave

The food and nutrition phase of the program taught the homemakers the importance of meat in the diet, how to choose economy cuts of meat, the proper methods for cooking economy cuts of meat and different ways to serve economy meats to add variety to meals. Also, new ideas for picnics were suggested along with menus for outdoor buffet meals and ways to serve on the patio and porch.

The Extension Assistant Food and Nutrition Specialist conducted a cooking school two different days of the WSWA Homemakers Festival. The festival was held in the National Guard Armory and is sponsored by a local radio and television station. House furnishings and household appliances^{and} equipment were displayed by local stores, and homemaking programs were presented during the day and night.

The specialist did a marvelous job in planning and conducting the school, using for her topic, "Cool Summer Meals". Approximately 200 homemakers attended. The county home agents assisted the specialist and homemakers were reached by this that were probably not reached by other methods.

Each month members received a memo on vegetable gardening, which aided them in better production of food in home gardens.

The Home Agent also used many food and nutrition items on her five minute weekly radio program over WBBG, Harrisonburg.

Two monthly club demonstrations were given on food and nutrition topics.

- . Economy Meat Selection and Cookery
- . Outdoor Buffet Meals

Each club had a demonstration on the above topic with food leaders, appointed by the presidents, being trained to assist with presenting the demonstrations.

The Extension Food and Nutrition Specialist assisted Agents with leader training meetings. Thirty-six leaders were trained in the subject "Economy Meat Selection and Cookery". Those leaders gave 24 demonstrations with an attendance of 366. The Agent gave 1 demonstration with an attendance of 14.

Forty-two leaders were trained on the subject "Outdoor Buffet Meals" and in turn gave 24 demonstrations with an attendance of 262. The Agent gave 1 demonstration on that topic with 15 attending.

In addition to the demonstration the following bulletins were given to club members attending meetings and made available to all homemakers.

- . USDA Bulletin No. 27 - Meat for Thrifty Meals
- . V.P.I. Leaflet MF 313 - Meat Makes the Meal

The Agent also wrote a feature article for the Woman's Page of the Daily News Record on each of the topics. The Daily News Record has a daily circulation of over 65,000.

c. ACHIEVEMENT DAY COMMITTEE

The achievement committee planned the annual achievement program. The number serving on the committee varies from year to year. In 1960 there were three on the general committee, who in turn appointed sub-committees for various portions of the program.

d. FEDERATION PROGRAM OF WORK COMMITTEE:

After the program calendar committee suggested the phase of the Federation Program of Work to be emphasized, the County Committee Chairman appointed a county Federation Program of Work Chairman and a committee that outlined the procedure for conducting that portion of the club program.

B. SUBJECT MATTER AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS AREAS:

1. FOOD AND NUTRITION

Food and Nutrition was included in the 1960 program to teach the homemakers the importance of good nutrition to the health of their families.

The objectives were : (a) to get the homemakers to understand that economy cuts of meat provide the same good nutrition that more expensive cuts furnish, and to get them to use more economy cuts. (b) to get homemakers to realize they can entertain in a simple matter, with simple food, in a very delightful and hospitable manner.

the executive committee acting on matters that came up in the interim.

The president, with the counsel of the Extension Agents, appoints acting committees and their chairmen for the various work and activities of a county-wide nature.

The committees that had a prominent influence on the 1960 program were:

a. PROGRAM CALENDAR COMMITTEE FOR THE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS.

The County Committee Vice president served as county program chairman. The president appointed six other ladies, each from a different club, with all districts represented, to review suggestions from all the clubs and outline the club program. The District and County Extension Agents worked with this committee very closely, as well as the county committee president.

The program they outlined was presented to the County Committee and club program chairmen for approval.

b. YEAR BOOK COMMITTEE

The county program chairman also served on this committee of three. The chairman of the year book committee had previously served on the committee.

The purpose of a year book for home demonstration club members is that each member will have in their hands a guide and outline for the years program.

The committee also made arrangements for the printing of the book.

high schools. There are two business schools in Harrisonburg, and three institutions of higher learning within a radius of ten miles of Harrisonburg.

Public utilities are furnished by Virginia Electric and Power Company and Shenandoah Valley Electric Co-op Inc. The greatest majority of the homes have electricity.

The county is fortunate to have excellent telephone service to all sections.

A strong religious influence is felt throughout the county, with twenty or more different church denominations prevailing.

II. COUNTY EXTENSION PROGRAM - ADULT

A. ORGANIZATION:

1. HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB COUNTY COMMITTEE

The presidents of the individual community Home Demonstration Clubs make up the body of the County Committee. That committee served as a planning and steering committee for the total county club program.

The officers are a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. A nominating committee, appointed by the president presents a slate of officers for election at the fall meeting, with nominations from the floor in order. All officers are elected for a two year term and the treasurer is the only officer that can secede herself. The president and secretary are elected on odd years and the vice-president and treasurer on even year.

The committee had two meetings during the year with

I. COUNTY SITUATION

Rockingham County ranks third in size among all counties in the state, with a land area of 369 square miles. There are 521,600 acres with 299,538 or 57.4 per cent of the total acreage in farm land, most of the remainder is in National Forest.

There are 2,937 farms in the county and 102 acres is the average farm size.

Although Rockingham is considered one of the leading agricultural counties in Virginia and the United States the higher percentage of the population is classified rural non-farm. This trend continues to increase.

The county practices a diversified system of farming with four major sources of agricultural income. The income from dairying has more than doubled during 1960. Since 1954 turkey production has jumped almost one-third. However, turkey broiler production increased less than ten per cent. Egg productions shows a little more than a three-fold increase.

Processing and manufacturing plants of agricultural and other products also contribute to county income. At least three new industries have begun operation during 1960. Some of the industries would include poultry dressing, dairy processing, livestock dressing, fruit canning, flour and feed mills, fertilizer plant, lime plants, drug manufacturer, garment and textile mills, manufacturers of plastic and metal containers and others.

Rockingham County has four modern, well equipped consolidated

HIGHLIGHTS OF 1960 PROGRAM

The home economics Extension program in Rockingham County in 1960 was varied and offered adults and youth many opportunities for improvement in family living.

Safety and home management were the two phases that seemed to offer the most outstanding contribution to the most people. By having a youth and adult safety program at the same time agents feel a better job was done in creating an awareness as to the cause of accidents and how to correct the hazards.

Agents notice that requests for information take a different trend as the community pattern change.

Leadership development and participation continues to be an outstanding accomplishment of the Extension program and a measurable contribution has been made to the counties fund of leadership.

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